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July 8, 1953

To Honorable Lester S. Crane, Executive Council
Re: Encumbrance of Funds for Repairs at the Aroostook Normal School

We have had some difficulty in reaching you by telephone and we are therefore advising you by letter of the answer to the question propounded by Mr. Fred Kenney of the Department of Education relative to the encumbrance of funds for the repair of the Normal School in Aroostook County, in which problem you were interested.

The question asked as to whether or not the Council Order was sufficient to encumber funds was not really answered when the question was presented to us, but it has been decided by all parties concerned that the procedure leading up to the receipt of the bid accepted by the Governor and Council was not in compliance with the statutory requirements relative to the manner in which bids must be received on the repair or construction of State buildings when such repair or construction exceeds \$3000.

The variance in the statutory method of securing the bids in effect resulted in there being no legal bid.

Mr. Kenney has directed the proper parties to re-advertise for bids for the necessary repairs to the Normal School.

We sincerely hope this answers your question.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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