

Committee Action.

Senator Edward Hall, chairman of the appropriations committee said that the committee might take the matter up at the executive session, but there is so much other business on the calendar for action that a decision might not be reached for a few weeks yet. As soon as the committee decides, the matter will be referred to both branches of the legislature for action.

MANY LOCAL PEOPLE AT NORMAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATION HEARING AT CAPITOL

Principal Marcus White and Others Tell of Need of New Buildings to Train State's Teachers. 2920 121

(Special to the Herald).

Hartford, April 29—One of the best organized hearings of the present legislative year was held yesterday at the capitol in Hartford before the appropriations committee for the \$750,000 grant for a new Normal school in the Stanley Quarter of New Britain. Those appearing for the grant were led by Senators Bakewell and Challenger of the legislative committee on education, and by Marcus White, principal of the Normal school in New Britain.

Appearing for Bill:

Among those appearing for the bill were Dean Jones of Yale, and the personnel of the state board of education. The New Britain people present were Representatives Covert and Rutherford, W. E. Attwood, A. Gorbach, Joseph Halloran, Edward Kilburn, and others.

N. B. Logical Place.

It was brought out at the hearing that New Britain was the geographical center of Connecticut and that there were more applications for admission to the New Britain Normal school than to any other Normal school in the state. It was also pointed out that the schools in Willimantic and Danbury were not full while the school in New Britain was forced to turn away applicants.

Bakewell's Argument.

Senator Bakewell of New Haven in his appeal for the appropriation, said that the state forced the parents to educate their children and had undertaken to furnish the teachers in order to carry out the law. In the next year there will be 800 vacancies in the teaching staff of the state, and a new Normal school is the only remedy for the situation.

The Old Normal School.

One of the main points brought out at the hearing was the fact that if the old Normal school on Walnut Hill in New Britain was a private corporation, it would have been closed as being unfit for a school or factory. This decision was reached after a factory inspector had gone over the premises.