

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 201

In Senate, Feb. 26, 1915.

*Reported by Sen. Colby from Committee on Inland Fisheries
and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the Maine State Museum.

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand three hundred
2 dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen
3 hundred and fifteen and also two thousand five hundred
4 dollars for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to be ex-
5 pended by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game,
6 under the direction of the Governor and Council, for the
7 purpose of installing aquarium tanks and additional cases
8 for specimens in the State museum, for the purchase of
9 specimens, and for the maintenance of said museum.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Our State Museum is now generally considered as one of the best in its class in this country, and is annually visited by thousands of people from nearly every state in the Union and occasionally by residents of foreign countries. During the tourist season frequently over 200 persons inspect the museum daily.

In order to show our different species of fish to the best advantage, an aquarium is necessary—an exhibit of live fish—as nearly all museums of this class now have such exhibits. Nine-tenths of our visitors after inspecting the museum inquire for the aquarium, assuming, of course, that we have one, and we feel that no better advertisement of our state's inland fishing resources could be made than by installing the necessary tanks in our museum in which to display live fish.

The aquarium, according to estimates made by various contractors, will cost about \$1500 including the necessary piping for water supply, drainage, etc.

Additional cases are necessary in which to place mounted specimens, in order to properly preserve and protect them. We desire to duplicate the large case which now contains the moose group and install therein a deer and caribou group, thus completing the exhibit of big game animals.