

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-First Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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1903.

**SENATE.**

Friday, February 20, 1903.

Senate met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

**Read and Assigned.**

An Act to extend the charter of the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to amend An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Coburn Classical Institute.

An Act to incorporate the Fort Kent Trust Company. This bill came from the House passed to be engrossed, under suspension of the rules. On motion by Mr. Pierce of Aroostook the bill took its several readings, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor Matthias Cullnan of Belfast. This resolve came back from the House, that body non-concurring with the action of the Senate whereby the same was passed to be engrossed, and the report of the committee, ought not to pass, accepted by the House. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, the Senate insisted upon its action; and on the further motion of the same senator, a committee of conference, consisting, on the part of the Senate of Messrs. Staples of Knox, Morse of Waldo and Goodwin of Somerset were appointed by the chair.

The following order was received from the House:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 24, 1903, at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon. On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Somerset the order was tabled. Subsequently the order was taken from the table, and the Senate concurred with the House in the passage of the order.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State. To the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of the Topographic survey of the commissioners.

Very respy., your obdt. servt.  
(Signed) BYRON BOYD,  
Secretary of State.

The following bills, petitions, etc., mere presented and referred:

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Guernsey of Piscataquis: Bill, An Act to authorize the Boston Excelsior Company to locate booms in Sebec River.

Also: Bill, An Act to ratify the lease of the Sangerville Improvement Company to the Dover and Foxcroft Light and Heat Company.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Morse of Waldo: An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

Also: Petition of W. T. C. Runnells and 104 legal voters of Searsport for the abolishment of Searsport Municipal Court.

**Education.**

By Mr. Pierce of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to provide for instruction of music in public schools.

**Military Affairs.**

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 242 of the public laws of 1889.

Also: Bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 249 of the public laws of 1901.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Clark of Hancock: Bill, An Act to protect fish in First or Billings Pond in Blue Hill, Hancock County.

By Mr. Morse of Waldo: Petition of W. G. Fuller of Unity and 26 others praying for An Act to prohibit the throwing off sawdust or other mill waste into the Half Moon and Sandy Streams and all other tributaries to Unity Pond.

**Oxford County Delegation.**

By Mr. Philbrook of Oxford: Bill, An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney of Oxford County.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Staples for the committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Smith Cemetery Association

of Palermo, Waldo County, Maine, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Wilson for the committee on Education, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 29 of the public laws of 1897, relating to employment of superintendents of schools, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Bernhard Pol of Bangor, to reimburse him for taxes paid through error.

An Act to incorporate the Lily Water Company.

An Act to abolish Chapter 582 public laws of 1868 relating to taking fish in Frenchman's Bay except by the ordinary process of fishing with hook and line.

An Act to incorporate the Forest Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to extend sundry existing statutes to street railroads.

An Act to amend Chapter 486 of the private and special laws of 1889 relating to the city of Westbrook.

An Act to enlarge the powers of street railroads in taking lands.

An Act to incorporate the Union Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Camden and Liberty Railway.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 202 of the Public Laws of 1889 entitled, "An Act to fix the salaries of the judge and register of probate and county commissioners of Waldo county."

An Act to authorize the Bodwell Water Power Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

An Act to authorize the Orono Pulp and Paper Company to generate, use and sell electricity.

An Act to authorize and empower Samuel W. Hanscom of Reed Plantation, county of Aroostook, to erect and maintain piers and booms in Mattawamkeag river.

An Act to authorize the Penobscot Chemical Fibre Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

Bill, An Act authorizing and empowering Joseph C. Powell of Reed Plantation, county of Aroostook, to build and maintain piers and booms in Mattawamkeag river.

An Act relating to the taking of lobsters within three miles of the islands of Matinicus and Criehaven during the months of August and September of each year.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Reform School.

An Act to amend Section 111 of Chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company."

Resolve in favor of the dairying interests of the State of Maine.

Mr. ALDEN of Kennebec: Mr. President, I have devoted a large part of my life to the pursuit of agriculture and have for a long time made a special study as to what can be done by the Legislature of Maine to improve our condition as farmers.

I am aware of the fact that our rural population is decreasing and that our farms are running out and depreciating in value and being abandoned all over the State. In view of these facts, we, the dairymen of Maine organized and incorporated the Maine Dairymen's Association four years ago. It is our object to promote the dairy industry of the State and after careful study and mature deliberation together with the Commissioner of Agriculture, we have presented this resolve for your consideration, and I earnestly hope as you prize the welfare of our State, you will give it a passage. This resolve is a move to educate our dairymen in the production of pure milk and cream and the manufacture of choice butter and cheese. The results to be derived from the passage of this act will be far reaching. We have in this State 150,000 cows; allowing that the milk of 50,000 of these cows is consumed by the different families and the milk from 100,000 is manufactured into butter, we will estimate that they

will average 200 pounds of butter per cow annually, which would make 20,000,000 pounds of butter per year.

