

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 30.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The "Fort Fairfield High School" was chartered by the State in 1869, and since that time has been in successful operation. The citizens of that town and vicinity have erected a good substantial building, capable of accommodating 120 students. It has connected with it, ample and convenient grounds,—ornamented with trees, and well fenced. It has been well patronized—having an attendance of from fifty to seventy-five scholars. Normal school teaching has been made a specialty, and every term has turned out a fine class of common school teachers.

It is located in a growing, flourishing town—with a back country to come into its support—in the new and fast settling county of Aroostook. It is in a part of the State where competent school teachers are very much needed. It is more than two hundred miles from any State normal school, and cannot depend at all upon teachers from either of these institutions.

We believe the small appropriation here recommended, will do more good and make better returns to the State, than double that amount of money given to any of the decaying institutions of learning in the older parts of the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Per order.

JOHN J. PERRY, *Chairman.*

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Fort Fairfield High School.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars is
2 hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the
3 treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the term of
4 five years to "Fort Fairfield High School," an insti-
5 tution of learning located in the town of Fort Fairfield
6 in the county of Aroostook; *provided, however*, that
7 this appropriation is made on the express condition
8 that the trustees of said high school shall maintain
9 and keep in operation a school equal in rank and grade
10 of teaching with a first class academy, and also main-
11 tain a normal department equal to that required by
12 law of the state normal schools; *and provided further*,
13 that the governor and council and superintendent of
14 common schools shall have a right at any and all
15 times to visit said school when the same shall be in
16 operation; and if in the opinion of the governor and
17 council said seminary at any time hereafter shall fail
18 to fulfil the conditions contained in this resolve, they
19 may in their discretion withhold the appropriation
20 herein granted.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1872. }

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. PERRY of
Oxford, read once and Wednesday next assigned, and ordered
printed with Statement of Facts.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*