

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 304

House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Washburn from Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Alden of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Eighteen, Public Laws Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Providing for the Establishment of a Bureau of Markets.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Amend chapter Two hundred and eighteen, public laws
2 nineteen hundred and seventeen, by striking out the words
3 "three thousand five hundred" in the third line and inserting
4 the words 'five thousand,' so that said act, as amended,
5 shall read as follows:

Methods and costs of marketing farm products, authoriz-
2 ing study of.

The commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to

2 **expend the sum of five thousand dollars annually hereafter**
3 **in the study of methods and cost of marketing farm pro-**
4 **ducts and purchasing farm supplies, by employing agents**
5 **and experts who shall work in conjunction with the Farm-**
6 **ers' Union of Maine, the Fruit Growers' Association, and**
7 **other farm organizations.**

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Bureau of Markets was established in nineteen hundred and seventeen with an appropriation of three thousand five hundred dollars. This is too small a sum to do the work, which is constantly increasing. There are now two hundred and seventy-five cooperative organizations in the state and to carry out the purpose of the law, a second man must be employed part of the time.