

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 128

House of Representatives February 8, 1911.

*Reported by Mr. Macomber from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE. in favor of the New England Fruit Show.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), to be expended under
3 the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture for ex-
4 penses and premiums on Maine grown fruit at the New Eng-
5 land Fruit Show to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, in the
6 fall of 1911.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The New England Fruit Show was incorporated in 1909, with the object of holding biennial exhibitions for the promotion of better fruit growing in New England. A very successful exhibit was made at Horticultural Hall, in Boston, in October of that year, in which Maine took the leading part. The attendance was numbered by thousands daily.

Maine's display of fruit, furnished by orchardists from every section of the fruit producing portion of the State, and forming a great bank of 588 boxes of our choicest apples, reaching from floor to ceiling of the great hall, attracted such attention that Mr. James J. H. Gregory of Massachusetts gave to the State of Maine a bond for one thousand dollars, the interest of which is to be used to promote the raising of better fruit in Maine. With this incentive and the added encouragement of other liberal premiums we now have 177 new orchards registered in this State in the contest for the Gregory prize.

The other New England States are taking active steps in this matter, and Maine should lead in this most important movement toward the upbuilding of one of her most valuable agricultural industries.