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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 493

House of Representatives, March 13, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the Aroostook Central Institute.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated in 2 favor of the Aroostook Central Institute at Mars Hill, for 3 the purpose of paying liabilities and for repairs and im-4 provements on building and grounds at said institute, the 5 sum of five hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred 6 and thirteen and a like sum for the year nineteen hundred 7 fourteen.

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STATEMENT OF FACT ACCOMPANYING RESOLVE.

The Aroostook Central Institute, an academy located at Mars Hill, close to the adjoining Blaine line, on a high elevation overlooking both villages, Mars Hill and Blaine, is a corporation organized under the general laws of the state for educational purposes, under the management and control of a Board of Trustees, six from Mars Hill and six from Blaine.

The property of the institution comprises a lot of four acres of land and building costing thirty-one thousand (\$31,000.00) dollars. The funds for this institution were procured as follows: The citizens of the two towns of Mars Hill and Blaine voluntarily contributed, as a nucleus upon which to start, a little over six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars, the town of Blaine raised and turned over to the trustees ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, the town of Mars Hill raised and turned over to the trustees eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars, and to finish paying off final expenses on the building, the trustees raised one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars on their individual notes to the the Mars Hill Trust Company, and placed a mortgage of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars on the building. There is also the immediate need of the expenditure of one thousand (\$1,-000.00) dollars for interior finish, painting and equipment, and the grading of the grounds.

The trustees are hard put to obtain the necessary funds for running the institution, so rapid has been its growth and so great its demands, and have been unable to pay off the indebtedness or make such repairs and improvements on the building and grounds as are necessary.

The school is now in its sixth year. Starting with thirty students and one teacher, it now has between ninety and one hundred students and four teachers.

Registration	1909-1910		60 pupils
Registration	1910-1911		72 pupils
Registration	1911-1912		90 pupils
Registration	1912-1913		95 pupils
Increasing number for adjoining towns each year.			