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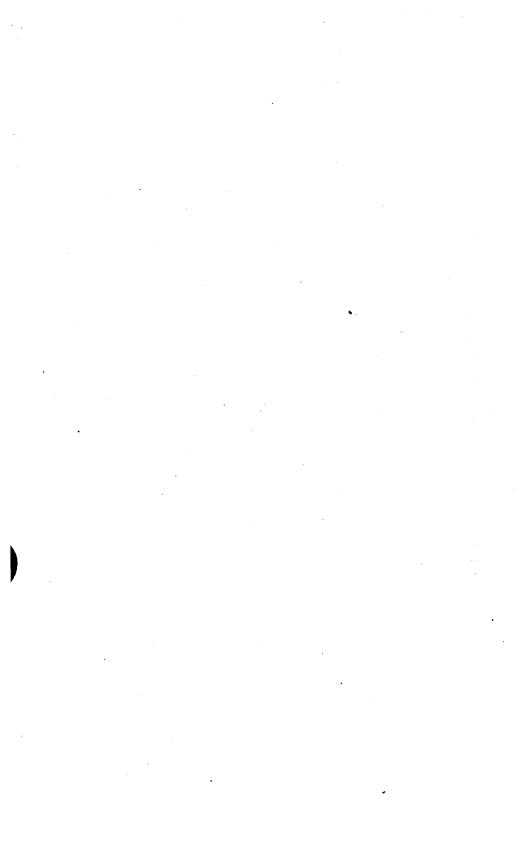
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To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of

I have the honor to submit the report of the Maine State Library, for the years 1915 and 1916.

#### HISTORY

The beginning of the Maine State Library may be found in the resolve, approved February 3, 1836, authorizing the Secretary of State to spend \$500 to purchase a library under the direction of the Governor for the use of the Legislature. By a Legislative act. March 22, 1830, the books belonging to the state. by purchase or donation, were collected and deposited in the south wing of the State House, and constituted the State Library, excepting such books as were retained by order of each Legislative branch in the Senate Chamber and the Representa-The Secretary of State took charge of the State Library according to the act. This arrangement continued for twenty years. The annual appropriation for the library, from 1830 to 1850 inclusive, amounted in the aggregate to the sum of \$8,015. The whole number of volumes in the library in 1860 was 22.181. The Committee on the State Library reported to the Legislature of that year, that in view of the value and importance of the library to all departments of the government, and the necessity of a more responsible management of its affairs, it should be put under the care of a librarian clothed with suitable powers and definite duties. An act of Legislature was passed, March 13, 1861, whereby the State Library was put under the direct control of the Governor and Council, as a board of trustees, and they were authorized to appoint a State Librarian.

The State Library was located on the top floor of the south wing of the State House until 1891, when new rooms were provided for it in the west wing of the enlarged building. In the year, 1910, when the State House was still further enlarged, the main portion of the library was removed to the second floor of the north wing which it occupies at the present time.

### **IMPROVEMENTS**

Within the past two years certain improvements have been made in the main room of the State Library. The floor has been shellacked and varnished, the walls repainted, additional steps have been placed in the alcoves for readier access to books on the higher shelves, and brass holders have been attached to the different stacks, for cards showing the class of books in particular parts of the library room.

A new lighting system has been installed through the stacks of the main room. Heretofore the ordinary system of lighting a big hall has been in use, but the light from the chandeliers high above the stacks has not been sufficient. As soon as the shadows began to fall, the light failed to reach any considerable part of the books in the stacks. The stacks are now well lighted by electric lamps hanging between and near the top of the stacks in addition to the chandelier lamps which have not been removed. About fifty new lights have been installed. There are better facilities, also, for persons working among the law volumes. Desks have been placed in the law section with table lamps upon them.

The northwest corner of the main room is devoted to the genealogical and historical section of the library. Better space and table conveniences have been provided for visitors wishing to use these books in making special researches. Such persons have ready access to the books which they especially need, and can pursue their researches in the alcove especially provided for them.

#### SHELF ROOM

The capacity of the main room, with its furnishings at the present time, is approximately 70,000 volumes, the steel bookcases now in use being the first of the kind ever put up in New England, the library having been equipped with them in 1891, when it was removed to the west wing of the State House. When the library was removed to its present quarters in the north wing, in 1910, the bookcases formerly used in the west wing had to be transferred to the new main room as no provision had been made otherwise for furnishing it. During the two years, 1915-16, the number of books added to the library

amounted to 8,417 including pamphlets. The bookcases in the main room have been wholly inadequate in providing shelf room for the library at the rate it has been growing. It has been necessary to put into storerooms thousands of volumes which, for that reason, are not now easily accessible. In 1015. 15,000 volumes were taken from the main room and stored in one of the attic rooms. On the first floor, underneath the main room of the library, is the document room, the capacity of which is approximately 64,000 documents. This room is used for the state publications which are distributed by the library, and, as the number of current documents is at least 50.000 annually, the shelf room is hardly more than sufficient for the publications as they are received and sent out, as well as for the storage of surplus copies for future use. on the first floor of the State House, another document storeroom, the capacity of which is approximately 42,000 volumes. In this room are stored at feast 36,000 documents consisting of state publications and also volumes which have been crowded out of the main room on the second floor. It has been the custom of the library to preserve fifty copies of each state department report for future use, and, as those which are set aside each year according to this plan amount to approximately 1,200. the capacity of this room will be exhausted in 1920. Underneath the roof of the west wing there is the attic storeroom. in which place 15,000 publications of other states have been stored, wooden shelving having been provided for them. Under the roof of the porch over the entrance to the State House there is another attic storeroom, the capacity of which is approximately 37,000 volumes, and this place is crowded with bound newspapers, state documents, patent office reports, etc. attention should be called to the inadequate accommodations for storing bound newspapers. It has become necessary to pile some of them high on the floor. For this reason they are very inconveniently accessible. For reference use the newspapers are at times invaluable, for they contain material which cannot be found elsewhere. Persons who need to consult them should be able to obtain the information which they wish without Some of the bound newspapers are now practically delay. inaccessible.

### NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

The great need of the Library is a new home. With available space in the old quarters filled nearly to full capacity, with more than half our books stored in attic and basement in locations so inaccessible as to be nearly useless, with a collection growing rapidly in size and increasing in usefulness each year, the Library has come to the point where its efficiency is vitally impaired and its development nearly at a standstill.

We have, here in Maine, conditions that are peculiar to ourselves; a community relatively sparsely settled, with no great cities, no large universities or endowments to gather enormous collections of books.

Destiny seems to point to the State Library as the one great library of the state. This is recognized, and the institution already goes beyond most of its sister state libraries in furnishing books to individuals—any book to any individual in Maine who really needs it and can not get it from his or her local library.

Development in these lines, without neglect of its proper functions as the library for the state government, requires a home planned for economical, quick and efficient administration.

Various other considerations are pointing in the same direction; the Legislature and Departments actually need more space, which vacating the State Library quarters would give them. The large and increasing value of our books and other property make it desirable to house the Library in a building more carefully safeguarded against fire than the Capitol can be with the multiplicity of offices and accumulation of inflammable material, while the enormous weight of the books is a special reason why they be stored in a building structurally suited for their handling, care, and preservation.

A state library building should be convenient to the Capitol, of a style of architecture that is harmonious with it, so constructed as to house all the material belonging to it for a considerable period of years to come, and yet planned to allow indefinite extension in future without destroying the proportions.

The edifice should be a home for all the library activities of the state: the State Library, Library Commission, Traveling ١

libraries and the stores of public documents now entrusted to the State Librarian for distribution or preservation. We feel that it might be desirable that it also serve as the State Archives repository, designed to preserve such of the files of the State as are not in frequent use in the various offices, thereby giving additional space for administrative and other purposes in the State House itself.

If such a building is to be erected, it might be well to add still another feature, making Maine's State Library absolutely unique in the nation. The visitor to our capital city asks for the home and memorials of Blaine, Maine's great statesman, and is shown the unused mansion across the way from the State House. Perhaps such a one goes away with wonder that this should be our only visible reminder of "Blaine of Maine," the "Plumed Knight" of a generation ago. Why not accept the liberal offer of the Blaine family, purchase the lot and erect on it a building which shall be not merely an architectural triumph, but a structure planned by Maine architects, built by Maine hands from Maine material as a perpetual and useful memorial to Maine's great son;—the Blaine Memorial Building, the home of the Maine State Library?

However, provision for the State Library's present and future is not dependent upon this particular location, as another site, as convenient to the State House would serve nearly as well; nor even upon a separate building at all, as it would be possible to extend a large wing to the rear of our present state capitol, to be devoted to the Library. In fact this plan of enlargement has been in some minds for years. We submit, however, that that would not be the best way to solve the problem. The cost of such enlargement could not be less than \$150,000, and very probably would largely exceed that figure—a sum that would go very far toward a suitable separate Library building; and the day is not far distant when the natural growth and expansion of state departments will demand this very enlargement of the building in this, the only way possible for it to be made.

We would ask, at this session, the appointment of a Commission to consider the matter of a home for the Maine State Library, and an appropriation of \$20,000, as much of it to be used as proves necessary for the purchase of a site, if a sepa-

rate building is decided on, and for the preparation of architectural plans for it.

The following states have separate library buildings, usually the outcome of conditions similar to our own. Other states have the matter in consideration. Sometimes the building is occupied conjointly with other departments.

State	Cost	Completed
New Hampshire	\$250,000	1895
Connecticut	1,000,000	1910
New York	5,000,000	1912
Virginia	218,000	1895
Wisconsin	620,000	1901
Missouri	400,000	1907
Iowa	400,000	1908
California	2,000,000	In process

### DISTRIBUTION OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

An order was passed in Council, December 31, 1915, that all reports of Departments shall hereafter be distributed by the State Librarian, the cost of distribution to be borne by the respective departments, and the State Librarian reimbursed therefor. He was authorized by the Council to employ, in the State Library, an assistant document clerk and an extra stenographer, because of the additional help needed on account of the new arrangements. Heretofore, the number of department reports delivered from the bindery to the State Library was 675 copies for exchange, library use, and general distribution, and 75 copies were retained, by the binder, for public documents. The balance of the number of each report printed was delivered by the binder, to the head of the department or institution where it originated and was prepared for publication.

According to the new arrangement, ordered by the Council, the State Library has received, with the exception of the 75 copies of each report retained by the binder for public documents, the full edition of each report, published by any department, the addresses for their distribution being those on the regular library list and those furnished by the different departments. In distributing these reports, cards have been sent out

with the reports, to be signed and returned by the recipients of the reports, indicating whether or not they wished their names retained on the list to receive future issues. The cards which have been signed and returned, have been arranged in a cabinet and form the address list for the next issue of each report.

The following is the list of the reports, number of copies of each, and the date on which they were received from the binder, since the council order was passed;—to date:

Name.	Number received.	Binding.	Date	rece	ived.
Attorney-General, biennial, 1911-12.  Executive Department Register, biennial, 1915-16.  Maine State Prison, annual, 1915.  Board of State Assessors, annual, 1915.  Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, annual,	2,000 1,075 50 2,025	Cloth Paper Paper Cloth Cloth	Feb. Feb. 2 April	15, 21, 14,	1916 1916 1916
1915.  Bank Commissioner, annual, 1915.  Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, annual, 1915.  State Board of Charities and Corrections, annual, 1915	1,225 1,925 725 200	Paper Cloth Paper Cloth Paper	Mar. Mar. April	21, 21, 14,	1916 1916
Public Utilities Commission, annual, 1915, Vol. 1  Adjutant General, annual, 1914	1,925 1,925 950	Cloth Cloth Cloth Paper	April : June April : April :	21, 13, 25, 25,	1916 1916 1916
Maine School for Feeble Minded, annual, 1915  Augusta and Bangor State Hospitals, annual, 1915  State Superintendent of Schools, annual, 1915	1,225 200 475	Paper Cloth Paper Cloth	June April June June	$egin{array}{c} 14 , \ 25 , \ 14 , \ 21 , \end{array}$	1916 1916 1916 1916
State Treasurer, annual, 1915	2,425 925 1,500	Cloth Paper Cloth	June. Oct. Oct.	24, 4, 9,	1916 1916 1916
	2,220	1010111	Oct.	10,	1010

Although the State Librarian was authorized to employ an assistant document clerk and an extra stenographer on account of the new method of distributing department reports ordered by the council, no provision was made to pay the salaries of these two additions to the library force, so that it was necessary to pay them out of the general appropriation for the maintenance of the library. It is recommended that the appropriation for the library be increased to an amount sufficient to pay the salaries of the assistant document clerk and the extra stenographer, and also that an appropriation be made to meet the transportation charges for distributing the department reports according to the new method, so as to save the necessity of presenting bills to the different departments in order to be reimbursed for the cost of distribution. This would be a more direct method of paying transportation charges.

