

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 130.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Canada Road.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of three thousand dollars  
2 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended in  
3 repairing the Canada Road from the Forks of the  
4 Kennebec River to Canada Line. Said sum to be  
5 expended under the direction of the County Com-  
6 missioners of Somerset County.

STATEMENT OF FACTS CONCERNING THE FORKS  
AND CANADA ROAD.

This is a State road laid out by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1817, and built by Maine and Massachusetts jointly about 1828. It extends from the Forks of the Kennebec to the Canadian boundary, a distance of forty-five miles, all of which—with the exception of about five miles on the flat lands of Moose River—is what might be called a mountain road. The first section of fifteen miles, from the *Forks* to *Parlin Pond*, lays over Johnson Mountain, rough, steep and rocky, with ledge croppings, and more or less grown up to bushes close to the travel of the road. The second section of fifteen miles, from *Parlin Pond* to *Moose River*, leads over a spur of Owl's Head, is rough and badly washed and cut up by heavy loads. The third section, from Moose River to the Canada Line, for fifteen miles; on the last ten miles it rises to the height of land forming the boundary between *Maine* and *Canada*. This part of the road is expensive to repair owing to a considerable extent of solid ledge and steep grades.

Excepting at the Forks and at the Moose River settlement, there are practically no inhabitants along the route. This is the great thoroughfare of the Canada travel and route of the United States mail, and over which extensive lumber operations are conducted.

You will please notice that townships cannot be assessed for roads unless the land abuts the road, however much they may be enhanced in value thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. FLINT.

P. S.—At Moose River is a Custom House.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 17, 1887. }

Reported from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, by Mr.  
JONES of Athens; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*