

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 761

House of Representatives, March 16, 1915.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in Favor of the Rumford Hospital Association,
for Maintenance.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to the Rumford
3 Hospital Association of Rumford, for the year nineteen
4 hundred fifteen and five hundred dollars for the year nine-
5 teen hundred sixteen, for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Rumford Hospital Association maintains at Rumford in the County of Oxford a hospital containing twelve private rooms and two wards, fitted up to accommodate twenty-four persons, with operating rooms and all of the latest improvements in connection with hospitals. Rumford is situated fifty-five miles above Lewiston on the Androscoggin River and therefore all accident cases in the woods in the Rangeley Lake region to lumber men naturally come to Rumford as the nearest hospital, to say nothing of the large territory naturally tributary to Rumford. It is the only hospital in Oxford County.

During the year nineteen hundred fourteen, twenty-two cases were treated at this hospital, absolutely free of charge, not because the hospital was interested in these cases but simply because they were brought to the hospital and could not be turned away, as it has been the policy of the hospital since its inception never to turn away a case on account of inability to pay.

These twenty-two patients, covering a great variety of diseases and several accidents, were maintained at the hospital for three hundred and twenty-eight and a half days and at a total cost, to the hospital association, for nursing and board and medicine reckoned at two dollars per day, of six hundred fifty-seven dollars, for which no compensation has been received nor will ever be received.

This cost of two dollars per day does not cover any of the costs or charges for medical attendance, operation or care, but simply the cost of the nursing, board and medicine which had to be furnished.

All that is asked for in this resolve is that the State should pay some part of the burden now forced upon the hospital as it is doing in other places.