

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 283

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 term of 3 two years, to Lee Normal Academy, an institution of learn-4 ing located in the town of Lee, in the county of Penobscot; 5 provided, however, that this appropriation is made on the 6 express conditions that the trustees of said institution shall 7 maintain and keep in operation a school equal in rank and 8 grade of teaching with a first-class academy, and in which 9 shall be given special and systematic instruction in the science 10 and art of teaching; that no part of this appropriation shall 11 be devoted to other purposes than the payment of instructors 12 in said institution; that the superintendent of public schools 13 shall be, ex-officio, a member of the board of directors 14 thereof; and that if, in the opinion of the governor and coun-

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15 cil, said institution at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfill 16 the conditions contained in this resolve, they may, in their 17 discretion, withhold the appropriation herein granted; and 18 provided further, that said normal academy shall not be 19 entitled to any aid from the State for the years nineteen hun-20 dred and five and nineteen hundred and six in addition to 21 that carried by this resolve.

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, Calais or Houlton. The school is located in what may be termed a sparsely settled region, yet the territory from which the pupils are drawn contains a population of over 30,000. The school has always been supported by money from the public school fund, the same as the Madawaska Training School and the four State normal schools It has no fund.

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House of Representatives, Augusta, February 27, 1905.

Reported by Mr. COBB from Committee on Education and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk