

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 28.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Bluehill-George Stevens Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and is
2 hereby appropriated, annually, for the term of two years, to
3 aid Bluehill-George Stevens academy; provided, however, that
4 this appropriation is made upon the express condition that the
5 trustees of said institution shall maintain and keep in operation
6 for at least thirty-six weeks per year, a school equal in rank
7 and grade of teaching with a first class academy; and that if
8 in the opinion of the governor and council, said institution shall
9 fail to fulfill this condition, they may, in their discretion, with-
10 hold the appropriation herein granted.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

For more than ninety years Bluehill academy has been a strong educational force in Eastern Maine, having been incorporated in 1803. During all the years that the school has been maintained there have been more or less pupils in attendance from surrounding towns. A grant of a half township of land from the commonwealth of Massachusetts, was the nucleus of a fund, which by careful investment reached at one time the amount of about \$12,000, but within a few years since some \$4,000 has been lost by insecure investments.

Nearly fifty years ago the late George Stevens, Esq., by his last will and testament, left a sum of money in trust to be used to build and support an academy when, in the judgment of the trustees, such should be needed. In 1897 it was thought by the trustees of this fund that the time had arrived to apply the money to the purpose designated by the donor, and in 1898 a new and convenient academy building was completed and occupied for the fall term of that year. Arrangements have been entered upon whereby the school will be managed by the two corporations jointly. The school will be known by the name of the Bluehill-George Stevens academy. About \$8,000 of the George Stevens fund remained when the building was completed, the income of which is to be used towards the support of the school. At the present time the school is maintained by uniting with the free high school, by the interest of the funds invested, and by the state appropriation of \$500 annually.

There is an average attendance of over eighty pupils, and thirty-six weeks constitute the school year. Pupils satisfactorily completing the four years' academic course receive diplomas at their graduation. In order that the school may maintain and increase its usefulness and become a suitable fitting school for higher institutions of learning, it is actually necessary that it should continue to receive aid from the state.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 7, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*