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STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA, MAINE, January 20th, 1891.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
Representatives :*

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Commissioners appointed under a Resolve of the Legislature; approved March 5th, 1889 to select an eligible site for an Insane Hospital, to be located at or near Bangor and to be known as the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

EDWIN C. BURLEIGH.

*To the Honorable the Governor and Executive Council of
Maine :*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned Commissioners appointed under a Resolve of the Legislature approved March 5, 1889, to select an eligible site for an Insane Hospital, to be located at or near Bangor, to be known as the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, and to procure plans to be made according to the most approved models for such an institution, beg leave to report,

That after a long and careful inspection of sites in Bangor, and towns in its vicinity, we selected a site in the city of Bangor, near and adjacent to the City Water Works.

This site comprised three estates, viz :

Estate No. 1, is Lot No. 22, according to Park Holland's Plan, formerly owned by Jacob Drummond, and now purchased of the heirs of the late Thomas N. Egery and the Trustees of the estate of the late Samuel F. Hersey, for \$12,000.

Estate No. 2, is a part of Lot No. 21, Park Holland's Plan, originally owned by Major Robert Treat, and now purchased of George W. Spratt, Esq., for \$6,000.

Estate No. 3, is a strip, part of Lot No. 21 aforesaid, formerly owned by Major Robert Treat, and now purchased of the heirs of the estate of the late Thomas N. Egery, for \$2,000.

In all containing 105 acres, bounded southerly on State street and the Penobscot river ; easterly on the Hogan road ; northerly on Mount Hope avenue, and westerly on land belonging to the estate of the late Thomas N. Egery.

The Commissioners availed themselves of the advice and assistance of Dr. Bigelow T. Sanborn, Superintendent of the Maine Insane Hospital at Augusta.

Dr. Sanborn inspected with us the various sites suggested to the Commissioners and most cordially and heartily approved our selection.

The Commissioners are much indebted to Doctor Sanborn for his valuable advice and assistance in everything pertaining to this measure.

Mr. George M. Coombs of Lewiston, an architect by profession, was selected to assist us in the preparation of plans. Mr. Coombs has had much experience in this particular work.

The Commissioners and Mr. Coombs have visited hospitals in Washington, D. C., Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts, and also many other public buildings.

Many important subjects enter into a work of this magnitude. Sewerage, heating, lighting and ventilation are the most important, and they have been most thoroughly and carefully considered.

The Commissioners have followed no beaten path, but have endeavored to prepare plans which will combine all the modern improvements, and justify themselves.

With the assistance of Mr. Coombs they hope they have succeeded.

The needs of the State for the future in this direction should be met, and with a due regard to a wise economy, a hospital should be built which will be a credit to the State, and a blessing to that unfortunate class of our people who need its treatment and benefits.

All of which is herewith submitted.

JOSEPH W. PORTER,
JASPER HUTCHINGS,
DANIEL ARTHUR ROBINSON, } *Commissioners.*

BANGOR, December 31, 1890.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 21, 1891.

Read, and on motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, laid on the table
to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*