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COMMUNICATIONS.

AUGUSTA, January 12, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the second biennial report of the Board of Commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, which board was created by authority of an act of the legislature of 1895, (chapter 138, Public Laws of that year.)

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, January 12, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the commissioners appointed by the governor, by authority of an order of the last legislature, to investigate and ascertain as to the desirability of establishing new normal schools in eastern or central Maine, with a bill for the expenses of same, accompanying.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, January 12, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Board of Registration of Medicine for 1898.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, January 17, 1899.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is with feelings of profound sorrow that I perform the painful duty of announcing to you that the Honorable Nelson Dingley, representative in Congress from the Second District, died in the city of Washington last Friday evening, at half past ten o'clock.

For some time the people of Maine, and of the whole country, have watched with deep anxiety his brave struggle for life, earnestly praying that he might be spared for further usefulness to the nation. And as hope of recovery had begun to cheer and gladden their hearts, a sudden change for the worse ended his grand life, and put a period to his noble, practical and eminently useful career.

We all sincerely mourn the loss of one so good, so just and so great, and tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

As a statesman he takes a high rank among those who have wisely guided aright the republic in its onward march and who have written their names in imperishable letters high upon the nation's roll of honor. As a journalist, a legislator, a congressman, a governor, and an upright citizen, he has shown us a life and character worthy of imitation and reverence.

In his long and varied public career he has been scrupulously faithful to every trust and duty—just and impartial. "Hew to the line let the chips fly where they will," was the principle which dominated and controlled all his acts. Maine will never forget his devotion to his native State and her interests, and though dead, he will continue to live in the grateful hearts and memories of all her citizens. In the halls of her legislature he began his distinguished public labors, they have closed in the capitol as the tried and trusted leader of his party in the National House of Representatives.

His integrity, devotion to duty, love of right and justice, vast research, sound learning, thorough mastery and comprehension of all questions relating to finances and tariff, commanded for him on all occasions an attentive hearing and made him a recognized authority not only among his friends, but also with his political opponents. It is my deliberate judgment that in reference to these subjects he has never had a superior and but few equals on the floors of Congress.

As a mark of respect I have directed that all flags on public buildings be placed at half-mast, and also that the executive departments of the State Government be closed during the day of the funeral services.

It is for this legislature to take such further action in the premises as it shall deem fitting and proper.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, January 17, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the chief executive of the state of Florida, and my reply thereto, accompanied by a call for a National Militia Convention, to be holden at Tampa, Florida, on the 8th day of February, next.

The object of this convention is to discuss, suggest, and perhaps formulate some general plan upon which the national guard may be reorganized and placed upon a more effective basis.

Since this question of reorganization of the guard has already assumed national importance, it seems proper that I should call the attention of the legislature to the subject that it may provide for such representation of our State in the proposed convention as may seem expedient and wise.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, February 6, 1899.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith letter received from the President, in response to the joint resolution and invitation to visit Maine, as the guest of our State.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, February 10, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a concurrent resolution, recently adopted by the legislature of North Dakota, touching the submission of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

I lay this copy of resolution before you, as requested by the said legislature of North Dakota.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, February 21, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication just received from the Honorable William P. Frye, United States senator, in reply to the formal invitation extended to him by the legislature of Maine, to become the guest of the State at his earliest convenience.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

AUGUSTA, March 17, 1899.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a list of the Acts and Resolves passed during the present session of the legislature and approved by me numbering 337 acts and 117 resolves; also 1 act and 13 resolves which became effective without my signature.

I have no further communication to make.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.