

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 608

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Mitchell from Committee on Appropriations
and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of Central Maine General Hospital,
Lewiston.

*Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated for the benefit of the Central Maine
3 General Hospital for the year nineteen hundred and thir-
4 teen and the sum of seven thousand dollars for the year
5 nineteen hundred and fourteen for maintenance.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS CONCERNING THE NEW
PROPOSED CENTRAL BUILDING FOR THE CENTRAL
MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL AT LEWISTON,
MAINE.

For the past five (5) years there has been an absolute necessity for additional rooms and better accommodations for this deserving institution. About three years ago the old wooden structure which was the original hospital building, and recently occupied as an administration building, was raised to a suitable position to enable the directors to arrange for the construction of the foundation and basement of the new building. That work has been completed at an expense of some twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), and the entire basement is in use at the present time, and to most excellent advantage. There is a temporary wooden roof over the structure not covered by the building, which can be easily removed on short notice, and the work on the remainder of the building can be commenced very early in the spring, as there need be no delay by reason of frost in the ground, which would have been occasioned if the foundation had not been built.

Very many times during the past few years we have been much crowded for room, and it has been necessary to turn away those that we should have gladly taken had conditions been so that we could care for them. Our accommodations for administration are also entirely inadequate, and the demand for private rooms was never so great as now.

The directors are very desirous of making plans for an early beginning, with a hope of completing the building early in the fall, and sincerely hope the legislature will grant the request for the small amounts called for during the next two years, for there is no institution in the State doing more or better work with what it has to do with.

We were sadly disappointed two years ago because of our inability to get some assistance from the State, but were somewhat relieved when we found that all such institutions were

similarly situated and denied help. Our hospital has been doing good work for over twenty (20) years, and so well established with an enviable reputation, it is worthy of a generous assistance. The probable cost of this building will be between sixty and seventy thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted by the board of directors.

W. D. PENNELL, *Chairman.*