### MAINE PUBLIC AND LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS

At the January session of the Legislature, 1833, the year after the removal of the seat of government from Portland, and the occupation of the State House at Augusta, it was provided by resolve that the clerk of the House of Representatives, during each session of the Legislature, retain twenty copies of every document printed by order of either branch of the Legislature, and at the end of each session cause the same to be bound for the use of the Legislature. Under this resolve, the first volume appeared in 1833, and contained the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives, 1833, Governor's message, 1833, State Treasurer's report, 1832, Adjutant General's report, 1832, Land Agent's report, 1832, Bank Commissioners' report, 1832, State Prison report, 1832, and the Senate and House bills and committee reports, ordered printed, of the Legislature, 1833. From this first volume, under the resolve of 1833, there is no break in the continuity of the volumes of collected documents down to the year 1867 inclusive, and the same is true since that date to the present time, but it should be noted that beginning with 1868, the reports of the public officers and institutions are collected and bound each year under the title of Public Documents, while the bills and reports of committees emanating from either branch of the Legislature have been bound into a separate group under the title of Legislative Documents or Senate and House Bals and Documents. The volumes of the collected documents, 1833-1867, differed in title, in the original binding, being called Public Documents, sometimes Legislative Documents, and at other times simply Documents. The State Library has a set of this group substantially rebound, in half morocco, for reference use, giving to each volume its proper title, so that instead of various titles in the set, there is a uniform one, namely, Public and Legislative Documents, which designates the contents more exactly.

The question naturally arises what Maine state documents were printed from 1820 to 1831, while Portland was the seat of government. In the State Library is a collection of Maine documents for the period 1828-1830, which was brought together by the Secretary of State before 1833, or later by the clerk of the House of Representatives under the impulse of the Resolve of 1833. An index to the contents of the Maine Public

and Legislative Documents in this volume, 1828-1830, and in the set of volumes, 1833-1867, has brought to light, in this earliest group of state publications, historical and statistical material of importance which it is believed will constitute a useful addition to the resources of information relating to the state. By aid of this index, it is possible to trace, through the successive official reports of the different departments, the development of state affairs, and also, through Legislative bills and committee reports, public sentiment and action on such questions as the settlement of the northeastern boundary dispute, abolition of slavery, prohibition of the liquor traffic, etc. It is earnestly hoped that as many as possible of the early documents now missing in the State Library may be secured.

A new method of binding up the Public Documents of Maine has been adopted within the past year. Instead of binding the "Public Documents" as heretofore in either sheep or buffing, the collection of state department reports will be bound in buckram, and the labels on the outside will show what particular reports are bound in each volume and the date on the outside will correspond with the dates of the contents, instead of, as before, the date showing only the year in which the state reports were bound up in the volumes known as "Public Documents."

## INDEX OF THE PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS AND RESOLVES

A card index of the Maine Private and Special Laws and Resolves, which has been in the process of compilation for some time past, is now completed in typewritten form and made accessible for use in the State Library for any persons who may wish to consult it. The cards are arranged in cabinets, and will prove, it is believed, a valuable means of speedily securing information which may be desired relating to legislative action. It has been the endeavor in making this card index to include in it such cross references as will make specially available all material contained in the Private and Special Laws and Resolves. This index would prove of still greater usefulness if it were printed. The cards of the Private and Special Laws number approximately 24,000, and those of the Resolves 20,000. It is estimated that 1,000 copies of the Index to the Private and

Special Laws and Resolves could be printed in book form for distribution by the State Librarian at a cost not exceeding \$3,000, and it is recommended that such an appropriation be made for the purpose.

So important is it that the state documents of every description should be carefully indexed, that the State Librarian should be authorized and empowered to increase the library force by employing a clerk whose whole time should be devoted to index work.

### LEGISLATIVE RECORD

The Legislative Record, which contains a verbatim account of the doings of the Maine Legislature, including speeches, has become a state publication that has proved invaluable, especially since 1907, from which time it has been indexed at the State Library by legislative order. The fact, however, that no provision was ever made for indexing the volumes issued previous to 1907, namely the Legislative Records of 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, and 1905, is a very serious drawback to the usefulness of those volumes. They too ought to be indexed and a special appropriation should be made for that purpose.

Six hundred and seventy-five copies of the Legislative Record, 1915, were delivered to the State Library and have been distributed to the officers and members of the Maine Senate and House, 1915, Legislative correspondents, Maine newspapers, Maine Free Public Libraries receiving state aid, Maine Colleges, State, Territorial and Canadian Libraries, and the Library of Congress.

### **CATALOGUES**

The State Librarian was authorized and empowered, by a legislative resolve of 1891, to index, under the supervision of the Governor and Council, the State Library by the card catalogue system. Previous to that time, printed catalogue lists of the books in the State Library had been issued in 1843, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1856, 1862, and 1867. With the introduction, in 1891, of the card system of cataloguing, the library was made of increased value to the state, for, as new books were added to the library, additional cards could be prepared by hand, and

alphabetically arranged in drawers and cases, and thus the catalogue could be, at all times, an index of the contents of the State Library. With the exception of state documents intended for immediate distribution, the entire library has been catalogued by the Dewey decimal system of classification combined with the Cutter author numbers.

