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To Hon. Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of Maine
Re Industrial Education

In compliance with your request relative to the matter of industrial education as provided for by Section 2, Chapter 37, of the Public Laws of 1913, as amended by Public Laws of 1915, Chapter 142, which in substance states that \$50,000. shall annually be deducted by the treasurer of the state from the school and mil fund to be used for industrial educational purposes, it is the opinion of this department that the aforesaid sum should not be specifically appropriated, as the statutes make it compulsory upon the state treasurer to see that the money is taken from the school and mil fund and set aside for a particular purpose, namely, for industrial educational purposes, the same to be properly expended under the supervision of the state superintending of schools. As the amount to be taken from the common school fund is fixed by statute, nothing in excess of the amount stated could, of course, be taken from that particular fund. But it is our opinion that this does not in any way prohibit more than the \$50,000. being spent. The excess, however, must come from such fund as the Governor and Council can properly direct and it would be proper to take such excess from the contingent fund.

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