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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 118.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in aid of building a bridge in the town of
Caribou.

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand dollars be
2 appropriated in aid of the construction of a bridge
3 over the Aroostook river in the town of Caribou, to be
4 paid whenever said bridge shall have been completed
5 to the acceptance of the county commissioners of Aroos-
6 took county.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled :

Respectfully represent the subscribers, citizens of Caribou, that the bridge across the Aroostook river at Caribou is in a very dangerous condition and unsafe for travel. That a new bridge is very much needed, for that the terminus of the Aroostook River Railroad is upon the easterly side of said river, while Caribou village and a large part of the town is upon the westerly side, as well as a large number of other towns and plantations, that forward their freight from and receive it at the depot located upon the easterly side of the river.

That since the construction of said railroad, said towns and plantations are rapidly filling up with settlers from the western part of our own State and from other States. That said bridge is therefore a great public convenience and necessity. That the town of Caribou is already largely in debt on account of said bridge. That the town of Caribou has raised money by loan to the limit of the law and special acts, for the construction of said railroad, which has tended largely to induce settlers to locate in Northern Aroostook, thus as we believe largely benefitting the State. That in 1877 the Legislature passed a resolve appropriating \$5,000 to aid in reconstructing said bridge. That said appropriation has not been drawn, but that the old bridge has been kept propped up so that it has been used till this time. We therefore pray that you will renew said appropriation, and increase the same to such an extent as to enable the town to construct a bridge the coming spring, as in duty bound will ever pray.

S. W. Collins, John S. Arnold, W. A. Vaughan, Amos Dwinel, Charles F. Thomas, M. D. Teague, Joseph Lott, E. S. Brown, N. Bartlett, J. L. Smith, P. S. Gould, C. W. Hendrix, H. K. Small, Jacob Harmon, I. C. Whittier, W. H. Rogers, Sam. Caughey.

Edward Maher, H. W. Allyn, F. W. Lincoln, C. B. Roberts, N. P. Claire, Hiram Morse, J. B. Ireland, J. R. Masterman, Arden Hale, Joseph P. Roberts, G. C. Runnells, S. A. Baker, John Lincock, James Sutherland, L. Small, C. A. Church, W. C. Spaulding, D. W. Adams, A Bartlett, J. K. Barber, C. C. King, ——— Boynton, ——— Irvine, D. F. Adams, G. F. Sampson, Charles C. Sawin, T. S. Howard, H. P. McIntire, J. D. Teague, George I. Trickey, A. M. York, L. M. Hardison, T. Merrill, L. R. King, Corydon Powers, E. D. Stiles, Samuel Davis, James W. Sutherland, W. R. Starbird, M. S. Thomas, T. C. Wallace, John Merrill, C. B. Varnum, F. W. Folsom, Henry D. Carr, S. H. Buswell, Sewall E. Henry, Philip Coombs, Joseph D. Emery.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled :

The undersigned, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Aroostook, would respectfully represent that in February, 1877, the Commissioners of said county visited the town of Caribou to confer with the selectmen of said town in regard to the building of the bridge across the Aroostook river in said town, as per chapter 272 of the resolves of 1877. That after examining the financial condition of said town, (we found that the town had expended a large sum in building twelve miles of railroad) we came to the conclusion that the town was not able to assist in the building of said bridge to the extent required by said resolve, and therefore we did not cause the appropriation to be expended.

This bridge is of great public convenience to the whole northern portion of the county, and we would respectfully recommend that an appropriation be made to aid in the construction of said bridge, to the amount of at least \$7,000, without restrictions.

For the Commissioners.

ALBERT A. BURLEIGH,

Chairman C. C.

Houlton, Jan. 24, 1878.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 6, 1878. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*