

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 55.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the State Prison.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-one thousand dollars be appropriated for the benefit of the state prison, to be divided as follows: toward paying the debt, fifty thousand; for repairs, eight hundred; for library, two hundred—fifty-one thousand dollars.

REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF STATE PRISON.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :

The Joint Standing Committee on State Prison, to whom were referred the reports of the Commissioners, Warden, Inspector, Chaplain and Physician of that institution, having had the same under consideration, and having on the 20th day of February, accompanied by the Hon. William Wilson of the Governor's council, visited the prison, ask leave to submit the following report :

The prisoners are generally in good health, and appear to be under good discipline ; most of them are regularly employed in the different departments connected with the prison.

Your Committee could only make a limited examination of each department and cannot report in detail the working of any of them. There is a large stock of carriages on hand, finished and in process of construction, the sale of which during the coming season will materially reduce the indebtedness of the prison.

Your Committee call your attention to that part of the Warden's report relating to the debts of the prison. Many of the creditors need their money, and claims amounting to over fifty thousand dollars have been presented to your committee, with urgent requests that some arrangement be made for their immediate payment.

For the purpose of paying the outstanding claims against the prison, which are now long overdue, it is the judgment of your committee that the sum of fifty thousand dollars will be required in addition to what will be realized from the sale of carriages.

The prison needs some repairs; may probably be made at an expense not exceeding eight hundred dollars (\$800).

The library needs replenishing, and it is the opinion of your committee that the sum of two hundred dollars can be advantageously expended for that purpose.

We herewith present resolves to carry into effect the above recommendations.

CHAS. P. EMERY,
J. S. WILLOUGHBY,
SAMUEL A. TRUE,
CONVERSE PURINGTON,
GEORGE GETCHELL,
SILAS W. COOK,
Committee.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 5, 1880.

Reported by Mr. EMERY from the Committee on State Prison,
and laid on the table to be printed, with accompanying Report,
under the Joint Rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*