

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 299

House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1913.

Reported by Mr. Folsom from Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE for the improvement of the State Park on the easterly side of State Street.

Resolved: That there be appropriated for the improvement of the State Park on the easterly side of State street the sum of \$2,000.00 for the year 1913, and \$2,000.00 for the year 1914. This expenditure to be made under the State Park Commission, in accordance with Chapter 57, P. L. 1911.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The State Park comprises all that portion of the State lands situate in the city of Augusta and lying between State street on the west, and the location of the tracks of the Maine Central R. R. Company, on the east, and was created a public park by the Legislature of 1911.

By an act of the Legislature of 1911, there was appropriated by the State, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission during the years 1911-12, the sum of \$1,200.00.

By a judicious expenditure of the funds of 1911-12, the old wooden picket fence along State street was removed, and behind the stone wall, on which it set, was dumped some 4000 loads of dirt, producing a grade which was safer to the travelling public, by far, than the old fence. Then, too, the city furnished, in connection with this work, granite curbing, which has been set the entire length of State street.

Also the "gully," so called, has been cleared up. The unsightly willow trees have been cut, allowing the sun to shine in upon the marsh. A considerable amount of dirt and gravel has been dumped in the bottom of this gully, filling it to a grade which partially drains off the stagnant water, and thus a disease breeding hole is in a great measure done away with.

The sum asked for in this resolve will be used largely in doing away with the unsanitary condition of the gully; for additional filling in, and turbing the terraces; for the planting of additional trees, native to Maine, and for general landscape work in the general improvement of the State's Park.