

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 33

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated to the Maine Institution for the Blind
3 for the year nineteen hundred and nine and a like sum for
4 the year nineteen hundred and ten, to be expended by the of-
5 ficers of said institution in finishing, furnishing and equip-
6 ping its buildings now being constructed; and for purchase
7 of necessary tools, apparatus and materials for the operation
8 thereof; and for the maintenance of said institution.

The officers of said institution in furtherance of the pur-
10 poses of this resolve may provide and pay for temporary
11 lodgings and support of workmen or pupils received at its
12 industrial school or workshop and may ameliorate the con-
13 dition of the blind by industrial training, the circulation of
14 books, promoting visits among the aged or helpless blind in

15 their homes, and by such other methods as they may deem
16 expedient; provided that it shall not undertake the perma-
17 nent support or maintenance of any blind person at the ex-
18 pense of the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Institution for the Blind is located at Portland. It aims to give industrial training to blind boys and girls so that they may become self sustaining, and to ameliorate the condition of the blind throughout the State.

Through the generosity of the City of Portland it has acquired a valuable lot of land, conveniently located and well adapted for the purposes of the institution.

It has in the process of construction two substantial brick buildings to cost over \$40,000.

This appropriation is asked that the grounds may be properly graded, the buildings completed and equipped; and for the maintenance of the institution for the years 1909 and 1910.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 28, 1909.

Reported by Mr. KAVANAUGH from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*