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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 619

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 Association for the
Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, Fairfield.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to the Central Maine
3 Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis,
4 Fairfield, for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and
5 seven thousand five hundred for the year nineteen hundred
6 and fourteen, for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, has, for the last three summers, maintained a sanatorium for early tuberculosis cases at Fairfield, and the results obtained have been very gratifying. The legislature of 1911 appropriated \$1,000.00 for the year 1911 and \$1,000.00 for the year 1912, all of which was used in the care of early tuberculosis cases. During the summer of 1912, about \$7,500.00 was raised for a building for all-the-year work; and at the present time, we have a modern building of twenty-three beds, fully equipped, and available for patients in any part of Maine. It has been proven conclusively to the Executive Committee that it is possible to care for early tuberculosis cases in Maine, and give them the best scientific treatment, at the average cost in other states, namely, \$10.00 per week per bed.

We ask for \$6.00 per week per bed from the State for the twenty-three beds available at the present time, and \$6.00 per week per bed for an extra twenty-six beds which will be available by October 1, 1913. If this appropriation is secured, it will mean a sanatorium of forty-nine beds for early tuberculosis cases, available to patients in any part of Maine, at a cost of \$10.00 per week per bed, of which the State will pay \$6.00 per week per bed, and the patient will pay \$4.00 per week per bed; and this is the total cost with no extras.

At the present time there is no bed available for an advanced tuberculosis case in the State, and experts who have investigated this situation, are of the opinion that there should be three or four hospitals for advanced cases, one of which should be located in Central Maine. The Central Maine Association asks for an appropriation of \$15,000.00 for building a sanatorium of twenty beds, and \$13,000.00 for maintenance of such an institution for fifteen months. The Association owns at the present time twenty-five acres of land, and has an option on about seventy-five acres of land, situated in an ideal spot, that will be available for this work.

We ask for this appropriation on the ground of economy. We are not maintaining our patients at a less cost than are other institutions all over the United States, but if the early and advanced case can be under the same medical and administrative control, there will be a considerable saving in the cost of maintenance.