

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 13.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Aid in Building a Highway Bridge
across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman.

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated from any unexpended moneys in the
3 treasury to aid in building a highway bridge across the
4 Mattawamkeag river in the town of Kingman in the county
5 of Penobscot.

Provided a sum of money be raised by the county, town or
7 otherwise, which together with the amount herein appro-
8 priated shall be sufficient to fully complete said bridge by
9 the first of June eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, without
10 further aid from the State. Provided also that the location
11 and erection of said bridge shall be under the supervision of
12 the county commissioners of Penobscot county and one

13 comissioner to be appointed by the Governor and Council,
14 to serve without pay, and to be built of steel or iron not less
15 than eighteen feet wide upon sufficient piers and abutments,
16 upon plans of a competent bridge engineer, to be approved
17 by the Governor and Council, and that said bridge shall be
18 completed, opened to the public and accepted by the Gov-
19 ernor and Council before the sum herein appropriated shall
20 be paid.

Provided further that said bridge shall be kept in repair
22 at the expense of the town of Kingman.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

1st. The valuation of the town of Kingman is \$178,153.

2nd. The town debt is \$5,000.

3d. The bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at this point has been partially destroyed by freshets at three different times, and was repaired at the expense of said town of Kingman, and besides the town has paid a bill of damages amounting to about \$1,500, originating on account of its damaged condition, so that the bridge is largely responsible for the town debt. The river runs through the central part of the town, so no other municipality is under any obligations to assist in its building or repair. The loss of the bridge cuts off from 2,000 to 3,000 people from the benefit of the Maine Central Railroad station in Kingman village where large quantities of short lumber, as well as potatoes and other country produce from the south side of the river, have heretofore been shipped. In this way great hardship and damage are inflicted on the south half of Kingman, Prentiss, Carroll and Springfield, and the plantations of Webster, Lakeville, Kossuth and Drew. The bridge will be of more benefit to the other places named than to Kingman itself. A large tract of farming land in the south half of Kingman cannot be developed without a bridge, as produce and lumber cannot be ferried to advantage. This bridge is the crossing point of a mail route and of a very large amount of travel between the southern part of Aroostook and northeastern Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 27, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*