

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 28.

STATE OF MAINE.

[S. 14.] RESOLVE in favor of the town of Wellington.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be expended on that part of the road leading from Athens to Abbott village, which lies in the town of Wellington, under the direction of the county commissioners of Piscataquis county.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The County Commissioners have ordered the opening of seven miles of this road in Wellington, substantially the only portion not yet built. As the road is designed for a thoroughfare between the Kennebec and Somerset towns and Moosehead Lake, will be of no special benefit to Wellington; and as the raising of the \$7,000 required to build it will be an oppressive burden, the town being poor and heavily taxed already, an appropriation of \$1,000 is asked for.

The lumbering interests of the Kennebec river imperatively require a thoroughfare between Somerset county and Moosehead Lake, and the only route now is via. the State Road, called the New England Road, through Kingsbury and Blanchard, which is through an unsettled district, and has only been kept barely passable for years by means of constant State appropriations. The new road is a much shorter and less hilly route to the line of the Bangor & Piscataquis R. R., and is in a section with sufficient population to keep it in repair if once it can be opened.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 1, 1876.

Reported, by Mr. BROWN of Piscataquis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*