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To James Mossman, Commissioner of Finance, and William D. Hayes, State Auditor

Re: Carrying Balances, June 30, 1944.

. . . I find justification in the Statutes for carrying forward all the items except such amounts as are unencumbered of the following:

- 1. Maine Development Commission, Advertising and Promotion of Agriculture Fund,
- 2. Maine Development Commission, Advertising and Promotion of Sea and Shore Fisheries Products.

I find in the Statutes no legal justification for carrying the five funds marked:

- 1. Farmington Normal School Reserve
- 2. Gorham Normal Schood Reserve
- 3. Machias Normal School Reserve
- 4. Madawaska Training School Reserve
- 5. Presque Isle Normal School Reserve,

but inasmuch as these small reserves have a peculiar history and it is intended to ask the next Legislature to clarify the law covering them, I see no objection to their being carried forward this year. If, however, the Legislature does not see fit to change the Statutes concerning them, it seems to me that they should be lapsed next year.

I find no justification in the Statutes for not lapsing the last item on the list, "Compensation for Injuries".

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