

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 128.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in aid of re-building the bridge across the
Saint Croix river, in Masardis.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appro-
2 priated the sum of two hundred dollars, to aid in
3 re-building the bridge across the Saint Croix river,
4 in the town of Masardis; the same to be drawn by
5 and expended under the direction of the county
6 commissioners of Aroostook county.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Saint Croix river, across which this bridge is to be built, is quite a large tributary of the Aroostook river and is, at the point where the bridge is located, a fast-flowing, rough river, about ten rods wide. There is a large amount of lumber driven down it every spring, and the bridge must necessarily be a firm, solid structure, with rock abutments and well protected piers, in order to withstand the pressure of the water, ice and logs.

The bridge, over which large quantities of lumber supplies, farm produce, etc., pass each year, is indispensably necessary to convene the public travel from Houlton to Ashland. It was swept away by the high spring freshet in 1888, and in the heavy rainfalls of last autumn the intervalles along the river, where some of the best farms in town were situated, were overflowed, the growing crops, fences, etc., were swept away and destroyed, and the inhabitants were greatly impoverished.

Notwithstanding, they raised and expended four hundred dollars, and hired on the town credit, and expended six hundred dollars more, in rebuilding this bridge, and having exhausted all their resources they ask the State to aid them in completing the bridge.

BERRY, *for the petitioners.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 11, 1889.

Reported from Committee on Ways and Bridges by Mr. BERRY of
Smyrna; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk*.