

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 81

House of Representatives, Jan. 29, 1913.

*Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. Farrar of
Ripley and ordered printed.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the Town of Ripley for the repair and
permanent improvement of highways.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand five hundred
2 dollars (\$1,500.00) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the
3 repair and permanent improvement of the highway leading
4 in an easterly direction from Upper Mainstream bridge
5 across the northerly part of the town of Ripley in Som-
6 erset County to the town line of Dexter in Penobscot Coun-
7 ty. Said appropriation to be expended under the direction
8 of the State Highway Department.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This piece of road is a part of the direct travelled route between Cambridge village and Dexter. It accommodates not only the people of Cambridge, but those of Wellington and the south part of Parkman. Over this route the inhabitants of these prosperous communities must haul all their produce to market and bring back all their phosphate, feed, etc. The road does not go into Ripley village, nor does it afford any accommodation to the people of Ripley.

There is about three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of a mile of this road in the town of Ripley for which this appropriation is asked. This road is across a flat meadow, composed of a black muck soil from two to five feet deep, which renders it almost impossible to drain by the ordinary means. For a period in the spring and fall this road is now nearly impassable, which works a great hardship on the people of Cambridge, Wellington, Parkman and Dexter. The Town of Ripley is not able financially to make the permanent rebuilding of this road without assistance from the State; and as it derives no benefit from the road, the town feels justified in asking for this assistance.

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