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HOUSE

NO. 223

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1915. Reported by Mr. Robinson from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under joint rules. C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, for Further Public Instruction in Forestry.

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and 2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and 3 fifteen, and the sum of five thousand dollars for the year 4 nineteen hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of public 5 instruction in Forestry. Said fund to be administered by 6 the same board of commissioners and in the same manner 7 as heretobefore, (Revised Statutes, 1903, Chapter 7, Sec-8 tion 65). .

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STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Funds for public instruction in forestry are used for the maintenance of the educational work of the forestry department. Instruction in fire protection, wood-lot management, and scientific forestry are taught to all students desiring information on these subjects; lectures are given at the Normal Schools, and at High Schools, granges, clubs, etc., throughout the state. A complete course is arranged for those desiring to take up professional work, and the number taking this course has increased from three in nineteen hundred and three to thirty-two in nineteen hundred and fourteen. Advice and instruction are also given by correspondence and by means of circulars and bulletins written by the department. The work in this line is continually growing, and additional funds are needed to meet the urgent needs of the department. New equipment and demonstration material are badly needed and the department wishes to take up additional extension work. A broad field of new work awaits development, but the above funds are absolutely essential for accomplishing the desired results.