MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 114.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Normal Schools.

Resolved, That for repairs and improvements

- 2 upon the buildings and grounds of the three normal
- 3 schools established and maintained by the state,
- 4 there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of
- 5 twenty-five hundred dollars for the year eighteen
- 6 hundred and eighty-three, and a like sum for the
- 7 year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, the same
- 8 to be expended under the direction of the trustees
- 9 of normal schools.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

For the purposes named in the accompanying resolve, no appropriations have been made since 1876, and, in consequence, neither buildings nor grounds have been kept in original condition. In order to restore them to that condition, and to prevent more rapid waste of the State's property, immediate and considerable expenditures are absolutely necessary in the following specific directions, viz:

At Farmington, new floors in all the rooms; repairs upon the roof of the school building, to prevent destructive leakage; repairs upon the heating apparatus, to secure greater economy in fuel; arrangements for better ventilation; the completion of the fencing of the grounds.

At Castine, repairs upon the building, to prevent disintegration of the masonry from leakage from the roof and otherwise; partial and perhaps entire painting of the building; double windows for the main hall, to prevent wastage of heat; revarnishing of the interior; completion of the fence enclosing the lot.

At Gorham, grading about the building, to prevent injury from frosts; grading of the entire lot which was originally a pasture, and is still in its original rough condition, and fencing upon three sides of the same.

In the opinion of the Board of Trustees and of the sub-committees of the Committee on Education, who have visited and examined the buildings, the amounts named in the accompanying resolve are no more than barely sufficient to make the repairs and improvements absolutely and immediately needed.

STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives, February 21, 1883.

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. IVES of Castine, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

F. L. PATTEN, Clerk pro tem.