

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 321

In Senate, March 12, 1915.

*Reported by Sen. Walker from Committee on Education, and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated for the
2 use of the trustees of Maine Central Institute the sum of
3 one thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred fifteen
4 and the sum of one thousand dollars for the year nineteen
5 hundred sixteen to be expended by said trustees for the
6 maintenance of the courses of instruction in said Maine
7 Central Institute.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

During its forty-nine years of service, Maine Central Institute has sent out hundreds of graduates to become useful citizens in every part of the State of Maine. It has always emphasized character as well as scholarship and now as always is noted for the helpful moral atmosphere surrounding its students.

From the beginning those in charge of its affairs have tried in every way to keep its expenses down within the reach of students of moderate means.

The Institute now has nearly two hundred and fifty students in attendance, coming from nearly all parts of Maine. Students are listed in its current catalog from sixty-seven different towns in Maine and from twelve out of the sixteen counties. There are fifty-six from Somerset county outside of Pittsfield, sixty-three from Penobscot county, forty-five from Waldo county, fifteen from Hancock county, ten from Kennebec county, six each from Piscataquis and York, and four from Aroostook.

Before the passage of the general law for aid to academies Maine Central Institute for many years received an annual appropriation from the State. Since the passage of the general act the Institute has received aid from the State until this year under Sec. 76 of Chap. 15 of the Revised Statutes and its amendments.

The income of the Institute is far inadequate for its support and has been supplemented by gifts from its friends every year. For some years a financial agent was maintained to solicit such gifts. Confronted with a deficit in 1913 and obliged to economize in every possible way, the trustees undertook to raise themselves and did raise during the next year without compensation about the same amount that had been raised by the financial agent and dispensed with his services. The salary of the financial agent however was formerly deducted from income from invested funds under Sec. 81 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, and the fact that this salary is no longer deducted together with the fact that the interest paid by the Institute on its own debt, amounting to over twelve hundred dol-

lars a year, cannot be deducted, cuts off the State aid that has been received under Sec. 76 and leaves this worthy institution facing a serious financial situation unless it can be relieved by the special appropriation asked for.