

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 193

House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, for the Further Improvement of Marketing the
Farm Products and Purchasing Supplies for the Farm.

Be it

Resolved: That three thousand dollars (\$3000) be ap-
2 propriated each year for 1913 and 1914, to be expended
3 under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture,
4 for salaries, clerk hire and other expenses, and a man well
5 qualified for the work be appointed by the Commissioner of
6 Agriculture to instruct the farmers along the line of co-
7 operation in marketing and purchasing farm supplies, and
8 that said Commissioner of Agriculture work in connection
9 with the executive committee of the Farmers' Union of
10 Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The organization of the farmers' exchanges was started about a year ago, and was done by lecture work from the men employed by the Department of Agriculture. Up to date we have 19 local exchanges incorporated under the laws of the State for ten thousand dollars capital stock, and we also have a State Union which is made up of the different local exchanges in different sections of the State. This work is along the line of educating the farmer to put his crops onto the market in better condition and to receive better prices, and for the purchase of farm supplies co-operatively. The appropriation of \$3000 is asked for to continue this work by the Commissioner of Agriculture in instructing the farmers further and bringing about better conditions of marketing farm products.