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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 113

House of Representatives, Feb. 3, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of repair of bridges in the town of
Addison.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the year 1913, only,
3 to aid in the repair of bridges in the town of Addison, pro-
4 vided the town of Addison appropriates the sum of five hun-
5 dred dollars (\$500) for the same purpose; both sums to be
6 expended under the supervision of the State Highway De-
7 partment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO AN APPRO-
PRIATION FOR HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF AD-
DISON.

The town of Addison respectfully is asking of this Legislature the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Five hundred for the year 1913, and five hundred for the year 1914, for the improvement and repair of its roads. They asked the same of the Legislature of 1911 and was favorably reported by the committee, and then referred to this Legislature.

The time was when Addison boasted of the best roads in the county, but today, the roads of Addison are in a bad condition in some places almost impassable, the tax payers have done and are doing today all that they can do in way of highway improvement.

The town is poor, the people rely on fishing and farming chiefly as a means of livelihood.

The valuation of the town is \$209,659, a falling off of over \$80,000 in last 20 years, with a tax rate for the year 1912 of 29 mills and an indebtedness of \$800. The population being 985.

And as is the case with all poor towns in the State, they have 61 miles of highway and nine bridges, beside the bridge between Jonesport and Addison to keep in repair.

The citizens of the surrounding towns and visitors to them are continually complaining about the Addison roads, so much so that during last summer complaint was made to the County Commissioners, who investigated and told the town something would have to be done, and a special town meeting was called and money authorized to be hired, to try and repair the worst places as best they could.

If this Legislature will give the town the amount asked for, it will, with what the town can afford to raise, help put the roads in as good condition as those of the surrounding towns.