

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 474

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the city of Gardiner and town of  
Randolph.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of two thousand dollars be paid to  
2 the city of Gardiner and the town of Randolph to assist in  
3 the care, maintenance and repair of the Gardiner and Ran-  
4 dolph bridge, so called, for the year 1907, and the same  
5 amount to be paid the said city and town for the year 1908  
6 for the same purposes.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Act to incorporate the proprietors of the Gardiner and Pittston bridge passed by legislature in 1852, as private corporation with power to take tolls for profit, empowered to hold real estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars.

The bridge was built under said act in 1853 and opened for traffic that year.

In 1869 the legislature passed an act authorizing the city of Gardiner and town of Pittston, or either of them, to raise money for and to purchase the Gardiner and Pittston bridge.

The original bridge company operated the bridge until January 1st, 1887, when it was turned over to the city of Gardiner and the town of Randolph and the price paid including costs, was \$23,271, was at that time made a free bridge, Gardiner paid 78% and Randolph 22% of the purchase money and they are holden in that proportion for repairs.

In 1896 the middle portions of the bridge were carried away by freshet of that year and this necessitated the repairing of the piers and the purchase of two steel spans, the cost of the construction and repairs was \$30,773 and bonds were issued for that amount.

The bridge is about 900 feet in length; 415 feet in the steel spans; 319 feet in the covered ends and 166 feet in the draw, besides the approaches.

New draw now being put in at a cost of about nine or ten thousand dollars and to be built of steel, absolutely necessary.

The total expense or maintaining and repairing the bridge for the period of ten years up to 1905 is about \$22,000 or an average of \$2,200 a year, and including new construction the total expense for the ten years to 1905 was \$51,923.93 or rising five thousand dollars a year.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*