

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 1.

Resolves, protesting against the Hay-Bond Treaty.

Whereas, The fishing industry is one of the most important interests of this State, giving employment, as it does to twenty-five thousand men, having an invested capital of three million dollars, with an annual product valued at five million dollars; and

Hay-Bond
treaty,
protesting
against.

Whereas, Our own market takes by far the greater part of the catch of the New England fishing fleet, which alone makes it possible for that fleet to maintain its existence; and

Whereas, There is now pending in the Senate of the United States, with a view to obtaining the advice and consent of that body to its ratification, a convention between the governments of the United States and Great Britain for the improvement of commercial relations between the United States and His Britannic Majesty's colony of Newfoundland, signed at Washington on the eighth day of November, 1902; and

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Whereas, Article II of said convention provides that certain produce of the Newfoundland fisheries shall be admitted into the United States, free of duty; Therefore,

Be it Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, in Legislature assembled, that the ratification of the aforesaid convention by the government of the United States will work irreparable injury to this great industry, by opening our home market to a competitor which, by reason of cheaper labor and smaller cost of building and maintaining its fleet, can land its product in the Atlantic ports of the United States at one-third less cost than the New England fleet is able to do; that it will render valueless many millions of capital now profitably employed in the fishing industry; that it will deprive many thousand men of employment in a business in which they are skilled; that it will deprive the naval and merchant vessels of the United States of a great training school for sailors; that the concessions granted by said convention, to importations from the United States are trifling in comparison, and wholly inadequate to compensate the people of the United States for the practical destruction of a great national industry.

And be it further Resolved, that this Legislature, in behalf of the people of this State, tenders its thanks to its Senators and Representatives in Congress for their steadfast and zealous opposition to the ratification of said treaty and that a copy of this joint resolution be transmitted to the Honorable William P. Frye, president pro tempore of the Senate of the United States, for presentation to the Senate in such manner as he may determine.

Approved January 14, 1903.

Chapter 2.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Portland.

Temporary
Home for
Women and
Children, in
aid of.

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated for the use of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Portland, of which two thousand five hundred dollars shall be paid to said institution during the year nineteen hundred and three, and two thousand five hundred dollars during the year nineteen hundred and four.

Approved February 18, 1903.