

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 25.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Lee Normal Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars is
2 hereby annually appropriated out of the school
3 fund, for the term of ten years, to Lee Normal
4 Academy, an institution of learning located in the
5 town of Lee, in the county of Penobscot; *provided,*
6 *however,* that this appropriation is made on the ex-
7 press conditions that the trustees of said institution
8 shall maintain and keep in operation a school equal
9 in rank and grade of teaching with a first-class
10 academy, and in which shall be given special and
11 systematic instruction in the science and art of
12 teaching, that no part of this appropriation shall
13 be devoted to other purposes than the payment of
14 instructors in said institution, that the Superinten-

15 dent of Common Schools shall be *ex-officio* a mem-
16 ber of the board of directors thereof; and that, if
17 in the opinion of the Governor and Council, said
18 institution, at any time hereafter, shall fail to fulfil
19 the conditions contained in this resolve, they may,
20 in their discretion withhold the appropriation here-
21 in granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Lee Normal Academy is situated in Lee, Penobscot County. It is the only Institution in that section of the State affording opportunities for a higher grade of education. It is especially designed to prepare those attending, for teachers. The common schools in that section are taught by the graduates and students of this Institution.

For the past four years the State has rendered aid to the extent of six hundred dollars per year, during which time, the number of scholars has doubled. At the last fall term there were in attendance ninety-four students. In order to maintain the present efficiency of the School and place it upon a permanent basis, further aid for a term of years is necessary in order that the Trustees may have at their disposal the small amount accruing each year from the invested fund of the Institution to meet its growing wants. No part of the amount appropriated is to be used for any other purpose except to pay instructors. And it is to be expended under the direction of the State Superintendent of Schools. The income from the invested fund is about two hundred dollars per year.