

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 81

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. McIntire of Waterford.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, for further improvement in the methods of marketing the Farm Products and purchasing supplies for the Farm.

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*Resolved, That five thousand dollars be appropriated for 2 nineteen hundred fifteen and six thousand dollars for 1916, to 3 be expended under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture to study the methods and cost of marketing farm 4 culture to study the methods and cost of marketing farm 5 products and purchasing farm supplies, who shall work in 6 conjunction with the Farmers' Union of Maine, the Fruit 7 Growers' Associations and other farm organizations and who 8 shall have authority to employ agents and experts.*



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The methods of marketing farm products and purchasing farm supplies have always been unsatisfactory to the farmer. His constant complaint attracted the attention of experts in the conduct of farmers' associations, colleges, state agricultural departments, and finally the national department.

Various marketing associations have been organized in many sections of the country, each acting as a separate unit, and while they applied the principles of co-operation at the base of supply, in the markets competition became so sharp that their relations finally became antagonistic and therefore the benefit that they had hoped to derive from the get-together movement was reduced to the minimum.

The Bureau of Marketing and Supplies has attracted wide attention, not only in Maine but all over the country, and it has become one of the leading bureaus of the state. The business has outgrown the capacity of one man and an increased appropriation is asked for so that a closer supervision over the unions can be brought about and a way found to secure a wider distribution of the product. Other states are adopting our methods and we must keep on perfecting the many details if Maine is to be kept in the lead.