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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Money to Repair Fish Screen at Meduxnekeag  
Lake.**

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**Fish screen at Meduxnekeag lake; repair of. Resolved:** That the sum of \$500 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be taken from the general fund of the state for the purpose of repairing the fish screen at the outlet of Meduxnekeag lake, in the county of Aroostook; said fund to be expended under the direction of the selectmen of the town of New Limerick.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Meduxnekeag Lake, better known to the public as Drew's lake, is located in the towns of Linneus, New Limerick and Oakfield, in Aroostook county, some 9 miles from Houlton, and reached by a good highway. It is the head of one branch of the Meduxnekeag stream which flows through Houlton, emptying into the Saint John River, at Jackson Falls, New Brunswick. The lake itself is some 2½ miles in length. Formerly there was a dam at the foot of the lake which raised the natural height of the water several feet. This dam has now gone out. Fed by springs and mountain brooks, this lake is particularly suitable for the propagation of game fish such as landlock salmon and brook trout.

About 1890 a government expert from the Fishery Department of the United States, looked this lake over; analyzed the water and satisfied himself that landlock salmon would do very well, in this body of water.

About 3 miles from the outlet of this lake is Green lake, a muddy dead water lake or pond, with a plentiful supply of pickerel. These pickerel were prevented from getting into Drew's lake and interfering with the trout and salmon, by a dam on the outlet of the lake, at New Limerick Mill pond. As this dam is being no longer used for power, it will soon break away, and allow the pickerel to get into Drew's lake, unless a new dam is constructed near the site of the old dam on the shore of the lake. This would not be an expensive job and a number of cottage owners are willing to contribute their share for this purpose.

A screen is already at Drew's lake formerly in the old dam. These cottagers are willing to do the labor, but they do feel the state should help with the purchase of the lumber and hardware, necessary.

This improvement should be made at the earliest possible moment, to prevent a fine fishing ground from being ruined by the advent of pickerel.