

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 120

In Senate, Jan. 29, 1913.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Education and on motion by Senator Murphy of Cumberland laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the Aroostook Central Institute.

Resolved: That there be and is hereby appropriated for
2 the Aroostook Central Institute at Mars Hill, for the
3 purpose of paying off mortgage debt and other liabilities,
4 and for repairs and improvements on building and grounds,
5 the sum of two thousand dollars for the year nineteen hun-
6 dred and thirteen, and a like sum for the year nineteen hun-
7 dred and fourteen.

STATEMENT OF FACT ACCOMPANYING RESOLVE.

The Aroostook Central Institute, an Academy located at Mars Hill, close to the adjoining Blaine line, on a high elevation overlooking both villages Mars Hill and Blaine, is a corporation organized under the general laws of the state for educational purposes, under the management and control of a Board of Trustees, six from Mars Hill and six from Blaine.

The property of the Institution comprises a lot of four acres of land and building costing thirty-one thousand (31,000.00) dollars. The funds for this institution were procured as follows: The citizens of the two towns of Mars Hill and Blaine voluntarily contributed, as a nucleus upon which to start, a little over six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars, the town of Blaine raised and turned over to the trustees ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, the town of Mars Hill raised and turned over to the trustees eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars, and to finish paying off final expenses on the building, the trustees raised one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars on their individual notes to the Mars Hill Trust Company, and placed a mortgage of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars on the building. There is also the immediate need of the expenditure of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for interior finish, painting and equipment, and the grading of the grounds.

The trustees are hard put to obtain the necessary funds for running the institution, so rapid has been its growth and so great its demands, and have been unable to pay off the indebtedness or make such repairs and improvements on the building and grounds as are necessary.

The school is now in its sixth year. Starting with thirty students and one teacher, now has between ninety and one hundred students and four teachers.

Registration 1909-1910	60 pupils
Registration 1910-1911	72 pupils
Registration 1911-1912	90 pupils
Registration 1912-1913	95 pupils

Increasing number for adjoining towns each year.

Courses, comprise Classical or College Preparatory, English, Commercial for boys and Commercial for girls, and Agricultural.

Graduates:—One in University of Maine, one in Colby, one in Bates, one in Bowdoin, one in Massachusetts Technology, and one in Hillsdale College, Michigan.

Five graduates and one student attended Presque Isle Normal School. Two-thirds of the graduates not above accounted for have attended local training school for teachers, and are now or have been engaged in teaching in this locality.

Average graduating class for four years, eleven. Present senior class, eight. Average number in classes other than senior, twenty-nine. Undoubted registration next fall between 110-120.

All text-books necessary for all courses have been supplied. A reference library of fifteen hundred volumes has been accumulated.

Physical and Chemical laboratories have been installed with all necessary qualitative and quantitative apparatus, sufficient to meet the requirements of any College in the country. The Biological laboratory has some equipment sufficient for most exercises in plant and animal life, but needs some additional apparatus for more accurate and intensive analysis.

The Agricultural course is very popular among the boys, and equipment includes all necessary hand tools, an incubator and hover, and a hive of bees.

The Commercial equipment consists of three typewriters with necessary materials, eighteen commercial desks, and a room for banking purposes to be equipped later.

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these towns by contract, to wit: One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the town of Blaine, twelve hundred (\$1,200.00) dollars from the town of Mars Hill, and tuition from outside these two towns amounting to one hundred and thirty (\$130.00) dollars, the Academic fund received from the state, seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars, and the rebates from the towns for High School Fund of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars each, are all the revenue that the institute has to draw from to pay for its teaching force, fuel, janitor service, lights, repairs and insurance, equipment, outfitting and maintaining its laboratories and the general upkeep of the institution. The expenses for teachers, janitor service and fuel for the present year amount to \$3,150.00, while the additional expenses for lights, insurance, general supplies, laboratory supplies, equipment for Commercial department, upkeep of heating and sanitary system, and the many incidental expenses attendant upon such an institution from day to day, more than equal the surplus in the hands of the trustees; so that to carry on the work for the next year successfully the institution must have additional support and assistance, also for the fact that the board of faculty will cost the institution three hundred (\$300.00) dollars more next year than this.