

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 297

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 1911.

Reported by Mr. Mace from Committee on Claims and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Buxton.

Resolved, That the town of Buxton be reimbursed for taxes
2 paid into the State treasury for the years 1908-9 to the
3 amount of eight hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-
4 eight cents (\$848.48) on excessive valuation.

STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING RESOLVE
IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN OF BUXTON (HOUSE
DOC. 297).

The Portland Electric Co. built in 1907-08 at West Buxton on the Saco river an electric power plant, expending a large amount of money. The plant was completed and came in for taxation in 1908.

The assessors of Buxton placed a valuation on the plant at four hundred fifty-four thousand nine hundred seventy-six dollars (\$454,976). The Electric Co. objected to these figures and asked for a reduction. No agreement could be settled upon. The matter was finally carried to the Supreme Court in York county. It pended before that court for a long time and lastly it was agreed that it be referred, and to refer it to the State Assessors.

The State Assessors reduced the valuation as placed by the assessors of the town \$106,060.

The town of Buxton lost by this reduction, in taxes assessed for the years 1908-09, \$2,410.71.

The town of Buxton paid into the State treasury for the years 1908-09 on this reduction, \$848.48.

Total loss to the town by reason of the reduction, \$3,259.19.