

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 188.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Springfield Normal School.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby
2 annually appropriated for the term of six years to Spring-
3 field Normal School, an institution of learning located in
4 the town of Springfield, in the county of Penobscot;
5 provided, however, that this appropriation is made upon
6 the express condition that the superintendent of common
7 schools shall have the right, at all times, to visit said
8 school, when the same shall be in operation, and provided,
9 further, that the directors of said institution shall make
10 a report, annually, to the superintendent of common

11 schools, setting forth the course of study, the number of
12 students attending the institution and any other facts
13 which the said superintendent may deem necessary. And
14 the said superintendent may at his discretion order said
15 appropriation withheld.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Springfield Normal School was established in 1883 and is located at Springfield, Penobscot county. The institution employs four teachers and at times five. The number of students attending ranges from 125 to 190 during the year. The institution has no fund but has been supported entirely by the amounts received for tuition and the two hundred and fifty dollars, received by the town under the free high school act, and paid to the directors of the institution by virtue of chapter 215 of the private and special laws of 1887.

The school has a regular course of study and graduates a class each year. It is centrally located and surrounded by many towns which do not support high schools. It is situated in a farming community and affords to farmers' boys and girls facilities for acquiring a higher education, fitting them for teachers. Nearly all those attending the institution finish their education here. The town within a few years has entirely repaired and refurnished the school building at a cost of nearly three thousand dollars.

It has been found almost impossible to maintain the school with its present income and unless additional aid is granted, the school must close.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 12, 1891.

Reported by Mr. POOR from Committee on Education, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*