Since there has been the possibility of securing the Library of Congress printed cards, the State Library has purchased such cards for publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, and also the cards supplementing the volume entitled "American and English Genealogies in the Library of Congress." The State Library has also purchased a set of the cards recently printed by the Library of Congress for the Collections and Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society, including those for the Documentary History of Maine.

The function of the State Library is not only to serve the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the state government, but also to be a reference library for all the people of the state. To accomplish this purpose there should be printed and distributed, catalogues of books in the State Library representing various subjects, for example: law, engineering and road building, agriculture, education, social service, history, medicine, etc. These catalogues can be sent to people in the state directly interested in special subjects, with the expectation that when it is known that the State Library is ready to serve them directly, then the people will avail themselves of the opportunity. A catalogue of the law books was printed in 1016. and has been distributed to the lawyers of the state. The plan is to issue and distribute other catalogues, representing other departments of the State Library. Except in special cases where books can be loaned for only a few days, the general rule of the library is that three books may be loaned at one time to individuals in Maine, to be returned within three weeks. transportation charges both ways being paid by the borrower.

### LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE AND INDEX CLERK

By order of the Governor and Council, dated June 30, 1915, authority was given to add to the staff of the State Library a legislative reference clerk. With no special appropriation avail-

able, five hundred dollars has, therefore, been taken from the regular appropriation for this purpose

At the coming session of the legislature, the library will be prepared to furnish the following information:

Laws passed by any state on any subject,
Legislation enacted at any time in Maine,
Legislation proposed at any time in Maine,
Progress of legislation upon a given topic in any state,
References to current periodical comment,
Reference to books dealing with political, social and
economic questions,

Legislative bills and journals of the New England states.

The original purpose of the State Library was to render assistance to the various departments of the state government. In the varied and wider use of the library, brought about by subsequent legislation and the increasing opportunities for service throughout the state, it has been impossible to give more than a very general aid to the members of the legislature and others interested especially in legislative matters. need of a special department in the State Library exclusively for legislative reference work is apparent upon very superficial The expense involved, considering the benefit consideration. derived, would be small. Much of the material to be gathered costs nothing, and the larger part of an appropriation for this special purpose would be spent in the actual work of collecting, arranging, indexing, briefing, condensing and making available to the public the information collected.

Twenty-three states of the union have separate departments or bureaus devoted exclusively to legislative reference work, and ten other states through their state libraries or universities do special work in this line.

The library contains many volumes and documents whose value would be greatly increased if they were indexed. For instance, no provision was ever made for indexing the Legislative Record, but since 1907 it has been indexed at the State Library by legislative order. The volumes issued previous to this date, namely 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903 and 1905, have never been indexed.

It would be possible to place all this work under the direction of the legislative reference department, and I suggest that this legislature pass a resolve creating the legislative reference department of the State Library and that the librarian be authorized to appoint a clerk to that department to be known as the "Legislative Reference and Index Clerk."

### BOOKS LOANED BY THE LIBRARY

Any library or any responsible person in the state may borrow from the State Library, the cost of parcel post, both ways, being paid by the borrower. Books may be kept three weeks.

Local libraries will find their sphere of usefulness broadening as they become more closely acquainted with what the State Library offers. On its shelves are the latest books on the political and social questions of the day, histories and travels of every country of the world, biographies of famous men and women, genealogies of New England families, and books for the student and the general reader in the arts and sciences. The law section has reports, laws and digests from every state in the Union, Canada and Great Britain.

Lists of material available on any specific subject will be sent, free of charge, to any citizen of Maine.

The following table shows, in a general way, the use which has been made of books which can be loaned, but it only indicates partially, the actual use of the library itself, which includes a large number of works that are for consultation and reference use only, such as historical collections, genealogies, vital records, encyclopedias, as well as works in the Law Department.

LOANED BY CLASSES. JANUARY I, 1915-DECEMBER 31, 1915.

1915.	General works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Social science.	Philology.	Science.	Useful arts.	Fine arts.	Literature.	History travel.	Biography.	Law.	Magazines.	*Total.
January	32	16	6	55	2	19	37	30	575	100	35	83	140	990
February	23	12	13	70	. 1	13	44	27	460	104	44	78	136	889
March	42	27	. 8	66	3	13	51	41	545	121	38	127	179	1,082
April	34	20	- 2	60	2	20	51	34	471	84	26	55	132	859
May	13	12	7	50	-	24	37	21	418	74	21	55	152	732
June	17	7	5	52	3	17	31	18	462	52	21	34	140	719
July	19	8	8	48	3	22	26	8	255	36	5	3	141	441
August	20	8	14	44	6	32	33	15	299	89	29	-	154	589
September	21	9	10	40	4	15	40	13	449	110	41	-	187	752
October	36	11	11	37	7	30	32	22	506	144	28	40	224	904
November	23	21	16	64	5	48	52	55	456	124	34	33	233	931
December	27	8	8	53	1	9	42	20	498	119	42	40	217	867
Total	307	159	108	639	37	262	476	304	5,394	1,157	364	548	2,035	9,755

<sup>\*</sup> Total does not include magazines.

LOANED BY CLASSES. JANUARY 1, 1916-

1916.

1916.	General works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Social science.	Philology.	Science.	Useful arts.	Fine arts.	Literature.	History travel.	Biography	Law.	Magazines.	Total.
January	38	7	6	94	6	21	53	27	577	139	31	32	226	1,131
February	57	13	16	105	6	34	89	27	562	160	64	21	216	1,154
March	67	14	10	110	3	37	82	28	556	198	65	44	259	1,214
April	66	8	12	89	2	28	84	35	483	131	46	36	266	1,020
May	52	10	10	47	3	27	. 48	35	365	80	44	31	222	<b>7</b> 52
June	48	6	12	90	63	23	50	31	552	111	49	33	226	1,008
July	28	11	8	63	4	24	35	25	436	100	35	17	212	786
August	39	17	4	66	3	17	41	31	. 455	86	29	9	251	797
September	32	10	5	43	1	13	55	23	326	107	23	29	187	737
October	30	9	6	60	2	9	44	37	395	114	34	16	119	756
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### MAINE HISTORIES

Documentary History. Five hundred copies of each volume, when issued, of the Documentary Series relating to the history of Maine in the Maine Historical Society Collections are purchased by the state for distribution or exchange at the discretion of the State Librarian. Twenty-three volumes have been printed to date in this series, Vols. 21, 22, and 23, having been issued and distributed in 1915-16. They were sent to the Maine Public Libraries receiving state aid, Maine colleges, historical societies, State, Territorial and Canadian Libraries, and the Library of Congress.

