

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 246

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Mariaville.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars for the year
2 1903 and two hundred dollars for the year 1904 be and hereby
3 is appropriated to aid in repairing and maintaining the roads
4 and bridges in the town of Mariaville in the county of Han-
5 cock, said sum to be paid to the county commissioners of
6 Hancock county, the same to be expended under their direc-
7 tion.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Mariaville is a sparsely settled town with no town house, church or village store, situated in Hancock county, about twelve miles north of Ellsworth.

Its local valuation in 1899 on real estate was \$47,902 and personal property \$8,273. In 1899 there resulted a series of fires from incendiary origin destroying the following property:

A mill for the manufacture of hard and soft wood where about fifteen men were employed, together with mill houses, dry houses, etc., to the value of about \$2,000; two barns to the value of \$1,000; one set of farm buildings, house, ell, shed and barn valued at \$1,000; one set farm buildings, house, ell, shed and barn valued at \$1,000; one set farm buildings, house and stable valued at \$500, and the church 36x48 feet with belfry and bell in very good repair, which cost about \$2,000 to build; besides about \$2,500 or \$3,000 worth of personal property.

This vast destruction of property for so small a town has caused some people to remove therefrom, and has greatly increased the burden of taxes.

The town has about 20 miles of county road to keep in repair and much of it being expensive road to keep in proper shape. It also has one bridge across the west branch of Union river and three half bridges across the same, besides several smaller bridges, the whole amounting to much expense to keep in repair. There are 83 polls in the town and out of these 27 pay only a poll tax, so the bulk of the tax has to be paid by comparatively few voters.

CHAS. E. BRIMMER,
JOSEPH C. FROST,
WILLIAM JELLISON,
Selectmen of Mariaville.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 19, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BRYANT, from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.