I believe if the provisions of this resolve are carefully carried out it will be the means of increasing the price of Maine butter two cents per pound, which would mean \$400,000, or allowing it to increase the price one cent per pound, we have the clean sum of \$200,000, for the same product that we are making today. This amount of money in clean cash put into the hands of our farmers will give new life to the dairy industry. I feel proud of the State of Maine and her gallant sons, who have so nobly defended our flag on the field of battle and of the illustrious men who have represented us in the halls of Congress, but it is humiliating to me as a dairyman, to acknowledge that Maine butter on the Boston market is not up to the standard of New Hampshire and Vermont butter, and as a rule will not bring as much by one or two cents per pound. It is a lamentable fact that the butter from some of our best conducted creameries is sold on the Boston market for Vermont and New Hampshire butter today.

This resolve, if its provisions are carried out, will place Maine butter at the front, I believe, in developing the resources of our State. The large amount of money granted to develop our fish and game industries is proving a great success and is money well expended. Here is a single branch of our farming that during the year just passed has brought far more money into the State, created it so to speak right out of the soil, than the most enthusiastic estimates have ever claimed from all the summer boarders and visiting sportsmen combined. Yet the industry is but just started. It can, with trifling aid, be doubled and quadrupled on the same land, while at the same time the land will become more valuable and the owners will gain in wealth. There is no one within the sound of my voice but what knows that some of the dairy butter that is sold through our stores is unfit for human food, and some of it is the cause of indigestion and sickness. Some of our best hotels claim that they are unable to get good butter and are obliged to use butter of an inferior quality on

their tables. What is the remedy? How can this condition be changed so that our dairy products will be brought up to the standard of our neighboring states? The answer is, by education, which is the great work of our nation today and is the key-note of the success of the United States in commanding the markets of the world. Why cry down the agriculture of Maine when there is an opportunity for us to develop the grand old state in the production of the finest butter and cheese produced on this continent. I ask you, gentlemen of the Senate why not place Maine in the front rank as a dairy state while it is in your power to do so? I am positive there is no business that we farmers can engage in that will build up our farms, put the comforts of life into our homes and increase the state valuation like dairying. The future of the dairy business of this country is beyond our power of comprehension. Through the noble efforts of our secretary of agriculture at Washington, new markets are being opened up where our butter is bringing good and satisfactory prices. I predict in the near future China, Japan and the Philippine islands will call for a large amount of dairy products from the United States and that Maine will rank among the foremost of the New England states in the dairy business. Give this resolve a passage and it will result in placing Maine in the front rank as a dairy State and it will cause us to make rapid strides in the dairy business. Why should we not? Pray tell me. We have the best breed of butter cows in the world and as sweet grasses as grow beneath Heaven's sunlight, covering our hills and valleys with their green verdure, which gives a sweet aroma to butter that cannot be excelled; we have the purest spring water gushing from our hills and feeding the brooks and rivulets that can be found under the canopy of Heaven and we have the coolest atmosphere in this country. Now while everything in nature favors dairying for Maine, why not give this resolve a passage and in so doing, give a boom to Maine agriculture. If you wanted to find out how many woolen and cotton mills, machine shops and other mechanical industries there are in the

State, you would go to Commissioner Matthews' report and find every item there; if you wanted to know the number of fish that have been put into the lakes, ponds and streams, you would find out by Fish and Game Commissioner Carleton's report, but if you wished to know the number of creameries, butter factories, and the amount of butter, cream and milk produced and shipped out of the State, pray tell me where you will find the information. It could not be obtained until Commissioner Matthews got this information for us, which developed the fact that we were producing between eight and nine million dollars worth of dairy products in one year.

Give us a dairy expert, as our sister states have done. Look at Wisconsin, where they have a dairy commissioner and a good, live dairymen's association. Their farms have nearly doubled in value since they have taken hold of this branch of farming in earnest. What has been done in Wisconsin can be done in Maine.

I have endeavored in what I have said here today to convince you that the dairy interests of this State are of the greatest importance to the development of our farms and to increasing the valuation of Maine; and if in my power I would entuse our dairymen all over the State so they would demand of this Legislature a reasonable sum of money to build up our dairy industry. (Applause).

The resolve was passed to be engrossed.

House bill No. 98, An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Water District, which had passed the Senate to be engrossed, came back from the House with House amendment "A," amend Section 10, line 12, add the words "and the towns of Farmingdale and Randolph in the same proportions as each of said municipalities and its inhabitants contribute to the gross earnings of said water system," also House amendment "B," amend by striking out Section 11, and renumbering Sections 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 to correspond therewith.

The vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed in the Senate was reconsidered, and the several amend-

ments adopted in concurrence; and the bill as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

#### Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company.

An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899 as amended by Chapter 326 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, relating to fishing through the ice in Thompson Pond.

An Act to amend Chapter 271 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, relating to Lincoln Electric Railway Company.

#### Finally Passed.

Resolve providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the Adjutant-General's office.

Resolve providing for compensation of steamboat inspectors for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902.

Resolve in favor of King's Daughters Union of Bangor.

On motion by Mr. Alden of Kennebec, the Senate adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, February 24, 1903, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.