BEGINNINGS OF COLONIAL MAINE. "The Beginnings of Colonial Maine, 1602-1658," written by Dr. Henry S. Burrage, State Historian, from original sources, is a very important contribution to the early history of Maine. The edition of 1,069 copies was delivered to the State Library, and duly distributed as follows, in the regular list for state publications: Free Public Libraries in Maine receiving state aid, Maine colleges, Maine Newspapers, Maine Institutions, Maine Library Commission, Exchanges, State, Territorial and Canadian Libraries, and the Library of Congress. Remaining copies have been distributed under special orders from the Governor and Council

HISTORY OF PEMAQUID. The Legislature of 1915 authorized the purchase of 300 copies of the history of Ancient Pemaquid, entitled "Twenty years at Pemaquid," by J. H. Cartland. The copies purchased by the state were delivered at the State Library, June 1, 1915, and have been distributed among the libraries and high schools of the state, the remaining copies being distributed as provided by the law, under special orders from the Governor and Council.

HISTORY OF BUCKFIELD. The Legislature of 1915 made an appropriation for the purchase of 125 copies of the History of Buckfield, Maine, a history of more than local interest, and a real contribution to the historical records of the state. This valuable book of 758 pages, printed in 1915, a history from the earliest explorations to the close of 1900, was written by Alfred Cole, member of the Maine Historical Society, and Charles F.

Whitman, Clerk of Courts of Oxford County. The volumes purchased by the state, to be distributed at the discretion of the State Librarian, were duly delivered to the State Library, and have been sent to the Maine colleges, and Free Public Libraries in the state receiving state aid.

Maine Town Histories. So important is it that the compilation of the histories of Maine towns should be encouraged that there should be a law providing, as in the case of the publication of the Vital Records, that the state would purchase a certain number of copies for distribution. It is recommended that when the history of a town shall have been written, and approved by the State Historian, the state shall purchase at least 150 copies of such history. It is believed that the interest thus shown by the state would result in the preparation of town histories, the need of which cannot be overestimated.

#### CENSUS MANUSCRIPTS

The State Library has been in possession, for many years, of certain manuscript copies of the census of Maine for 1850, 1860, and 1870. This valuable material which includes many names and statistics in detail, which would be useful for genealogists and compilers of the Maine town histories, has been arranged in the main library room for the convenience of all persons wishing to make family and town researches. These manuscripts consist of the following volumes in bound form, for the different counties, namely:

1850, Population, Aroostook, 1 Vol.; Cumberland, 5 Vols.; Franklin, 2 Vols.; Hancock, 3 Vols.; Kennebec, 5 Vols.; Lincoln, 5 Vols.; Oxford, 3 Vols.; Penobscot, 4 Vols.; Piscataquis, 2 Vols.; Somerset, 3 Vols.; Waldo, 4 Vols.; Washington, 4 Vols.; York, 5 Vols.

1860, Population, Androscoggin, I Vol.; Aroostook, I Vol.; Cumberland, 3 Vols.; Franklin, I Vol.; Hancock, 2 Vols.; Kennebec, 3 Vols.; Knox, 2 Vols.; Lincoln, I Vol.; Oxford, 2 Vols.; Penobscot, 3 Vols.; Piscataquis, I Vol.; Sagadahoc, I Vol.; Somerset, 2 Vols.; Waldo, 2 Vols.; Washington, 2 Vols.; York, 3 Vols. Products of Agriculture, 5 Vols.; Products of Industry, I Vol.; Social Statistics, I Vol.

1870, Population, Androscoggin, 2 Vols.; Aroostook, 2 Vols.; Cumberland, 5 Vols.; Franklin, 1 Vol.; Hancock, 2 Vols.; Kennebec, 3 Vols.; Knox, 2 Vols.; Lincoln, 2 Vols.; Oxford, 2 Vols.; Penobscot, 4 Vols.; Piscataquis, 1 Vol.; Sagadahoc, 1 Vol.; Somerset, 2 Vols.; Waldo, 2 Vols.; Washington, 3 Vols.; York, 4 Vols.; Products of Agriculture, 8 Vols.; Products of Industry, 4 Vols.; Social Statistics, 1 Vol.

### CITY, TOWN, AND COUNTY REPORTS

It is required by Section 15, Chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes of the state, that the town clerks of the several towns, city clerks of the several cities, and treasurers of the several counties, shall promptly transmit to the Librarian of the State Library, copies of all printed reports of said towns, cities and counties.

In the past, some clerks and treasurers have neglected to obey this law, with the result that there is not a complete file of the reports in the State Library. This is a very serious condition because the reports are of very great value as sources of state history. A special effort has been made to complete the file in the State Library, and at the time of the annual town meeting a notice was sent to the different clerks of the towns and cities, and county treasurers, calling their attention to the law, and asking them to make a special effort, not only to supply the current report but also to help in completing as far as possible the files of the reports in the State Library. At the same time a list was sent to the city, town, and plantation clerks and county treasurers, showing the different years, the reports of which were missing in the State Library, and asking their cooperation and interest in helping to supply the needed numbers. response on the part of the town and city clerks and county treasurers was quite gratifying, so that considerable progress has been made in completing the files of these reports.

A special alcove in the main room of the State Library is devoted to the collection of the reports. The reports of each city, town, plantation, and county have been placed in boxes and duly labelled, so that they are easily accessible for any persons who may wish to consult them. They have already proved of invaluable help to those in search of facts.

