

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 74

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolved, That there be and are hereby appropriated for
2 and in behalf of the State Reform School the following
3 sums and for the following purposes, namely: For the year
4 nineteen hundred and three, for current expenses, twenty
5 thousand dollars; for ordinary repairs and improvements,
6 two thousand dollars; for providing homes for boys and
7 visiting boys out on probation, two hundred fifty dollars;
8 for extra expense of coal, two thousand five hundred dol-
9 lars; for one-half expense of erecting and furnishing two
10 cottages, removing and rebuilding barn, remodeling, repair-
11 ing and refurnishing main building and making survey and
12 plan of farm, thirty-nine thousand one hundred fifty dollars.
13 For the year nineteen hundred and four, for current expenses,

14 twenty thousand dollars ; for ordinary repairs and improve-
15 ments, two thousand dollars ; for providing homes for boys
16 and visiting boys out on probation, two hundred fifty dollars ;
17 for one-half the expense of erecting and furnishing two
18 cottages, removing and rebuilding barn, remodeling, repair-
19 ing and refurnishing main building and making survey and
20 plan of farm, thirty-nine thousand one hundred fifty dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The State Reform School is now half congregate, half cottage, and under this double-headed plan the highest success cannot be achieved. The school should be placed wholly upon the cottage plan. This change should take place as soon as possible. To accomplish this desired result two new family cottages should be erected and furnished at a cost estimated at \$24,000 each. When the boys are all removed from the main building to the cottages, the main building should be remodeled and refurnished as an administration building with suitable offices for business purposes, fire-proof vault, school rooms, manual training rooms, work shops, chapel, etc., which will cost about \$25,000.

The old, unsightly, and unsanitary barn occupying about the center of the proposed group of buildings should be removed to a suitable location, repaired and enlarged, the estimated cost of which is \$5,000.

In order that the buildings may be appropriately located with reference to economical heating, drainage, etc., a topographical map of the farm is believed to be desirable, and the cost of surveying the farm, and making such a topographical map, is estimated at three hundred dollars. The total cost of these improvements is estimated at \$78,300, and the trustees ask that one-half of this sum, or \$39,150, be appropriated for the year 1903, and the same amount for 1904.

To do part of this work is deemed most unadvisable, as the difficulties and lack of efficiency and economy of the present dual system can only be overcome by a complete change to the cottage system.

The exceeding high price of coal has greatly increased the expense of heating the institution, and it is estimated that this extra expense will amount to \$2,500 for the year.

The other appropriations requested are for the usual fixed charges and are the same for the two previous years.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BRYANT, from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.]

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.