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MAINE
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MAY 18 and 19 · 1928

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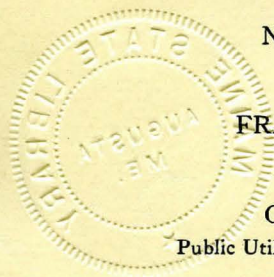
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Act Creating the Maine Development Commission in 1927

PUBLICITY APPROPRIATIONS. RESOLVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year from July one, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, to June thirty, nineteen hundred twenty-eight, and the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year from July one, nineteen hundred twenty-eight to June thirty, nineteen hundred twenty-nine, for the purpose of compiling and publishing data regarding the agricultural, industrial and recreational resources of the State of Maine for general distribution to all persons interested in the State of Maine.

This legislative fund shall be used for:

- a. Compilation, publication, dissemination and advertising of data relative to the state, and the general administration of the purposes of this act.
- b. For newspaper and magazine advertising in conjunction with the moneys raised by cities and towns.

Funds to be solicited from cities and towns for newspaper and magazine advertising, names of contributing cities and towns to be mentioned in advertising and included in special service pamphlet of contributing towns.

MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, HOW COMPOSED AND APPOINTED. Said funds are to be paid into the state treasury and expended under the direction of a commission known as the Maine Development Commission, which said commission shall be composed of the commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of inland fisheries and game, commissioner of forestry, secretary of state and labor commissioner, with six citizens, representing varied interests of the State of Maine, to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. The first citizen appointees on said commission shall be appointed as follows: two for one year, two for two years and two for three years.

No member of this commission shall receive any compensation for services.

REQUEST OF 83rd LEGISLATURE FOR ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

ORDERED, that the Maine Development Commission, when and if created by this Legislature, be and hereby is recommended to consider a convention composed of one hundred citizens of Maine who shall be selected by the Maine Development Commission as representative of every important field of enterprise in Maine, for the purpose of making a survey of economic conditions in Maine, and of preparing suggestions and recommendations for the use of the Maine Development Commission, and others.

The Maine Development Commission shall effect the temporary organization of the convention, and shall lay before the convention the following subjects for consideration:

Agriculture, banking, labor, industry, water resources, forestation, power, transportation, and any other subjects; and the convention may consider other matters upon its own initiative.

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INVOCATION:

DR. WARREN J. MOULTON, President
Bangor Theological Seminary

1. JOHN WILSON, Mayor of Bangor, Address of Welcome for the City.
2. RALPH O. BREWSTER, Governor of Maine, Address of Welcome for the State.
3. CLARENCE C. STETSON, of Bangor, Maine, Chairman of the Maine Development Commission—Subject: "The Commission's Program and the Purpose of the Economic Conference.
4. JOHN S. LAWRENCE, of Boston, President of the New England Council—Subject: "Maine's Place in the New England Council Movement".
5. Appointment Resolutions Committee.
6. MERWIN K. HART, Member and Founder of the New York State Industrial Survey Commission—Subject: "The New York State Industrial Survey Commission—Its Purposes and Accomplishments".
7. CLEMENS J. FRANCE, of New York, Manager of the Community Advertising Department of the New York Times—Subject: "Value of Community Advertising".

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1. COLONEL C. H. BIRDSEYE, Chief Topographic Engineer of the United States Geological Survey—Subject: "Topographic Survey of the State of Maine and Its Value to the State".
2. L. R. SCHOENMANN, Director of the Bureau of Land Economic Survey of the Department of Conservation of the State of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan—Subject: "The Michigan Land Economic Survey and the Relation of the Movement to Idle Land Utilization".
3. JOHN A. SHERLEY, Assistant Treasurer, Junior Achievement Inc, Springfield, Mass.—Subject: "The Expansion of Social and Educational Activities in Rural Communities".

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4. DR. E. A. WHITE, Director of the Committee of Relation of Electricity to Agriculture, Chicago, Ill.—Subject: "Electrification of the Agricultural Districts".
5. D. H. OTIS, Director of the Agricultural Committee of the American Bankers Association—Subject: "How Banks May Aid in the Agricultural Development".

DINNER

1. JULIUS H. BARNES, New York, President United States Grain Corporation, Director and former President United States Chamber of Commerce—Subject: "New England's Part in the Outgrown Industrial Revolution".
2. DR. SAMUEL W. STRATTON, President Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.—Subject: "Cooperation between Educational Institutions and Industry and Agriculture with the View to Securing Opportunities in Maine, for Maine Youth".

MORNING SESSION, MAY 19, 1928

1. HON. HENRY O'MALLEY, Commissioner of Fisheries, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.—Subject: Maine's Greatest Asset—Fishing".
2. CARLE M. BIGELOW, President, Bigelow, Kent, Willard and Company, Inc., Boston, Mass., Member of the Research Committee's Cooperating Group of Professional Research Consultants of the New England Council—Subject: "Possibilities in Maine's Hardwood".
3. ALVIN E. DODD, United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.—Subject: "Modern Methods of Merchandising".
4. JAMES L. MADDEN, New York, Third Vice President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company—Subject: "Migration of Industry".
5. JOHN IHLDER, Expert on Community Surveys and Planning, Washington, D.C.—Subject: "A State Takes Account of Stock".
6. Report of Resolutions Committee.

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Standing Committees of the Maine Development Commission

It is to the work of these Committees that the State of Maine and the Maine Development Commission owes much of the success of its work. Serving without remuneration or the knowledge of the general public of their splendid work, they deserve the highest commendation.

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To the City of Bangor, and the railroads and newspapers of the state.

FACTS ABOUT MAINE

Maine produces 10% of all the potatoes and 46% of all the certified seed potatoes grown in the United States. Maine has less tuberculosis amongst cattle than any state east of the Mississippi or north of the Mason and Dixon line. Twelve of her sixteen counties have been accepted by the United States government as accredited areas.

Washington county holds the world's record in blueberry production. It has 750 blueberry growers and 13 factories devoted exclusively to the canning of that product. Maine's annual blueberry crop is valued at one million dollars.

Maine sweet corn is known the world over for its excellence. The average yearly output of the corn canning factories in the state is 1,652,000 cases of 24 cans each.

Maine is the greatest pulp producing state in the Union.

Maine produces most of the plush used in automobile and railroad car upholstery.

Maine produces the majority of felt used in the manufacture of overshoe tops.

The largest screen manufacturing plant in the world, the largest paper mill and the largest canoe factory are located in Maine.

One shoe manufacturing concern in Maine manufactures 5,000,000 pairs per year, and has a weekly payroll of \$30,000.

Rockland and Rockport are the largest lime producing localities in the east. More lime is shipped from Rockland than from any other seaport in the United States.

The United States Geological Survey credits Maine rivers with a potential maximum of 1,300,000 electrical horse power, of which about 700,000 is undeveloped. In this regard Maine stands 11th in the United States. It has more water power capable of generating electric current than the other five New England States combined. Electric power is available for new manufacturing enterprises in most any section of the state.