

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 151.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Leavitt Institute.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars per year,
2 for a period of two years, be and hereby is appropriated, to
3 be paid to the trustees of Leavitt Institute of Turner, for
4 educational purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Committee on Education:

The institution for which this appropriation is solicited has a school building with a capacity for two hundred students, costing ten thousand dollars. It is the only institution of the kind in the county outside of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn.

The school when well equipped will be not only of great advantage to the citizens of Turner, but will, undoubtedly, be patronized by the surrounding towns of Livermore, Leeds, Greene, Buckfield and Hartford.

It is designed to make this a preparatory school with a normal department. The town of Turner is one of the foremost agricultural towns of the State; it has the most successful dairying association of the State; its grange numbers the largest in the order of Patrons of Husbandry; its lodges and other fraternal organizations are among the most exemplary. The directors and friends of this institution will endeavor to make this institute second to no academic school in the State of Maine.

In years past Turner has been favored with a school fund which has been of great benefit to the public schools of our town. A portion of this fund was so invested that it was swept away by the great freshet that occurred last March. We were consequently deprived of the use of the interest which according to the conditions of the grant had to be added to the remaining principle until it amounted to a specified sum. We are, therefore, at present, cut off from the aid we have previously had from this source.

The school is more especially in need of this appropriation at this time, on account of the bonded indebtedness of the town to the extent of twelve thousand dollars in consequence of the flood of last spring. Twenty thousand dollars could be used at good advantage. We do not ask for twenty thousand dollars, but we do hope that the good judgment of your honorable board will give us a resolve for one thousand dollars per year until we can get better established.

A. C. DAY, of Turner.

February 1, 1897.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 25, 1897.

Reported by Mr. GILMAN of Houlton, from Committee on Education,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*