

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 250

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum
2 of twenty-five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred
3 and three and the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and four, for the purpose of renovating the
5 second wing of the Maine Insane Hospital, and the further
6 sum of twenty thousand dollars for the purpose of reim-
7 bursing said hospital for extraordinary expenses incurred in
8 the year nineteen hundred and two. Said sums to be expended
9 under the direction of the trustees of insane hospitals.

'STATEMENT OF FACTS.

There is a pressing need for more room for accommodations for the insane of our State. Both hospitals are overcrowded and the necessity for more room is apparent to all. The State has established the policy of renovating the old wings of the Maine Insane Hospital as rapidly as possible, and there has been an understanding for many years, that, when the hospital should be relieved by the completion of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, and the removal of patients to that institution, the work could be carried on to best advantage. The renovation of the second wing on the male and on the female side of the hospital, will furnish accommodations for sixty-four more patients than can at present be accommodated. These wings have been in continual use for more than fifty years, and are in very bad condition. They are not properly heated nor ventilated, and are not fire-proof. The estimate of the architect is that it will require the sum of \$45,000.00 to renovate each wing, make it fire-proof, and furnish it with proper heating and ventilating system.

For many years the hospital has been self-supporting, except that appropriations have been asked for building purposes. The decrease of income caused by the removal of one hundred and forty-five patients to the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital nearly two years ago, accompanied with the increased cost of living, added to the fact that the price of board has not been increased, together with an unusual amount of repairs and improvements, which have been necessary during the past two years, in order to keep the hospital in a proper state of efficiency, leaves the institution at the present time with a capital materially decreased from two years ago. In addition to these items the sum of \$4,586.69 has been paid to complete the renovation of the wing, authorized by the legislature. This added expenditure was rendered necessary by the increase of the cost of building material after the estimates of the architect, upon which the legislature relied for making the appropriation, were made.

If the institution could be supplied with sufficient funds to meet its bills promptly and take advantage of discounts it would save several thousand dollars each year. At present, it is obliged to purchase supplies on at least ninety days time.

For these reasons, the attached resolve asks for \$67,217.84 for the year 1903 and \$45,000.00 for the year 1904 in order that the hospital may be reimbursed for extraordinary and unusual expenditures made during the past year, and to provide for renovating the second wing on each side of the hospital.

An itemized statement of the expenditures already made, and those which are contemplated are as follows:

To complete the reconstruction of the several wings of the stone building.....	\$90,000 00
To reimburse the hospital for expense in installing Clark automatic telephone.....	2,585 85
To reimburse the hospital for expense, extraordinary repairs and improvements.....	1,362 36
To reimburse the hospital for new drains and sewers	997 38
To reimburse the hospital for the renovation of farm house	2,127 99
To reimburse deficiency already paid by hospital in completing female wing of the stone building,	4,586 69
To furnish the same	1,500 00
To reimburse the treasury of the hospital for money paid for general improvements and repairs in order to place in the hands of the treasurer money to make cash payments.....	9,057 57
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	\$112,217 84

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 19, 1903.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.