

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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S. P. No. 247

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In Senate, Feb. 17, 1925.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for Concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carter of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, in Favor of the President and Trustees of Bates College to reimburse said Trustees annually for taxes paid upon lands used by Bates College, a literary and scientific institution, and occupied by it for its own purposes, to wit, a department of forestry in said college.

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*Resolved:* That there be, and hereby is, appropriated annually in behalf of the President and Trustees of Bates College a sum sufficient to reimburse it for moneys expended each previous year for taxes on the land given to said President and Trustees of Bates College by the will of the late B. C. Jordan of Alfred, said land being used as a Demonstration Forest.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Bates Forest consists of about 12,000 acres of timberland situated mainly in York County. This land was bequeathed to Bates College by the late B. C. Jordan of Alfred for the purpose of founding a Department of Forestry on condition that these lands be managed in accordance with the most approved methods of modern scientific forestry.

2. Upon the advice of the former state forester, Mr. Samuel T. Dana, and other authorities in forestry, the college gave up its professional course in forestry and has devoted itself to the establishment and development of a Demonstration Forest. This leaves to the University of Maine the entire field, so far as technical instruction in forestry is concerned.

3. These lands have been put under intensive forest management with a technical graduate forester in charge. Already, with limited resources, much progress has been made. The results are available to every owner of a wood-lot and to every timber-land proprietor in the State of Maine. As an educational proposition, it will do for forestry what Highmoor Farm does for agriculture; it will demonstrate that the practice of forestry guarantees a perpetual yield without depleting the original stock.

4. Lands used by the forestry departments of several colleges and universities as demonstration forests for the benefit of the people are exempted by other states from taxation.