

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 174.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Summer Training Schools for Teachers
and the Distribution of Educational Documents.

Resolved, That there be appropriated from the State school
2 fund for each of the years eighteen hundred ninety-seven
3 and eighteen hundred ninety-eight the sum of twenty-five
4 hundred dollars to defray the expenses of holding at least
5 four summer training schools for teachers and for the pur-
6 pose of preparing and distributing among the teachers of
7 the common schools and school officers of this State, out-
8 lines, suggestions and directions concerning the manage-
9 ment, discipline and methods employed in teaching, for
10 the purpose of promoting improved systems of instruction;
11 said schools to be conducted by and said documents to be

12 prepared and distributed under the direction of the State
13 superintendent.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Objects of summer schools.

To give instruction in the common English branches, nature studies, physiology, hygiene and advanced methods, and such other subjects as demand special attention in common schools.

To inform teachers as to the best educational magazines and books and how to use the same to the best advantage.

To give teachers better ideas of their work and inspire them to fit themselves more thoroughly for doing the same.

Objects of the distribution of educational documents: The purpose of this distribution is to render the work of the common schools more efficient by furnishing superintendents and teachers with outlines of topics to be taught, suggestions as to the best methods to be used and directions in management and discipline; to place in the hands of teachers lists of the books, papers and magazines that give the best and latest discussions of schools and school room work and to disseminate among the people of the State, in the form of circulars, such ideas and suggestions as may help them to a greater appreciation of the need of improvement in our common schools.

The experience of the past two years has demonstrated the great value of these summer training schools to the teachers of the State and the interest taken in them has made it absolutely necessary to extend their number and scope, while the constantly increasing demand for educational documents and circulars have rendered it necessary to provide for a greater number for the next two years.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 17, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*