

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 73

House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. King of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE for further Public Instruction in Forestry.

Resolved, That the sum of six thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and
3 seventeen, and the sum of six thousand dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and eighteen, 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 heretofore (Rev. Stats. 1903, Chap. 7, Sec. 65) excepting
8 that if a state forester be appointed, he shall take the place
9 of the forest commissioner on this board.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The work in public instruction in forestry has grown to such an extent during the past two years that it is not possible for the present staff to give the work the attention that its importance to the state deserves. An additional instructor who shall give his entire time to woodlot extension work is badly needed to co-operate with the county agents in their work. Forestry is a very important part of the farmer's work in Maine, and its relative importance is increasing with the increase in the value of stumpage.

Revisions of bulletins and new bulletins and circulars are badly needed, and the demands from normal schools, high schools, granges, clubs and individuals are constantly increasing. This work should be on a broad, general and state-wide field, as was the intention of the original act; and should not be hampered in any way or be confined to one place or institution. The administrative officers in order to carry out the intention of this act should be, as heretofore, members of the State Forestry Department.