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Maine Day, May 24, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The principal feature of this occasion was the dedication of the State building, at which Governor Henry B. Cleaves and staff were present. During the morning a reception was held by the Governor in the parlors of the building, and afterward the Sons of Maine of Chicago took the visitors through the Exposition grounds.



Maine State Building



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At noon the dedicatory exercises were begun by the Hon. Hall C. Burleigh, President of the Maine Board of World's Fair Managers, who made an address detailing the work of the board and its efforts to have the building show in every part and design the materials, methods of construction, and furnishings most characteristic of the State. The building was then formally turned over to Governor Cleaves, who, in a short response, declared it open to the public.

Miss Georgia Cayvan and Madame Lillian Nordica, natives of Maine, were present. Miss Cayvan gave a recitation from Shakespeare, and Madame Nordica made a short speech. The building and the grounds about it were crowded to overflowing. The addresses were made from the balcony, and the tasteful decorations and throngs of gayly dressed people gave it the air of a garden celebration.