

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 92.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Drew Plantation.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dol-
2 lars be and is hereby appropriated to aid in building
3 a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in Drew
4 Plantation, Penobscot county, provided the inhabi-
5 tants of said plantation shall within two years raise
6 and expend a like amount for same purpose, the
7 same to be drawn and expended by the county com-
8 missioners of said Penobscot county.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The bridge for which an appropriation is asked is required to be three hundred feet in length, and as the river which it crosses is a very rough and rapid one, and has a large amount of lumber driven down it each year, it will necessarily be a heavy, substantial structure, with solid stone abutments and one pier of like build; it is situated in a small, unincorporated place containing only about 175 inhabitants, with a valuation of less than \$40,000, and the county commissioners of Penobscot have not required the building of this bridge up to the present time, for the reason that their estimate of the cost of its construction is \$3,500, which sum would be entirely beyond the means of the inhabitants to pay.

The trade of Drew Plantation, Prentiss and Carroll must cross this river in order to reach the nearest point on the E. & N. A. Railway, and as the maintenance of a ferry is impracticable on account of the roughness, and rapid current of the river, the bridge is an indispensable necessity to the growing towns back of it, as well as a great convenience to the traveling public. As will be seen, the resolve requires as large an outlay on the bridge by Drew Plantation as they can possibly stand.

BITHER, *for the petitioners.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 14, 1889.

Reported by Mr. HOLBROOK from Committee on Ways and Bridges,
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules, with statement of facts.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.