

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 88.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 5, 1869.

The Joint Select Committee appointed to examine and revise the appropriations granted by, and pending before the Legislature, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

That having given the several appropriations all that investigation and attention which the time and circumstances would allow, your Committee do not think proper to recommend the repeal of any resolve making appropriation now passed and approved. A portion of the same is based upon legal claim against the State. The remainder is appropriations for the repair of roads and bridges, and are mainly such as are located in and through lands and townships belonging to the State, and for years have been, and now are, from the evidence before us, necessary and expedient, in order to develop the resources and enhance the value and induce the settlement of our public lands; that they have been for years subjects of legislative aid upon the principle of sound and economical State policy.

The act to provide in part for the expenditure of the government, approved Feb. 15, 1869, embraces the necessary and usual yearly appropriations required to provide for the payment of appropriations created by acts and resolves of the Legislature, and the necessary expenditure of government for the current fiscal year.

The resolves for the repairs of roads and bridges, now passed to be engrossed and still pending, excepting the bridge in Plymouth, Penobscot County, and the bridge over Madawaska stream, Town-

ship I, we report back to the Legislature without any recommendation on account of the want of evidence whereon to base any conclusion. The resolve for the bridge in Plymouth, Penobscot County, we report ought not to pass, that the County of Penobscot should be authorized and required to support and maintain said bridge. The resolve in favor of the bridge over Madawaska stream, Township I, Aroostook County, ought to pass.

Upon a careful and somewhat lengthy examination and hearing in relation to the necessity for another wing to the Maine Insane Hospital, your Committee were impressed with the importance of the subject, unanimously recommend an appropriation of \$25,000 for that object, and report adversely to any appropriation for the purchase of the "Toby farm," so-called. We also recommend the passage of the resolve in favor of the Reform School.

The appropriation for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, being the interest due those tribes upon the Indian fund to which they are entitled by law, should be made as provided by the resolves now pending before the Legislature.

The resolves for the expense of issuing State bonds; also in favor of John Gardner, James and John Hayford for reimbursements, and for the State Library, and Samuel W. Wallace for pension, ought to pass.

We also report adversely to the resolve in favor of the Maine State Agricultural Society for premiums; also adversely to the resolve for the appropriation to erect a monument to the late Dr. Holmes; also to the resolve in favor of Wilton Academy. We also report adversely to the bill, "An Act providing for chaplain of State Prison"—recommending the usual appropriation of \$300 for religious service in said prison.

Your Committee regarding the common school system, as above all others, worthy and entitled to aid from the Legislature, recommend the passage of the bill "An Act to establish schools in Madawaska territory."

The appropriation for the State Prison was thoroughly investigated, the Committee taking the utmost care to inquire into the actual wants and necessities of that institution, and unanimously came to the conclusion that economy and a successful management of the prison demand the appropriation asked for.

After a careful and patient hearing, relative to the appropriation for the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, your Committee

were unable, in the short time allowed for the consideration of the subject, to determine upon any definite recommendation, and desiring that nothing should be done which should contribute to endanger the passage of a resolve for the necessary and requisite wants of the institution, which promises so much to the State, your Committee conclude to report back the resolve without any recommendation.

Upon the examination of the resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls, your Committee find that the sum of \$15,000 is not to be expended until a like sum shall be raised by individual donation within three years from the passage of the resolve. Hence report back the resolve without any recommendation.

Your Committee regarding the State under peculiar obligation to aid and assist the destitute orphan children of our soldiers and seamen, recommend the passage of a resolve for that purpose.

The Committee report against the act to repeal "An Act concerning the Militia," approved Feb. 23, 1869, and recommend that said act be amended by striking out Section 5 of said bill, and report a bill for that purpose, and that the same ought to pass.

The resolve relating to the State Normal School at Farmington, is reported back to the Senate without any recommendation.

Your Committee having discharged the duties assigned them, so far as the circumstances, facts and time would permit respectfully submit the foregoing report.

W. W. BOLSTER,
F. LORING TALBOT.
FRED G. MESSER.
A. B FARWELL, except Toby farm.
THOMAS B. REED.
JUDAH D. TEAGUE.
P. J. CARLETON.
A. C. CHANDLER.
JERE G. PATTEN, except Plymouth bridge.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 6, 1869. }

Read and accepted in concurrence, and ordered to be printed on
motion of Mr. GILBERT.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*