

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 339

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of town of Edmunds in the county of Washington in aid of building a bridge across tide waters in said town on road leading through the town of Edmunds to Whiting.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be and 2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and 3 five for the purpose of assisting said town of Edmunds in 4 the construction of a steel bridge across the tide waters in 5 said town, known as the Bell Mill stream, in the town of 6 Edmunds, and that the same be paid when the county com- 7 missioners shall certify to the governor and council that said 8 bridge has been completed at a cost not less than twelve hun- 9 dred dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town is poor financially and heavily in debt compared with its valuation, and has no wealthy men within its limits. We have three large bridges within the town and also have half of three more that the town is compelled to keep in repair across Denney's river, between Edmunds and Dennysville. We lost one of these last named bridges in the year nineteen hundred by freshet, which was replaced at an expense of six hundred dollars; and in nineteen hundred and two we lost a second, which was replaced by a steel one at a cost of three thousand and sixty dollars; and in the spring of nineteen hundred and four the bridge across the Bell Mill stream was destroyed by ice and freshet. It is aid in rebuilding this last named bridge that this appropriation is prayed for.

The length of the several bridges is as follows:

The one at the station.....	52 feet.
The one at the mill.....	60 feet.
The one between the two towns.....	150 feet.
The one across Hobart stream.....	100 feet.
The one next to Whiting.....	60 feet.
The Tide Mill bridge.....	80 feet.

The total valuation of the town is less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The town is unable to maintain said bridges without aid from the State. We still owe twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300) on the bridge last built. The present rate of taxation is .038.

WILLIAM F. BELL,
SIDNEY H. HOBART,
JOHN W. BELL,

Selectmen of Edmunds.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 1, 1905.

Reported by Mr. OAKES from Committee on Ways and Bridges and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*