

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 153.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Kenduskeag.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars for aid in building a bridge across Kenduskeag river in said town, to be paid on the receipt, by the State treasurer, of a certificate under oath of the selectmen of said town that the sum of not less than three thousand dollars has been expended in building said bridge to completion.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Kenduskeag is a small municipality but four miles square, with a population of only 541 souls and a valuation little exceeding \$160,000. The town has no considerable village within its limits, and no manufacturing whatever. It is a purely agricultural community. The village is inhabited almost wholly by people who have no business and are poor, so that the burden of taxation bears heavily upon the sixty-five farmers who cultivate the available land. There is no timber left and no natural resources but the soil itself.

The Kenduskeag river, a considerable stream, flows in a crooked, circuitous channel through the town and is spanned by three large bridges. The one on account of which aid is sought, is an iron structure costing exceeding \$3,000, and is a part of the great highway leading from Corinth to Levant, and the traffic from that section of the county with Bangor, is borne over said road. It is also in the route of two stage lines. But a few years ago a substantial wooden bridge was built on this site at an expense of \$4,000, which was burned in 1889. This cast upon the little town a burden too heavy for it to bear. It now owes on account of bridges more than \$5,000. It is obliged to maintain seven other considerable bridges across brooks and streams besides the ones before mentioned.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. SNOW of Brewer, from Committee on Ways and
Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*