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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 174.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Granting Aid in Repairing and Maintaining Babbitt Ridge road in town of Moscow.

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated to aid in repairing and maintaining Babbitt Ridge road in town of Moscow to be expended under supervision of selectmen of Moscow.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Moscow is a small, sparsely settled town with no village. Its total valuation in 1896 was \$86,660. Its indebtedness, \$3,435.99.

The rate of taxation was, money tax, two cents, three mills; highway tax, one cent.

The freshet last spring carried off a bridge which has been rebuilt at an expense of \$1,600, and next year the taxes will be still heavier.

This Babbitt Ridge road is five and one-half miles in Moscow. It is the stage road from Bingham to Abbot, in Piscataquis county. It was laid out by the joint board of county commissioners of Piscataquis and Somerset for the benefit of Mayfield in Somerset county and Kingsbury, Abbot and other towns in Piscataquis county. No one in Moscow desired it or petitioned for it but the town was compelled to build it at an expense of \$1,014. It was built in 1893 and has cost the town \$700 since, in attempting to keep it in repair, and is now in very bad condition, by reason of its use by parties, living outside of Moscow, in hauling logs over it.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 26, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.