### VITAL RECORDS

The Legislature of 1903 passed an important act, Public Laws 1903, Chapter 203, for the publication of early records. The provision of the law is, that whenever the record of the births, marriages, and deaths, previous to the year 1892, beginning at the very earliest date, of any town in the state of Maine, shall be collected from church records, church registers, records of clergymen, family Bibles, public records and other available sources, and shall be printed and verified in the manner required by the standing committee of the Maine Historical Society, under the editorship of some person selected by said committee, whose services shall be rendered free and without any compensation, and the work shall appear to them to have been prepared with accuracy, the state shall purchase 500 copies of such record.

The law provided that the volumes purchased should be distributed as follows: one copy to the office of secretary of state; one copy to the state librarian; one copy to the free public library of each town and city of the state; one copy to each state and territorial library in the United States; one copy to the library of congress; one copy to each incorporated historical society in the state; one copy to the library of each college in the state; and one copy to each registry of deeds. The remainder shall be placed in the state library for the purpose of exchange.

The object is, through such publications, to make available in print the vital statistics of all towns recorded previous to the date of the establishment of the office of Registrar of Vital Statistics in 1802.

Since the passage of the law in 1903, the Vital Records of the following towns have been printed: Farmingdale, in 1909; Randolph, in 1910; Pittston, in 1911; West Gardiner, in 1913; Gardiner, Volume 1, in 1914, Volume 2, in 1915.

The issue of each of these volumes, purchased and distributed in compliance with the law, has proved of invaluable help to persons making historical and genealogical researches into the vital statistics of these particular towns, and it is hoped that the Vital Records of other Maine towns will appear in due time.

# NORTHEASTERN BOUNDARY MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

In the State Library are four volumes of the original letters relating to the Northeastern Boundary Controversy. A part of the first volume was included in the Piscataquis County Historical Society Collections, Volume 1, pages 328-423, which was published in 1910, but with that exception this original correspondence between the Executive Department of the United States and the State of Maine relative to the international dispute has never appeared in printed form. All the letters in these four volumes which are of much value should be printed. The volumes include the correspondence of the following years: Vol. 1, 1825, 1827, 1828; Vol. 2, 1828, 1829, 1831; Vol. 3, 1832, 1833, 1837, 1838; Vol. 4, 1838, 1839, 1840.

Besides these four volumes of original letters the State Library also contains one volume of manuscript copies of the Commissions of the Governors of Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1763-1786.

The following manuscript documents relating to the Northeastern Boundary Commission are also in the State Library in 24 volumes:

First series, relating to St. Croix River.

- Vol. 1. Journal of proceedings of the Commission, Aug. 30, 1796-Oct. 25, 1798.
- Vol. 2. Appendix to Journal, with testimony, depositions, letters, etc., Oct. 7, 1796-Oct. 18, 1785.
- Vol. 3. Claims and first arguments of the American agents, 1796.
  - Vol. 4. First arguments of British agents, 1797.
- Vol. 5. American agents' rejoinder to the reply of the British agents, 1798.
  - Vol. 6. British agents' supplemental argument, 1798.
- Vol. 7. Appendix to the supplemental argument, 1798.
  - Vol. 8. Four last arguments, 1798.

Second series, relating to the islands.

Vol. 1. Journal of the commissioners, 1816-1817, under the fourth article of the treaty of Ghent.

- Vol. 2. Memorial of the American claim. Part 1. Fourth article of the treaty of Ghent.
  - Vol. 3. Memorial of the American claim. Part 2.
  - Vol. 4. Appendix to American memorial.
  - Vol. 5. Memorial of British claim.
  - Vol. 6. American reply to first British memorial.
  - Vol. 7. British memorial in reply.
  - Vol. 8. Appendix to British reply.
- Vol. 9. Report of Egbert Benson, Commissioner, 1799.

Third series, relating to claims of Commissioners C. P. Van Ness and Thomas Barclay.

- Vol 1. Journal of the Commission, under the fifth article of the Treaty of Ghent.
  - Vol. 2. Claims of agents.
  - Vol. 3. Answers of agents.
  - Vol. 4. Replies of agents.

Report of the British Commissioner, Thomas Barclay. Appendix to British reply.

Duplicate report of C. P. Van Ness, one of the commissioners under the treaty of Ghent.

The original manuscripts themselves, in the four volumes of correspondence between the Executive Department of the United States and the State of Maine, are of such an interesting and valuable character that they should be restored and preserved in more permanent form than they are. In fact, they should be put through much the same process as in the manner of the work done in the case of the Greenleaf and other maps in the State Library, to which reference has been made in another part of this report. There are nearly a thousand leaves in the four volumes as they will make up by treating each document separately. The books may be put through the full silk process, which restores and preserves each document in the full silk treatment, making them up in full leather volumes, titled and tooled, or they may be handled in a similar form of inlaying the leaves in new frames so as to make the leaves and trim all uniform, and combining the silk treatment in those particular documents where the paper is weak and broken. It is estimated that the cost would not exceed \$700. It is recommended that an appropriation be made for this purpose.

### BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

BOOKS ADDED BY PURCHASE. The Statutes, regulating the work of the Maine State Library, make it necessary that special attention should be given to the Law Library, Legislative Reference work, and the books needed in the work of the various departments in the State House.

In former days there was a tendancy among the departments to collect separate libraries, but this is being gradually discontinued, and the books turned over to the State Library, where they are accessible and form a part of a larger collection, and therefore become of increased service to the departments; and in addition, the public have the privilege of using the complete collection.

It is the purpose of the library to make accessible, as far as possible, all statute and case law published in the English language, with their accompanying digests and citations, also the usual dictionaries, encyclopædias, and such special treatises as may be cited by our Supreme Court.

We are fortunate in securing many series of reports and statutes upon exchange account, but there are increasing numbers of these items which, not being published by the states, must be purchased. It is the duty of the librarian to furnish reference books for use in all the departments of the state government.

The rapid development of Maine industry and commercial life demands not only the extension of various departments dealing with state activities, but also is calling into existence new departments such as the Highway, Public Utilities and the Industrial Accident Commission. All these new activities are making great demands upon the library for recent literature dealing with subjects included in their field of investigation.

