

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 9.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-FOUR.

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AN ACT to establish Seminaries for teaching the scientific principles of agriculture and mechanic arts.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The sum of three hundred dollars shall  
2 be, and is hereby appropriated, annually, to each  
3 county in the state, for the endowment of a depart-  
4 ment in some one of the academics or seminaries of  
5 learning now established, or that shall hereafter be  
6 established, in each county aforesaid, for the purpose  
7 of giving theoretic and practical instruction in the  
8 scientific principles of agricultural and mechanic arts,  
9 as hereinafter provided.

SECT. 2. A person shall be appointed by the

2 governor and council, whose duty it shall be to re-  
3 ceive the proposals of all such institutions or semi-  
4 naries of learning in the several counties, as may  
5 desire to connect such department as is herein speci-  
6 fied, with their present system of instruction; and  
7 shall proceed to examine the locality, pecuniary  
8 ability, actual means and conveniences, for teaching  
9 the above named sciences, and report to the govern-  
10 or and council which of the institutions in each  
11 county he has selected to receive the appropriation  
12 aforesaid.

SECT. 3. Such seminaries as may be selected to  
2 receive the appropriation herein provided, shall fur-  
3 nish and supply themselves with not less than five  
4 acres of land, with sufficient tools, implements and  
5 fixtures, and means necessary for working the same;  
6 a chemical laboratory, and apparatus sufficiently ex-  
7 tensive to give each pupil in chemistry, practical  
8 exercise in the art; philosophical, and other appa-  
9 rus, needed to illustrate the principles of the sciences  
10 taught; and shall continue such instruction in the  
11 aforesaid branches, at least two terms in the year, of  
12 not less than ten weeks each.

SECT 4. Each agricultural society shall annually

2 choose one of its members whose duty it shall be to  
3 visit the agricultural institution in the county to which  
4 he belongs, during the examinations of the pupils,  
5 which shall be held at the close of each term ; and  
6 such visitor, or visitors, shall report the condition of  
7 the institution, the general results of the doings and  
8 operations therein by the trustees and teachers of  
9 the same, to the board of agriculture, on or before  
10 the third Wednesday of January, annually, accom-  
11 panied with such remarks and suggestions as they  
12 may deem advisable.

SECT. 5. The teacher of the agricultural depart-  
2 ment, in such institution, shall keep a record of the  
3 operations and transactions in his department, and  
4 make to the board of agriculture, on or before the  
5 third Wednesday in January, annually, a report de-  
6 tailing the course of studies pursued, and lectures  
7 given during the year previous ; the number of pupils  
8 that have attended ; the proficiency made ; what  
9 operations and experiments have been made upon  
10 the farm or garden, and the results, together with  
11 such general statèments and suggestions relative to  
12 the institution and the sciences, as he may deem  
13 proper.

SECT. 6. The moneys hereby appropriated for the  
2 use of the institutions as herein provided, shall be  
3 paid, one half at the close of the spring term, and  
4 one half at the close of the fall term ; and if any of  
5 the said institutions shall fail to continue the course  
6 of instruction which is directed and provided for in  
7 this act, the governor and council, on receiving evi-  
8 dence of such fact, shall withhold from the same the  
9 annual appropriations that they would otherwise re-  
10 ceive, until the provisions of this act are fully com-  
11 plied with.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 22, 1854.

This bill, reported by the committee on Agriculture, was read  
once, and

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the same be printed for the  
use of the Legislature.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary.*