

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 14

In Senate, January 20, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 300 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morison of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, in Favor of Austin W. Jones Company, of Veazie,
Maine, Reimbursing for Property Destroyed by Fire.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of ten thousand six hundred dollars (\$10,600.00) to
3 reimburse the Austin W. Jones Company for property de-
4 stroyed by fire set by George Stanchfield on May 9, 1920,
5 an inmate at the time of the Bangor State Hospital for the
6 Insane, temporarily allowed his liberty as provided by
7 statute.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Austin W. Jones and Vaughan Jones, of Veazie, Penobscot county, Maine, and Freeland Jones of Bangor, said county, were engaged in farming in said Veazie, under the corporate name of the Austin W. Jones Company, they being the only stockholders of said company. On May 9, 1920, they were the owners of a herd of 32 registered Holstein milk cows, which on said date were in the basement of a newly constructed barn 40x60, said basement being cement and fitted with pipe stalls, cement feeding troughs, milking machine, sewerage system, etc. The storeroom over said basement held about 125 tons of hay in which, on said May 9, 1920, there were about 10 tons. Connected with said barn were 3 siloes of 60 ton capacity each, one about half full of silage at said date.

Each and every cow in the herd was in the advanced registry for Holstein-Friesian cattle, and every cow was on semi-official test, one cow having a 7-day butter record of 29.58 pounds of butter. Every cow was free from tuberculosis and contagious abortion, and during 1919 the herd averaged $3\frac{1}{8}$ gallons of milk per cow per day for 365 days.

On said 9th day of May, 1920, George Stanchfield, who on the 15th day of February, 1920, had been committed to the Bangor State Hospital for the Insane, and who on the 24th day of April, 1920, was temporarily allowed his liberty as provided by statute, set fire to the said barn, and the same together with the said siloes and 27 of the aforesaid cows were burned and destroyed. The value of the property destroyed is as follows:

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| Cows | \$8,650.00 |
| Barn equipment, hay, grain, silage, etc.... | 2,853.05 |
| Barn and siloes..... | 3,500.00 |
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| Total | \$15,003.05 |

Upon said property there was an insurance of \$4,400.00, which was paid by the insurance companies, so that the net loss to the Austin W. Jones Company was \$10,603.05.

Austin W. Jones, Vaughan Jones and Freeland Jones, stockholders of the Austin W. Jones Company as aforesaid, ask the State to reimburse them for the loss which they sustained by reason of the aforesaid fire and destruction of said property.