

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 34.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of State College of Agriculture and  
Mechanic Arts, with statement of facts.

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*Resolved,* That there be paid to the trustees of the  
2 Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts  
3 the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the year one  
4 thousand, eight hundred and ninety-five, and annually  
5 thereafter for the term of ten years. Provided, however,  
6 that no part of the above named sum shall be expended  
7 for instruction, and that the said trustees shall set apart  
8 such portion of said sum as may not be necessary in pro-  
9 viding needed equipments, defraying expense of repairs,  
10 and of insurance, and in the care and improvement of the  
11 campus, to be used in the erection of such building or  
12 buildings as may become necessary in consequence of an  
13 increased number of students.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine State College consists of two parts: First, the Experiment Station, which receives annually from the United States \$15,000. This sum pays its expenses and can not legally be used for any other purpose whatsoever. We therefore need pay no further attention to the Experiment Station. Second, the College proper of the Departments of Instruction. All further statements refer to this part of the College.

The present available income of the College consists of what the endowments and the U. S. annuity yield, thus:

From endowment fund produced from sale of land (original U. S. grant) invested almost entirely in State bonds, \$131,000, at 5 per cent.....	\$6,550 00
From United States annuity, under Morrill Act..	20,000 00
From Coburn bequest, invested in State bonds, \$100,000, at 4 per cent.....	4,000 00
	\$30,550 00

The United States law requires, and the State law guarantees that no part of the U. S. annuity and no part of the income from the land grant fund shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, except the payment of the direct expenses of instruction. The product of the Coburn fund is the only part of the income which may be applied to other expenses, and this has never been sufficient but has always needed to be supplemented by State appropriations. The increased number of students will require an increased number of teachers, and make it necessary to use the whole of the present income including the revenue from the Coburn fund, for salaries. For instance, in mathematics, the Freshman class, which in former years has been taught together, should now be divided into three divisions, requiring three hours of teaching instead of one. Similar division should be made in several other studies.

The *College has*, therefore, no funds whatever at its disposal for the care, repairs and insurance of its buildings, the preservation and renewal of its apparatus, for the maintenance of its laboratories, etc. What these expenses are is fully explained in the report of the President of the College. A summary of his estimates for the years 1895 and 1896 is given below. As these estimates include some special items, similar expenses during the succeeding eight years will be somewhat less.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES FOR THE YEARS 1895 AND 1896.

A. Office for president and treasurer.....	\$1,000 00
B. Postage, stationery and printing.....	1,000 00
C. Improvement of grounds .....	2,000 00
D. Fuel .....	1,000 00
E. General repairs.....	5,000 00
F. Repairs to dormitory .....	6,000 00
G. Insurance. (1893 to 1897).....	3,400 00
H. General expenses .....	10,000 00
I. Library .....	5,000 00
J. Equipment and maintenance of eleven departments, viz: chemistry, electrical engineering, natural history, agriculture, animal industry, horticulture, library, military science, physics, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, civics.....	29,420 00
	<u>\$63,820 00</u>

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 29, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. GILBERT of Greene, from Committee on State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*