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## NEW DRAFT.

## SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 537

House of Representatives, March 17, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

AN ACT to provide for scientific investigation in agriculture in Aroostook County.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The State Department of Agriculture shall

- 2 conduct scientific investigations bearing especially upon the
- 3 agriculture of Aroostook County and particularly with ref-
- 4 eernce to the growing and raising of potatoes, and to this
- 5 end, there shall be purchased, stocked and equipped for the
- 6 use and benefit of said State Department of Agriculture, a
- 7 suitable experimental and seed farm, situate as the commit-
- 8 tee on selection and purchase hereinafter named shall deter-
- 9 mine, in some town in the county of Aroostook.

Charles D. Woods of Orono, Gouverneur W. 2 Cleaves of Presque Isle, Osgood B. Griffin of Caribou, Clar-3 ence A. Day of Westfield, Columbus Hayford of Presque 4 Isle, Charles C. Peterson of Ashland, William A. Martin 5 of Houlton and Clarence A. Powers of Fort Fairfield, are 6 hereby made and constituted a committee of selection and 7 purchase and as such committee, are hereby authorized, in-8 structed and directed to select and purchase, in the name of of the State of Maine, such land for an experimental and seed 10 farm as said committee may deem needful, necessary and 11 appropriate for the purpose aforesaid. If there should be 12 any vacancy in said committee caused by death, resignation 13 or otherwise, the Governor shall fill any such vacancy by 14 appointment. The members of said committee shall not be 15 entitled to receive any compensation from the State for 16 their services under this section.

Sect. 3. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall be and 2 hereby is appropriated for the purpose of purchasing land 3 for a farm, as aforesaid, and for stocking and equipping 4 the same, erecting any and all necessary buildings on the 5 same, and making repairs on buildings, and for paying the 6 necessary expenses in running and operating such farm 7 during the years nineteen hundred and thirteen and nine-8 teen hundred and fourteen. Said committee shall have full 9 power and authority to determine how much of said sum 10 shall be expended and used for each of the purposes stated 11 and named in this section.

Sect. 4. The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station 2 shall have the general supervision, management and control 3 of such farm, and of all experiments and investigations con-4 ducted thereon, and may, if it sees fit, or deems it best, au-5 thorize any agent or agents of the United States Department 6 of Agriculture to conduct experiments upon such farm, upon 7 such terms as it deems best. And it may appoint an agent 8 residing in said County of Aroostook to represent it in the 9 supervision, management and control of said farm.

Sect. 5. The Governor and Council may at any time in 2 their discretion, draw warrants for the payment of any 3 money authorized to be expended under this act.

Sect. 6. The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall 2 in its reports fully state the nature of the experiments con-3 ducted on said farm and the results shown and obtained by 4 such experiments.