

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 471

House of Representatives, March 3, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Pollard from Committee on Ways and
Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

RESOLVE, in favor of aid in repairing a road in the Town
of Abbot.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of three hundred dollars to aid in repairing the road
3 in the town of Abbot leading from the Monson town line
4 to North Guilford, and thence to Howard's siding, so called;
5 provided that there be appropriated by the town of Abbot
6 the sum of three hundred dollars for the same purpose, both
7 sums to be expended under the supervision of the state
8 highway commission, and further provided that this resolve
9 shall be void and of no effect unless said town in accepting
10 this appropriation thereby and in consideration thereof shall

11 undertake that all road material, including clay, gravel, sand
12 and rock, necessary for the improvement contemplated by
13 this resolve, shall be furnished without expense to the state,
14 and that said town shall assume and pay all damages what-
15 soever arising from the taking of land or from the change
16 of grade, drainage or alignment deemed by the state high-
17 way commission as necessary for said improvement. Said
18 way when so improved shall be thereafter continually main-
19 tained under the direction and control of said commission
20 at the joint expense of the state and said town; the charge
21 against said town for maintenance of said way shall not
22 exceed fifty per centum of the actual cost of such mainte-
23 nance nor an average of thirty dollars per mile per annum,
24 and the payment by said town of its said share of said main-
25 tenance shall be enforced in the same manner as provided
26 in sections ten and twenty-five of chapter one hundred thirty
27 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen. The
28 share of the state in said maintenance shall be paid out of
29 the fund for administration and maintenance created by
30 virtue of section thirty-three of said chapter one hundred
31 and thirty.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Abbot has a valuation of approximately \$212,004, a population of approximately 650 people, a tax rate of from 28 to 35 mills annually, and 56 miles of road to maintain, together with a number of bridges. The tax rate for the present year is 28 mills but in order to reduce the tax rate to that amount it was necessary to reduce the appropriations for road purposes. They have suffered the loss of one bridge within twelve years, which they replaced with a steel structure, which has not been fully paid for yet. They have sustained partial losses on two other bridges, which have occasioned the expenditure of considerable money in their repair. There has been an actual decrease in the valuation of property in the town owing to the fact that their main industry there, a woolen mill, recently burned. Altogether the town is in bad shape financially and badly needs assistance.

The section of road which will be benefited by the passage of this resolve is about three and one-half miles in length, and is a section which the people of Abbot use very little, but which people in adjoining towns use in transporting goods, produce and merchandise to the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad at Howard's Siding. The road is in bad shape and should be repaired and widened.