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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Chapter 192.

CHAP. 192.

An act providing for Normal Schools in the several counties, and repealing the act providing for county conventions of teachers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The sum of eighteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, and hereafter the sum of thirty-six hundred dollars shall be annually appropriated for Normal Schools; and from the same, the sum of one hundred dollars on the first day of September next, and thereafter on the first day of January in each year, the sum of two hundred dollars shall be paid by the treasurer of state upon the conditions hereinafter provided; to the trustees or agents of the following seminaries and academies, viz: Elliot Academy, Limerick Academy, Foxcroft Academy, Bloomfield Academy, Freedom Academy, Farmington Academy, Washington Academy, Newcastle Academy, Paris Hill Academy, Bath Academy, Hampden Academy, Thomaston Academy, Presque Isle Academy, Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Maine State Seminary, East Maine Conference, Bridgton Academy, Yarmouth Academy. Those only of the above mentioned academies and seminaries shall receive of the treasurer of the state the said sums, who shall, on or before the first day of August next, file in the office of the secretary of state, a written acceptance of the provisions of this act, with all its directions, conditions and limitations, and also a certificate from the superintendent of common schools that he believes the money will be faithfully appropriated according to the direction of this act.

Sums appropriated for Normal Schools.

—how to be paid.

Conditions of payment.

SECT. 2. A normal school in each academy during the spring and fall terms shall be kept, and each term shall not be less than eleven weeks, the first commencing with the fall term of this year. The boards of trustees or agents aforesaid, shall give public notice in some newspaper in the county, at least three weeks successively, before the commencement of each term. Suitable and qualified teachers shall be employed, and good accommodations procured for at least fifty pupils.

Normal Schools, how to be kept.

SECT. 3. A committee appointed by the trustees of each academy shall examine in the various branches of education taught in the common schools, all pupils who apply for admission to the normal school, and if in their opinion the applicant has such attainments, that not more than two terms of further instruction, with diligent application, will qualify him or her to become a teacher of youth, the committee may give him or her a certificate of admission; and no pupil can be admitted without such certificate; but the trustees shall have a discretion in the admission of pupils, and it shall be their duty so to exercise such discretion, that an equal number, regard being had to population, from each city and town

—conditions and mode of admission.

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in the county, may be admitted. For the spring term females shall have the preference for admission, and for the fall term, males.

—terms of instruction.

SECT. 4. Each male student shall be required to pay to the said boards of trustees or agents, for each term of normal instruction, one dollar, and each female student fifty cents upon entering the school, which shall be in full for tuition for said term.

Superintendent of common schools, duty of.

SECT. 5. The superintendent of common schools shall visit each academy during each term of the normal school, and make examination of the course and character of the instruction, and shall make such rules and regulations for the management of the school as he may deem necessary. He may prescribe the course of instruction, and may notify the governor and council of any failure of the academy to fulfill the conditions of this act.

—salary of.

SECT. 6. Instead of the salary now provided by law, the superintendent of common schools shall be entitled to receive one thousand dollars as his salary, from the treasurer of the state, in quarterly payments, on the first day of January, April, July and October, and not exceeding four hundred dollars for expenses.

Trustees or agents to make returns.

SECT. 7. The aforesaid boards of trustees or agents, at the close of each term, shall make full and complete returns to the secretary of state, as required by the blank forms, which shall be prepared by the superintendent of common schools, and furnished by the secretary of state.

Academy failing to comply, governor may designate another.

SECT. 8. If any academy shall fail to accept the provisions of this act, or shall fail to fulfill the provisions of the same, the governor with the advice of the superintendent, may designate some other academy in the county, and it shall be entitled, instead of the academy which has failed to accept or fulfill the conditions of this act, to the said sum of two hundred dollars annually, and be subject to the provisions of this act.

Ch. 11, sec. 67, 68 and 69 R. S. repealed.

SECT. 9. Sections sixty-seven, sixty-eight and sixty-nine of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved March 20, 1860.]

Chapter 193.

An act additional to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, relating to railroads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Purchasers of franchise of railroad, their powers, rights and liabilities.

SECT. 1. Whenever the franchise and road wholly or partially constructed of any railroad corporation shall be sold by any person having authority to make such sale under any decree of court a