

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 193

Presented by Mr. Comins of Eddington.

H. P. 652. House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Amos W. Buck of Bradley, Maine,
Compensating Him for Damages to Apple Trees by Deer.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of three hundred and eighty-five (\$385) dollars to re-
3 imburse Amos W. Buck of Bradley, Maine, for injury to
4 apple trees by deer.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1925 Amos W. Buck purchased a farm in Summit Plantation (Township No. 1) for the purpose of developing a commercial apple orchard. The land on the said farm was well adapted to apple growing as the healthy and thrifty growing apple trees, already giving good yields, gave proof. There was an orchard of thirty apple trees about 15 years old on this farm when it was purchased by Mr. Buck. These trees had not been damaged by deer up to this time.

In the spring of 1927 he planted 25 two year old apple trees of the best stock available. He took especial care of these trees all summer and in the fall of that year observed their remarkable growth and development, the deer had not touched a tree. Encouraged by their success the following spring (1928) he planted 70 more trees of the same quality as his others. He planned to plant each year as many trees as his means would permit until his whole farm was converted into a large commercial orchard.

Early in the summer of 1928 he observed that deer were cropping his apple trees. He immediately appealed to the game warden for protection and he was informed that he could kill the deer if he found them doing the actual damage but that he could not hunt or kill them in the night time.

These young trees have been almost entirely destroyed by deer, the lower branches and fruit buds of the older trees have been badly cropped and eaten off as high as the deer could reach them, the damage being done in the night time in spite of every precaution that has been taken by Mr. Buck to protect his trees. Mr. Buck submits the following as the damage received by him:

25 four year old trees	at \$4.00 per tree	\$100.00
70 three year old trees	at 3.00 per tree	210.00
25 fifteen year old trees	at 3.00 per tree	75.00

Total \$385.00

And asks the state of Maine to compensate him to that extent for damage done.