

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 105.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis.

Resolved, That a sum of two thousand five hundred dol-
2 lars be paid to the town of Hollis for aid asked by the
3 selectmen of said town, and the sum be divided as follows:
4 Twelve hundred and fifty dollars in the year 1897 and the
5 balance in the year 1898.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In the summer of 1894 it became necessary to rebuild the old wooden bridge at Moderation over the Saco river and a new steel bridge built by the Boston Bridge Works replaced the old one.

In the spring of 1895 this bridge was carried off by the extreme high water and the town was obliged to build another at Moderation, thoroughly repair the one at Bar Mills and build a new one at Salmon Falls to replace the iron one carried away by the same freshet; and the same company built them.

In March, 1896, came a disastrous ice flood, carrying off the new one at Moderation and again the town of Hollis was obliged to build a bridge and a new pier at Moderation. The cost to the town of Hollis during these three years for bridges on the Saco river is as follows:

1894.....	\$3,497.00
1895.....	12,383.70
1896.....	5,657.07
Total.....	\$21,537.77

Exclusive of all other ordinary bridge or culvert repair.

Hollis is not a wealthy town, as the following figures taken from the lists of tax payers will show:

175 real, and 227 personal estate tax-payers				
pay between.....	\$1.00	and	\$5.00	
58 real, and 13 personal estate tax-payers				
pay between.....	5.00	“	10.00	
95 real, and 19 personal estate tax-payers				
pay between.....	10.00	“	15.00	
40 real, and 4 personal estate tax-payers				
pay between.....	15.00	“	20.00	
32 real, and 3 personal estate tax-payers				
pay between.....	20.00	“	25.00	
17 real, and 1 personal estate tax-payers				
pay between.....	25.00	“	30.00	

8 real, and 1 personal estate tax-payers			
pay between.....	30.00	“	40.00
3 real, and 2 personal estate tax-payers			
pay between.....	40.00	“	50.00
3 real estate tax-payers pay between.....	50.00	“	100.00
1 real estate tax-payer pays.....	100.00		or over.
The valuation of Hollis in 1894 was.....			\$392,230.00
The valuation of Hollis in 1896 was.....			372,447.00
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A shrinkage in three years of.....			\$19,783.00

This depreciation was occasioned by the loss in the freshet of 1895 of a valuable saw mill, planing mill and head-works; the total destruction of the head-works and penstock of the four-set woolen mill and of course the loss consequent on all the personal property, such as logs, lumber and wood of the saw mill, and the stock and fuel of the woolen mill, which was available for taxable purposes. In view of the above facts the citizens of Hollis, through their selectmen, respectfully pray and request that a grant of \$5,000.00 from any moneys not otherwise appropriated by the State be granted to the town of Hollis.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 17, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SIMPSON of York, from Committee on Financial
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*.