

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 138

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Fort Kent in the county of Aroostook to assist in building a bridge across Fish river in the town of Fort Kent.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and 2 is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and 3 five to aid in the construction of a steel bridge across Fish 4 river in the town of Fort Kent, the same to be expended 5 under the direction of the county commissioners of Aroos- 6 took county. Said amount to be paid upon certificate of said 7 commissioners to the governor and council that said bridge 8 has been completed at a cost of not less than six thousand 9 dollars. And the county of Aroostook is hereby authorized 10 to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to aid in 11 the construction of said bridge.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Fort Kent is unusually overburdened with the support of bridges, both large and small. Extending along the southerly bank of the St. John river for about twelve miles and being intersected by the Fish river from south to north, it not only has to build and maintain the large bridges across Fish river, but numerous smaller ones across the tributaries of both the St. John and Fish rivers.

There are in the town ten bridges of more than fifty feet span and fifteen between ten and fifty feet. Of these, besides the one for which aid is asked from the State, two will have to be built anew the coming summer at a cost of over a thousand dollars.

The bridge for which aid is asked will cost about \$7,500 and lies across Fish river in Fort Kent village. It must be built of steel with stone or concrete piers and abutments and one long approach of 159 feet. The span is 164 feet long.

The town raises and expends for roads and bridges at the present time about \$4,000 annually.

The estimated expense for new bridges for the next two years is \$10,000.

The town debt is \$7,468.82.

The tax rate is high, valuation small per capita, and it would be an excessive burden on the taxpayers to meet the absolute demand for bridges at the present time.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 2, 1905.

Reported by Mr. BAILEY from Committee on Ways and Bridges and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.