

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 343

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of five thousand dollars to be paid to the Central Maine Gen-
3 eral Hospital in Lewiston for the use of said institution for
4 the year nineteen hundred and three and five thousand dol-
5 lars for the use of said institution for the year nineteen hun-
6 dred and four.

Resolved, That the further sum of seven thousand five hun-
8 dred dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be paid to said
9 Central Maine General Hospital to be and become a part of
10 the building fund of said hospital for the year nineteen hun-
11 dred and three, and seven thousand five hundred dollars for a
12 like purpose for the year nineteen hundred and four.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Central Maine General Hospital is a public institution organized under the general statutes. The care of its affairs is vested in a board of directors elected by the co-operators. The medical and surgical staff is elected by the board of directors. This staff takes charge of the general work of the hospital, but the private rooms and the operating rooms are open to the use of reputable physicians of Lewiston and Auburn who are free to operate upon or treat their patients according to their own methods.

The lot on which the hospital stands is centrally located in the city of Lewiston and has a frontage on three streets. This lot is of sufficient size to provide for all contemplated enlargements of the buildings.

During the last two years a substantial brick boiler house has been erected and equipped with two steam boilers, either one of which is of sufficient capacity to heat the present buildings and the boiler house itself will amply accommodate a steam heating the boiler house itself will amply accommodate a steam heating to the hospital. This boiler house and the changes in the steam heating plant which is necessitated have cost some \$10,000. During the same period a house and lot adjoining the hospital has been purchased, fitted up and furnished for a nurses' home at a cost of about \$8,000. The removal of the nurses from the hospital to this new house has increased the capacity of the hospital for patients. The foundation has been put in for a modern, up-to-date kitchen and laundry which will cost \$45,000 when completed, equipped and furnished. This kitchen and laundry will be large enough to supply all the needs of the hospital at present and far into the future. It had become an absolute necessity. It is to aid in the construction of the kitchen and laundry that the appropriation of \$25,000 is asked. With this aid from the State the directors feel certain that they can complete and pay for these improvements.

The general work of the hospital has been carried on successfully during the last two years. The number of patients has constantly increased. The hospital has met this increased demand and maintained its former standard notwithstanding the

greatly increased cost of all supplies. The customary annual appropriation of \$5,000 for its running expenses was made two years ago and the directors ask that a like appropriation be made for the years 1902 and 1903.

SETH M. CARTER,
President Board of Directors.

LEWISTON, January 29, 1903.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUGUSTA, March 12, 1903.

Reported by Mr. PETTENGILL of Rumford, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*