

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 20.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Maine Central Institute.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars
2 is hereby annually appropriated out of any money
3 not otherwise appropriated for the term of ten
4 years to Maine Central Institute, an institution of
5 learning located in the town of Pittsfield in the
6 county of Somerset; *provided, however,* that this
7 appropriation is made on the express conditions
8 that the trustees of said institution shall maintain
9 and keep in operation a school equal in rank and
10 grade of teaching with its present high grade and
11 rank and also maintain a normal department equal
12 in grade to that required by law of the State
13 normal schools; and provided further, that the

14 governor and council and superintendent of com-
15 mon schools shall have a right at any and all times
16 to visit said school when the same shall be in
17 operation and if in the opinion of the governor and
18 council said institution at any time hereafter shall
19 fail to fulfill the conditions contained in this resolve
20 they may, in their discretion withhold the appro-
21 priation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Maine Central Institute is pleasantly located in the village of Pittsfield, has a large brick school building costing over \$30,000. It is heated by steam and well lighted and ventilated. Departments are maintained as follows: College Preparatory, Classical, Scientific, Normal, Musical and Commercial. In 1870, the State appropriated \$10,000 to the school on condition that a normal department for the preparation of teachers be established and maintained, and also on condition that the principal should be invested by the Trustees and the interest only used. The Trustees have found the interest on this appropriation, amounting to about five hundred dollars per year, to be entirely inadequate to maintain a good normal department. The experience of the Trustees justifies them in believing that at least \$1,500 annually is needed to equip and maintain a good and efficient normal department. The school, aside from its normal department, has no endowment whatever, and its friends have annually been obliged to make up deficiencies both in the normal and other departments. The income from other departments not infrequently has to be expended in making up deficiencies in the normal department. The school is located in a section quite removed from other normal schools, and many young men and women avail themselves of our normal facilities who would otherwise be unable to receive the benefits of any normal training. The school is of vast importance to the State, maintains high grade and rank and is well patronized. With the amount asked for in the Resolve, the normal department can be well maintained and its personal friends relieved of a burden which they have carried for years, the State reaping the benefits. We feel confident that funds appropriated here will yield the State as good returns as those appropriated for any school in the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 26, 1891.

Tabled by Mr. HARRIS of East Machias, pending passage to be engrossed and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*