

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 58.

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 two years to Springfield
3 Normal school, an institution of learning, located in the town
4 of Springfield, in the county of Penobscot; provided, however,
5 that this appropriation is made upon the express condition that
6 the superintendent of common schools shall have the right, at
7 all times, to visit said school, when the same shall be in opera-
8 tion, and provided further, that the director of said institution
9 shall make a report, annually, to the superintendent of common
10 schools, setting forth the course of study, the number of
11 students attending the institution, and any other facts which the
12 said superintendent may deem necessary, and the said superin-
13 tendent may at his discretion, order said appropriation withheld.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In 1891 the legislature granted this institution five hundred dollars for six years (see chapter 68, Resolves of 1891). Two years ago the appropriation was renewed. This resolve simply extends this appropriation for a farther term of two years. It asks for no increase and makes no change in the conditions imposed by that resolve.

Springfield normal school was established in 1883, and is located at Springfield, in Penobscot county. The institution employs three teachers and at times four. The number of students ranges from 125 to 150 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 there. The town within a few years has entirely repaired and refurnished the school building at a cost of nearly three thousand dollars. It will be impossible to maintain the school unless aid now received is continued.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 7, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*