

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 268

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, March 6th, 1907.

Ordered, That the Committee on Insane Hospitals be
2 instructed to inquire into the expediency of insuring the
3 insane hospitals against loss by fire, and report by bill or
4 otherwise.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Insane Hospitals.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum
2 of twelve thousand dollars for the use of the insane hospitals
3 for the purpose of insuring the buildings against damage by
4 fire. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the
5 trustees of insane hospitals.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In December, 1850, the hospital was practically destroyed by fire.

Three fires have occurred at the institution among its out-buildings since 1879 in which our two straw barns and the piggery were totally destroyed and the inside of the laundry building was burned out leaving the walls intact. During the past forty years several conflagrations have been started by incendiary patients but which the officers of the institution have been able to subdue with slight damage to the institution. Commitments of patients are frequently received at the hospitals who have strong impulses to burn, one of whom has recently been admitted to the Maine Insane Hospital, who just before admission burned an expensive set of buildings.

The sum of \$12,000 is the premium on \$635,000 for five years, divided as follows:

- On insane hospital buildings at Augusta, \$400,000.
- On insane hospital buildings at Bangor, \$200,000.
- On buildings at Chase's Island, \$35,000.

REPORT A.

The Committee on Insane Hospitals which was instructed by an order of the legislature to inquire into the expediency of insuring the insane hospitals against loss by fire have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

EATON,
HALL,
GARCELON,
NEWCOMB,
GORDON.

REPORT B.

The committee on insane hospitals which was instructed by an order of the legislature to inquire into the expediency of insuring the insane hospitals against loss by fire have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the accompanying resolve, entitled "Resolve in favor of the insane hospitals."

WELD,
PARKHURST,
HILL,
FULTON,
NOYES.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 14, 1907.

Report "A" and report "B" from Committee on Insane Hospitals on order relating to insuring insane hospitals against loss by fire. Tabled for printing on motion by Mr. PARKHURST of Penobscot and assigned for March 19, 1907.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*