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To State Highway Commission  
Re: Carlton Bridge

. . . You seek information as to whether interest during the construction of the Kennebec Bridge between Bath and Woolwich should be charged to the construction account or should be disregarded as an item of construction cost.

In Chapter 71 of the Resolves of 1925, it is provided as follows:

"The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding three million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within fifty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted, solely to the building of a highway, or combination highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich."

In Section 2 of Chapter 89 of the Private and Special Laws of 1925, it is provided as follows:

"The cost of such highway bridge shall not exceed one million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the State of Maine, and the cost of such combination highway and railroad bridge shall not exceed three million dollars, to the State of Maine, including the approaches."

I am of the opinion that a fair construction of the foregoing indicates that it was the intention of the legislature and of the people of Maine, when they voted on the proposed amendment to the Constitution as authorized by said Chapter 71, that the three million dollars was to be used for the building of a combination highway and railroad bridge including and approaches and that the matter of interest was not intended to be charged to the construction account.

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