

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 495

In Senate, March 14, 1913.

*Reported by Senator Colby from Committee on State Lands
and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, to establish a State Nursery, to encourage the re-
foresting of the waste lands of the State of Maine.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and
3 thirteen and the sum of one thousand dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and fourteen, to be expended by the For-
5 est Commissioner for the purpose of establishing a State
6 forest nursery in connection with the school of forestry, to
7 supply forest tree seedlings at a cost of production for use
8 in planting lands in the State of Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Applications are constantly being received by the State Forestry Department from citizens of the State, for planting stock. The object of establishing a nursery would be to supply citizens of Maine with forest tree seedlings suitable for planting on waste and cut over lands, at a cost of production. The probable cost would be about as follows:

2 acres of land (already secured at the University of Maine)	No cost
Surveying and fencing lot.....	\$450 00
50 lbs. white pine seed.....	125 00
Tools and supplies.....	100 00
Preparation of seed beds.....	75 00
Protection frames for seed beds.....	200 00
Equipment for watering seedlings.....	550 00
Labor and supervision for two years.....	1,500 00
Total for two years.....	\$3,000 00

For this original investment on the part of the State for the sum of three thousand dollars, there would be at the end of three years over one million seedlings ready for the field planting, and after that time it is reasonable to suppose that the nursery would be self supporting. In other words the sale of stock each year would bring in a sufficient amount of funds to cover the current expenses which would not be heavy after the nursery was once established on a business basis.