

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 98

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby
2 annually appropriated out of the school fund, for the
3 term of two years, to Lee Normal Academy, an institu-
4 tion of learning located in the town of Lee in the county
5 of Penobscot; provided, however, that this appropriation
6 is made on the express conditions that the trustees of said
7 institution shall maintain and keep in operation a school
8 equal in rank and grade of teaching with a first-class
9 academy, and in which shall be given special and system-
10 atic instruction in the science and art of teaching; that
11 no part of this appropriation shall be devoted to other
12 purposes than the payment of instructors in said institu-

13 tion ; that the superintendent of common schools shall be,
14 ex-officio, a member of the board of directors thereof ;
15 and that if, in the opinion of the governor and council,
16 said institution at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfill
17 the conditions contained in this resolve, they may, in their
18 discretion, withhold the appropriation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Lee Normal Academy, chartered by the legislature of Maine in 1845, and the only chartered normal academy in the state, is situated in the town of Lee in Penobscot county, sixty miles either way from Bangor or Calais. The school is situated in what may be termed a sparsely settled region, yet the territory from which pupils are drawn contains a population of over 13,000. The school is especially designed to prepare those attending for teaching, and the common schools in that section of the state are taught largely by the graduates and students of this institution. It employs a principal and two assistants, and a normal and a college preparatory course are maintained, giving three terms a year. Prior to 1899, but two terms were maintained on account of lack of funds. The last legislature increased the appropriation from \$750 to \$1,000 annually, thereby adding a term to the school year.

The number of different students attending the institution will average annually about 150, some years more, some less, and over fifty per cent of the number are engaged in teaching some part of the year.

On account of this being a normal academy and the only special fitting school for teachers in that section of the state, the legislature has for many years made provisions for the needs of the institution, always making the appropriation from the common school fund.

Outside of the academy building and its fittings, the school owns two boarding-houses for students, which are run under the direction of the trustees. The academy has no fund.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 6, 1901.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*