

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 352

In Senate, Feb. 20, 1913.

*Reported by Senator Hastings from committee on library,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, Providing for the purchase and distribution of
the book of early Maine history, entitled "The Makers of
Maine".

Resolved: That the State librarian be, and he is hereby
2 authorized and required to contract for the purchase of
3 six hundred (600) copies of the book of early Maine his-
4 tory, entitled, "The Makers of Maine", written by Herbert
5 E. Holmes, a former State Librarian, at a sum not exceed-
6 ing one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per copy; and that the
7 State Librarian is hereby required to distribute said book
8 as follows: One copy to each member of the Legislature
9 of the year 1913, and one copy each to the Governor and
10 Executive Council, and the remainder of the books shall be
11 distributed among the public libraries within the State that
12 apply for them, and shall be used for exchanges with libra-
13 ries in other states and countries.

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY THE FORE-
GOING RESOLVE.

The book, "Makers of Maine", is a book of essays of early Maine history covering the period from the first explorations down to the fall of Louisberg, including the Norse expeditions. This is a part of our history which has not yet been well developed, and there is need of much work on it, as it is the most romantic and interesting of all our history, and it proves that the settlement of Maine was the original settlement of all the English colonies. The author, Herbert E. Holmes, who served as State Librarian during the year 1912, published the book at his own expense, and as there is never a large popular sale for works of history, the undertaking can never be a financial success. It has always been the practice of the Legislature to encourage such literary work which helps to preserve the history of our State and which enlightens the people as to the importance of our history, by purchasing enough copies for the State library to distribute throughout the State and in other states and countries. The purchase of 600 copies at the price of \$1.50 per copy, which is a low price for the book, will help materially in paying the expenses of publication.

HERBERT E. HOLMES.