

HOUSE....No. 154.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Committee on Education, to whom the Resolve appropriating seven thousand five hundred dollars annually for three years, for the support of State Normal Schools, was recommended, with directions to report a statement of facts, have considered the same, and submit the following Report and the accompanying Resolves :—

Your Committee find that the expenses, so far as they can learn, of the State Normal Schools, from December 18th, 1845, to December 14th, 1846, were as follows, viz :—

State Normal School, at West Newton,	-	-	\$2192 68
“ “ “ at Westfield,	-	-	1223 33
“ “ “ at Bridgewater,	-	-	1963 50

The several items which make up this amount are detailed at length in the last annual Report of the Board of Education, (House Document, No. 1, page 56,) a copy of which is in the hands of each member.

From that document it appears, that the sum of \$1223 33 contains the expenses of the Westfield Normal School for but a part of the year. The year for that school had not ended when the above-mentioned account was made out. The Hon. Wm. G. Bates, member of the Board of Education, has furnished the

Committee with the following estimate for the school at Westfield, viz:—

Principal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1200	00
Assistant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	00
Second Assistant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	00
Teacher of Music,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	00
For books, apparatus, fuel and other incidental expenses,								100	00
								\$2000	00

Your Committee add, that the number of pupils at the Bridgewater school, during a part of the last year, was 100. An additional assistant was much needed, but the means of the Board would not allow them to employ one. The school at West Newton has, at the present time, between 80 and 90 pupils. The school at Westfield has been in operation a much shorter time than the others, and yet the number of pupils during the past year has averaged 50. The number is increasing. There is reason to believe that each of these schools will increase. The expenses, also, will be increased. It seems but reasonable to make some allowance for this.

Your Committee learn, from J. W. James, Esq., chairman of the visitors of the Normal School at West Newton, that the sum of \$1350 is due to Cyrus Peirce for repairs on the school-house. The bills for these repairs have been audited and allowed by the board of visitors.

In view of the preceding facts, your Committee recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolves.

By order of the Committee,

RALPH SANGER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven.

RESOLVE

Concerning State Normal Schools.

Resolved, That the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, annually, for three years, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to the support of State Normal Schools, under the direction of the Board of Education; and His Excellency the Governor is hereby authorized, from time to time, to draw his warrant on the treasury for the same, on the application of said Board.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven.

RESOLVE

In favor of Cyrus Peirce.

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen hundred fifty dollars, to be taken from the School Fund, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay the demand of Cyrus Peirce against the Board of Education for repairs on the State Normal Schoolhouse at West Newton; and His Excellency the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasury for the same, on the application of said Board.