

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 106

H. P. 381 House of Representatives, January 31, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Claims and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. King of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Dr. A. J. Bradbury of Old Town,
Maine, Compensating Him for Damage to Apple Trees by
Deer.

Resolved: That the sum of six hundred (600) dollars
2 be paid to Dr. A. J. Bradbury of Old Town in the county
3 of Penobscot to reimburse him for damage done to apple
4 trees by deer.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1924 Dr. Bradbury purchased a farm in Greenfield for the purpose of developing an apple orchard for commercial purposes. During the spring of 1924 he set out 545 full root grafted trees one year old of the following variety: One hundred and five Stark Delicious, 10 Grimes Golden, 10 Stayman Winesap, 15 Stark King David, 105 McIntosh, 100 Northern Spy, 100 Wealthy, 25 Cortland, 25 Belleflower, 55 Starks Golden Delicious.

All of these trees are well planted and properly mulched and grew finely. As soon as new growth was thrown off it was immediately cropped by the deer in nightly raids. Trees were pruned repeatedly in an attempt to save them but the new shoots would be immediately nipped off so that the trees are now a total loss.

That in 1927 a claim for eleven hundred (1100) dollars was presented to the state legislature and the state reimbursed said Dr. A. J. Bradbury to the extent of five hundred (500) dollars, and Dr. A. J. Bradbury's loss is still six hundred (600) dollars.