

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 134

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE to provide for the expenses of the Maine Industrial  
School for Girls.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and  
2 the same hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hun-  
3 dred seven and the same for the year nineteen hundred and  
4 eight.

And for ordinary repairs and additional help on the farm  
6 the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for  
7 the year nineteen hundred seven and the same for the year  
8 nineteen hundred eight.

And for electric lighting the sum of five hundred dollars  
10 is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred seven  
11 and the same for the year nineteen hundred eight.



LEWISTON, ME., Jan. 31, 1907.

*To the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:*

GENTLEMEN :—As I am unable to be present at your hearing upon the resolves relating to the appropriations for the Maine Industrial School for Girls, I wish to briefly make this statement, expressing my judgment in regard to the sums asked for. It is the policy of the Board, of which I have the honor to be a member, to ask simply for the amounts which they believe are required. I think, too, they have in view strict economy, and, at the same time, the State's best interests, as represented by this institution. The amount of \$16,000 a year is asked for the current expenses. This is an increase over previous years, which is necessitated by the increase in cost of living. Two thousand dollars for grading is the very least that should be given for that purpose. With this sum we propose to finish the grading of the grounds, construct a suitable entrance, simple and inexpensive, set out trees and shrubbery, and make at least a portion if not the entire driveway a permanent macadam.

The steward's house, for which \$5,000 is asked, may at any moment be an absolute necessity. The house now occupied by the steward is the only one in the neighborhood of the School, available, and this is simply rented at the pleasure of the owner. It is not, however, safe or proper to have the steward live off of the grounds, when so much property and so many lives, in case of fire or other emergencies may require his attention.

The amount is reasonable for the erection of a suitable building, substantial and economical.

There is no inflation in any of these figures, and if we err at all, we err, I am satisfied, in setting the figures too low.

Respectfully yours,

ALFRED WMS. ANTHONY,

*Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Augusta, February 7, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON. *Clerk*