

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 52.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-ONE.

RESOLVE in favor of Bridgton Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars
2 be hereby appropriated annually for the term of
3 ten years to Bridgton Academy, an institution of
4 learning located in the town of Bridgton in the
5 county of Cumberland. Provided, however, that
6 this appropriation is made upon the express condi-
7 tion that the trustees of said institution shall main-
8 tain and keep in operation a school in equal rank
9 and grade of teaching with a first class academy
10 of not less than three terms of ten weeks each
11 during each year, and provided further that the

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Bridgton Academy was incorporated by Massachusetts in 1808, and the school was opened in 1811. Since 1878 it has been in continuous operation, having three terms of twelve weeks each per year, with an average attendance exceeding one hundred pupils per term. With the act of incorporation, Massachusetts gave one-half township of land with the act of incorporation, with the conditions that three thousand dollars be raised by the Trustees, as an endowment fund. Thirty-seven individuals residing in Bridgton, Harrison and Waterford, subscribed and paid \$4,139.00. A fire having swept over the land given the Academy it was sold for about \$3,000.00, but this sum was largely reduced by expensive law-suits with the Penobscot Indians regarding title. The only money given the Institution by the State of Maine was \$200.00 in 1861 and \$100.00 in 1862 appropriated for a normal department. Friends of the Academy since 1885 have given about \$6,000.00 toward erection and repair of buildings, which now consist of two for school purposes, and a dormitory for young ladies, all being thoroughly equipped, having a library, philosophical and chemical apparatus, and a mineralogical cabinet. The Institution at the present time has accommodations for from one hundred and fifty to two hundred students.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. KIMBALL of Bridgton, from the Committee on Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*