

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 88

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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 State Lands and Forest Preservation.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Wyman of Kingfield.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, to maintain the State Forest Nursery and to encourage the reforestation of the waste lands of Maine.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand dollars be and  
2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and  
3 fifteen, and the sum of one thousand dollars for the year  
4 nineteen hundred and sixteen, to be expended by the Forest  
5 Commissioner for the maintenance of the State Forest Nur-  
6 sery, in connection with the Department of Forestry, to  
7 supply forest tree seedlings at cost of production for use in  
8 planting the waste lands in the State of Maine.



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

For the establishing of the State Forest Nursery two years ago, the sum of three thousand dollars was asked. Only two-thirds of this amount was granted, and the total amount asked was not sufficient to cover necessary expenses. A permanent building for storage, packing and shipping had to be construed, and this and the necessary cultivation of the site selected absorbed most of the available funds. The installation of a system of running water was also an item of the initial expenses which exceeded the estimate for that purpose. Additional cultivation is necessary, and the 250,000 young seedlings and transplants now growing at the nursery require constant care and attention. For this purpose additional labor is required which is not required for in any funds at the disposal of the Forest Commissioner or elsewhere. It is essential that at least the above amount be appropriated for this purpose. It is anticipated that the nursery will eventually become self-supporting by the sale of stock for planting.