The Library aims to answer all these demands, and through exchange, donation and purchase there has been added to the library in the last two years a large number of works dealing with agriculture, modern business methods, state highway building, and economics. This field is so vast that a great deal of time and careful attention is required in the purchase of the right kind of book, adapted to the special need of the various departments.

The demand upon the Maine State Library is entirely different from that made upon many other state libraries. For instance, outside of one or two of our larger cities and colleges, there is no large collection of books, and these are not available for the use of the average citizen of Maine. Not only is the above statement true concerning the present, but there is no prospect that Maine will ever have many large libraries. Further, because of our large rural areas, it is doubtful if many of the 437 towns and 66 plantations will ever have any kind of a public library. Therefore, the State Library must be made a great central library, adequate in its collection to supply the reasonable demands of our people.

The Statutes provide that there should be procured and kept in the library not only legal works, legislative documents, state, county and town histories, but also the works on the arts and sciences with special reference to agriculture, forestry, fishing, ship building and road making; maps, charts, plans and manuscripts, statistical and other publications relating to the financial, social, religious and educational condition of the world and more especially of this state, as fast as means are furnished by the state therefor.

BOOKS RECEIVED AS GIFTS. The Maine State Library is fortunate in having many institutions and individuals who are deeply interested in its growth and efficiency. The librarian would gladly mention each of these by name, and give a list of their donations, but to do this would make a book too large for practical purposes. He wishes, however, to call the attention of the Legislature to these persons and their generous gifts.

BOOKS RECEIVED BY EXCHANGE. The exchange of books and other library material is of the highest value and importance. The State Library is constantly increasing the number of its exchanges. The publications of the state, including law reports, Maine registers, department reports, and Maine historical publications, are exchanged with newspapers and the various state libraries, Canadian libraries, and libraries of colleges and institutions.

Books Received from the U. S. Government. The legislature and the people of Maine should know how invaluable are the publications of our national government, and that the Maine State Library has been made a depository of all government publications. In addition to special bulletins, dealing with a vast number of subjects, the library has received books and bulletins dealing with agriculture in all its relations. There are reports through the Bureau of Chemistry of crop estimates, of entomology, of forests, of markets and rural organizations, of plant industry, of soil and weather conditions.

Through the commerce department, there reaches the library all the census publications, coast and geodetic surveys. Through the bureau of corporations the library receives literature dealing with farm machinery, trade associations, state laws concerning foreign corporations and taxations of corporations. Through the bureau of fisheries, information dealing with almost every subject of this important industry. Through the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, there are reports of exports of domestic bread stuffs, food animals, meat and dairy products, cotton and mineral oils.

The above are a few of the items among the more than 2,777 separate publications received from the U: S. government.

Every class of citizens, every business interest, every commercial organization, importers and exporters can secure through the government documents, information of the most exact nature and of the highest order. A post card addressed to the State Library, Augusta, Maine, will give you further information.

The following is a summary of the books received from various sources:

		Purchases	Exchanges	Donations	U. S. Documents	Total
1915		1,269	1,591	425	1,535	4,820
<b>*</b> 1916		997	1,039	319	1,242	3,597
	Total	2,266	2,630	744	2,777	8,417

<sup>\*</sup>To November 14, 1916.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Appropriations and Receipts for the Year 1915.

Salary of Librarian	\$1,650 00
Salary of Assistant Librarian	1,200 00
Maine State Library	12,000 00
Stipend for Free Public Libraries	8,000 00
Founding Free Public Libraries	300 00
History of Buckfield	625 00
Twenty years at Pemaquid	600 00
Documentary History of Maine	2,500 00
Maine Reports	3,200 00
Received for Australian Law Reports	1,700 00
Received for two copies of "Beginnings of Colonial Maine,"	6 00
Received from Little, Brown & Co., (Rebate)	11 10

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Salaries	\$5,938 70
Books	3,190 39
Express and Freight	231 75
Stationery and Office Supplies	363 07
Dues, Subscriptions and Magazines	310 95
Maine Library Bulletins	141 22
Postage	1,003 00
Binding and Printing	232 67
Physical Equipment	865 23
Telephone and Telegrams	69 46
Traveling Expenses	41 71
Miscellaneous	7 22
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# MAINE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVING STATE AID

It is provided by the Revised Statutes, Chapter 4, Section 78, as follows:

The municipal officers in any town or city, and the assessors of any village corporation where a free public library is established, shall annually, on the first day of May, certify to the state auditor the amount of money appropriated and expended by said town, city or village corporation during the preceding year, for the purchase of books and documents for the use and benefit of such free public library, and for the payment of the running expenses thereof; and the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall draw a warrant on the treasurer of state for the purchase of books for the use of such library, for a sum equal to ten per cent of the amount expended by said town or village corporation as certified by its municipal officers or assessors.

The following is a list of the Maine Free Public Libraries receiving state aid during the years 1915 and 1916, showing the amount of stipend paid by the state:

# Maine Free Public Libraries Receiving State Aid 1915 and 1916.

Location.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian. Date of	Number bound		STIPEND PAID BY STATE.	
			founding.	volumes.	1915.	1916.
Auburn Augusta Bangor. Bar Harbor Bath. Belfast. Bethel Biddeford Boothbay Harbor Brewer. Brunswick Bryant's Pond Buckfield Calais. Camden. Canaan *Caribou Castine Cherryfield Cilinton	Stewart Public Library Auburn Public Library Litingow Library Public Library Public Library Public Library Bester Free Library Bethel Library McArthur Library Boothbay Public Library Boothbay Public Library Brewer Free Public Library Whitman Memorial Library Zadoc Long Free Library Free Library and Reading Room Camden Public Library Prescott Free Library Prescott Free Library Witherle Memorial Public Library Witherle Memorial Public Library	Annie Prescott Julia M. Clapp. Charles A. Flagg Inez M. Suminsby Margaret R. Foote Annie Leona Barr Maude L. Thurston. Emma Hatch Stella D. Hodgdon. Alice F. Sawyer Mary Gilman Stella B. Bacon Lizzie L. Allen Alice Delaney Emma J. Hosmer. Nellie M. Tibbetts. Sarah A. Roberts Katherine Davenport May A. Wakefield Mattie Greeley Higgins	1883 1883 1875 1889 1887 1879 1862 1906 1908 1883 1910 1894 1894 1896 1907 1886 1896 1907	6,902 2,557 19,829 12,047 43,323 11,000 20,900 17,462 2,512 3,685 15,434 2,106 4,380 11,500 7,140 1,158 3,447 4,000 1,450	\$15 00 5 00 250 00 100 00 700 00 50 00 140 00 93 00 220 00 50 00 160 00 7 50 21 03 85 00 13 83 100 00 54 79 5 00 38 50	\$15 00 10 00 250 00 100 00 900 00 50 00 140 00 93 00 220 00 30 00 70 00 160 00 7 50 60 00 15 00 50 62 5 00
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# Maine Free Public Libraries Receiving State Aid 1915 and 1916—Continued.

