

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 748

House of Representatives, March 13, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Ricker from Committee on Education and
order printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE making an appropriation for general maintenance
and support of the University of Maine.

Resolved, That, additional to the appropriation made by
2 chapter ninety-nine of the resolves of the Seventy-sixth
3 Legislature, there be and hereby is appropriated for salaries
4 of officers, instructors, clerk hire, pay of employees, main-
5 tenance of property, heat, light, power, water, equipment,
6 supplies, and all expenses necessary or incidental to the
7 support, maintenance including printing, continuance and
8 extension of the University of Maine, save and excepting,
9 however, the cost of erecting new buildings, the sum of fif-
10 teen thousand dollars for the year one thousand nine hun-
11 dred and fifteen, and a like sum for the year one thousand
12 nine hundred and sixteen.

Provided, further, that all students not residents of the
14 state entering any of the courses of the University after
15 July first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall pay tuition
16 at a rate not less than one hundred dollars per year exclu-
17 sive of all registration and incidental fees.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

It is requisite that the appropriation for the maintenance of the university be increased in amount. When, in the year of 1913, the Seventy-sixth Legislature made an appropriation for the maintenance of the institution, the total enrollment of students was 1011 while at present it is 1196. In 1913 there were 888 students in annual attendance while now there are 1088, an increase of nearly 25%, which increased attendance is almost entirely from within the State of Maine. An increase in attendance means an increase in the expense of maintenance, and such expense will be felt more keenly during the present and the next ensuing year because juniors and seniors in college require more personal attention and more extensive laboratory equipment than do freshmen and sophomores.

The university is making an earnest effort to help the people of the state by enlarging its extension service. The work has been greatly extended in agriculture, is now well organized in education, and is rapidly developing in technology. Night classes are conducted in a number of places. Members of the faculty give many lectures in different parts of the state, and the university has encouraged the citizens of our state to submit their questions for answer and their problems for solution.

All testing of roads material for the State Highway Commission is now done at the university by members of the College of Technology. This work is of advantage to the University, particularly to the courses in highway engineering. It adds to the expenses of the university, but saves money for the Highway Commission.