

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 1.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Eastern Maine Hospital for the
Insane.

Resolved, That for the purpose of completing the buildings
2 of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital already erected in
3 Bangor, provided for by chapter 18 of Resolves of 1895, and
4 for the purpose of adding thereto two pavilions capable of
5 accommodating two hundred or more patients, the sum of
6 (\$112,500.00) one hundred twelve thousand five hundred
7 dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be expended during
8 the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and
9 (\$112,500.00) one hundred twelve thousand five hundred
10 dollars to be expended during the year one thousand nine
11 hundred;

That the Governor and Executive Council are hereby
13 directed to take immediate steps to construct and complete

14 the aforesaid buildings in such a manner as to be fireproof,
15 in accordance with plans already accepted, and which were
16 drawn by John Calvin Stevens, of Portland;

That every contractor before commencing work under his
18 contract shall be required to give bond, with surety or sure-
19 ties, to be approved of by the Governor and Executive Coun-
20 cil, conditioned for the faithful performance of all the terms
21 and conditions of his contract;

That the Governor and Executive Council may employ a
23 competent and experienced builder to superintend the work
24 provided for by this Resolve, at a compensation not to exceed
25 (\$5) five dollars per diem, expenses included, who shall give
26 such bond to the State of Maine as the Governor and Execu-
27 tive Council may require, for the true and faithful discharge
28 of his duties, and who shall be removable by the Governor
29 and Executive Council for sufficient cause;

That the Governor and Executive Council are hereby
31 authorized to make and execute, in behalf of the State of
32 Maine, the contracts necessary for carrying on the work pro-
33 vided for by this Resolve;

That the Governor and Executive Council are hereby
35 directed to make disbursements under this Resolve only upon
36 presentation of proper vouchers duly verified by oath;

That the Governor and Executive Council are hereby
38 authorized to draw warrants on the State treasurer from
39 time to time in payment of liabilities incurred under this
40 Resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Several years ago the overcrowded condition of the Maine Hospital for the Insane, and especially the lack of sufficient accommodations there for the rational and scientific care of the acute and curable insane, became so pronounced, that the legislature began preparations for relief, by projecting a new hospital at Bangor, and providing for the purchase of a site therefor.

In 1895, the 67th legislature, recognizing the increasing demand for enlarged accommodations for the insane, and concurring in the opinion of the best authorities that the proper care of those of the acute insane who may hope for recovery, requires that each patient should be treated individually and have a degree of privacy; and that no more than five hundred of them should be grouped in one hospital, authorized the establishment of the Eastern Maine Hospital for the Insane, and appropriated \$150,000 to be expended in buildings at Bangor. When the 68th legislature met in January, 1897, although the appropriation had been exhausted, the building for kitchen, laundry and boilers, and the central administration building were still incomplete, and no ward building had been begun. That legislature, as is well known, failed to appropriate money to continue the work, and the buildings begun have remained unfinished to this day.

But time has gone steadily on with his work, adding to the number of unfortunate people who need treatment for insanity, until to-day there are 735 patients in the Maine Hospital for the Insane, whose normal capacity is only 583.

Besides, the management may in some cases have been forced to discharge patients, in order to make room for others, sooner than in their best professional judgment was wise, and sooner than they would have done, had the accommodations at their disposal been ample.

The sensible and feasible way to relieve this undesirable condition at the Maine Hospital, is to complete the Eastern Maine, and the architect of that hospital has made the following esti-

mates of the amount of money which will be required to finish sufficient buildings to accommodate 200 patients.

To complete building for laundry, kitchen and boilers,	\$12,700
To complete central or administration building.....	16,600
To build two ward buildings, at \$71,650 each.....	143,300
For heating and ventilation.....	22,000
For electric work, dynamos, etc.....	9,500
For plumbing, drains and sewers.....	14,500
For main sewer and grading.....	3,000
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	\$221,600

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 10, 1899.

Presented by Mr. PLUMMER of Penobscot, and on his motion laid on table to be printed, pending reference.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.