Location.	NAME OF LIBRARY	• Name of Librarian.	Number		STIPEND PAID BY STATE.		
			founding.	volumes.	1915.	1916.	
Farmington	Cutler Memorial Library	Flora A. Brooks	1891	14.000	80 00	90 00	
*Fort Fairfield	Fort Fairfield Public Library	C. E. Hoit.	1888	4.500	128 00	106 99	
†Foxcroft			_		60 00	60 00	
*Freeport.	B. H. Bartol Library	Annette Aldrich	1900	4.536	50 00	50 00	
Friendship	Friendship Library	Supply.	1914	610	_	3 50	
Gardiner	Public Library	Mrs. B. C. Berry.	1871	12.500	100 00	120 00	
Gorham	Baxter Memorial	Victoria A. Magnusson	1908	9.091	135 00	130 48	
Grav	Stimson Memorial	Helen I. Merrill	1907		17 96	17 89	
Greenville	Union League	Mrs F W Allen	1011		10 00	10 00	
*Guilford	Guilford Memorial Library	Ernectine Hele	1003	5.058	57 50	57 50	
Hellowell	Hubbard Free Library	Annie F. Page	1845	11.500	25 00	25 00	
Horrison	Caswell Library	Mrs Mary W Gray			15 00	15 00	
	Hartland Free Library	Nellie Wade Haley	1003	2,755	10 00	5 00	
	Soldiers' Memorial Library				7 50	9 56	
	Cary Library		1000	10.773	100 00	100 00	
Islanhous	Islesboro Free Library				30 00	30 00	
	Public Library			600	3 00	- 50 00	
Jonesboro	Peabody Memorial	Mrs. D. D. Kelley	1002		10 00	50 00	
Jonesport	Case Memorial	Nalla I Name	11000	750	2 50	2 50	
Kenuskeag	Kennebunk Free Library	Neme L. Nason	1000	750	50 00	2 30	
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Lebanon	Free Public Library	Nellie E. Chamberlin	1898		15 00		
*Lewiston	Lewiston Public Library	Angle E. Tracy	1903	23,335	510 76	500 00	
	Limestone Public Library	Mrs. A. H. Damon	1913	1,146	20 00	20 00	
Lincoln	Lincoln Public Library	Jennie D. Coffin.	1879	2,054	21 36	22 07	
Livermore Falls	Livermore Falls Library Association	Mrs. Hattie E. Haines			50 00	50 00	
Machias	Porter Memorial	M. O. Longfellow	1891	4,500	50 00	50 00	
*Madison	Madison Public Library	Maytie Pratt	1907	4,660	80 00	80 00	
Mechanic Falls	Mechanic Falls Public Library	Kate L. Denison			31 11	30 40	
	W. C. T. U. Milo Free Public Library.				40 00	40 00	
Monmouth	Cumston Public Library	Carolyn Pierce Sherman				17 50	
	Free Public Library	. Madeline LeClaire	. 1909	1,300	10 00	10 00	
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Newport New Sharon Norridgewock. Norway Oakland. Old Orchard *Old Town Orono. Oxford Palmyra Passadumkeag Phillips *Pittsfield Portland *Presque Isle Rangeley Rinley	Public Library Public Library Free Library Public Library Crocker Free Library	Mina S. Cary Mrs. F. Perley Caswell. Grace Whitney. Mrs. Addie D. Steward. Helen A. Smiley. Laura E. Hamilton. Amy S. Wood. Abbie G. Wilson. Mrs. Kate Starbird. Lewis W. Frost. Harriet W. Whittier Mrs. Bertha Boston. Minnie Porter. Alice C. Furbish. Lucinda B. Marston Mrs. L. J. Kempton H. Stanley Raymond.	1889   1886   1904   1892   1898   4892   1892   1892   1894   1916   1894   4904   1904   1896   1908   1908   1908   1908   1908   1908   1897   18	3,000 3,103 ,962 3,700 8,800 4,000 4,933 3,487 4,760 3,500 2,500 4,702 4,889 2,480 2,500 4,702 4,889 2,480 4,000 4,0	62 88 25 00 12 48 16 40 70 00 100 00 25 71 100 00 5 00 40 00 143 00 550 00 100 00 50 00	56 32 15 00 4 00 11 93 70 00 100 00 29 44 99 99 35 00 10 00 - 12 50 40 00 123 00 550 00 100 00
Rockport. *Rumford Sanford Searsport. Skowhegan Solon South Berwick South Paris. Stetson. *Vinalhaven Warren *Waterville	Public Library Public Library Public Library Pagg Memorial Library Paris Public Library Public Library Public Library Free Public Library	Mrs. Kate M. Dunbar Susan J. Jewett Bentley Aveyard Mildred Shute. Mrs. Fanny Cabot. Mrs. Alston Rowell Ella Ricker. Ella A. Wight. Effie L. Ireland. L. A. Jones. Flizabeth A. Burgess. Jennie M. Smith.	1914	1,199 1,322 1,877 5,500 3,000 1,000 1,516 8,131 1,382 1,000 5,000 2,425 2,000 2,666	200 00 20 00 150 00 80 00 35 00 10 00 10 00 50 00 10 00 50 00 10 00 10 00 10 00	200 00 20 00 150 00 80 00 85 00 15 00 10 00 30 00 50 00 10 00 300 00
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