

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 157

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for an appropriation for carrying on the work of
the State Survey Commission.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated for
2 the work of the State Survey Commission, the sum of ten
3 thousand dollars for the year 1909 and a like sum for the
4 year 1910, to be expended in accordance with the provisions
5 of Chapter 144, Public Laws of 1905.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The State Survey Commission, originally directed to complete a topographic survey of the State, had its work broadened by the legislature of 1905 so as to include, in addition, hydrography and geology.

The topographic work was understood by everybody, and its results had received universal commendation. The hydrographic branch covers the survey of the rivers and determination of their flow—the survey of storage basins, and in, in general, a complete study and mapping of the water power of the State. The geologic work involves a survey and mapping of the geologic formation of the State, and reports upon its valuable deposits.

Substantial progress along all these lines has been made and the maps and reports already published and those in press, are of great value to our economic and industrial interests, and more than justify the legislature in enlarging the scope of the work.

By contract between the State and the United States government, the government appropriates an amount equal to the amount appropriated by the State and the work is done in co-operation.

The accompanying resolve provides for the same amount as appropriated by the last legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 10, 1909.

Reported by Mr. IRVING from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.