

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 153

House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1913.

*Tabled pending reference to a committee, by Mr. Durgin of
Milo, and ordered printed.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Milo.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated, for the year nineteen hundred and
3 thirteen, to aid in the construction of a concrete bridge
4 across the Sebec river in the town of Milo, in the county
5 of Piscataquis, to wit, the east branch of said Sebec river
6 in the village of Milo.

Provided, an equal amount be furnished and expended by
8 the said town of Milo for the same purpose.

Said bridge shall be erected on plans approved by the State
10 Commissioner of Highways, and the selectmen of the town
11 of Milo; it shall be built of concrete, not less than forty-
12 six feet in width and set upon substantial abutments and
13 piers of masonry.

Provided, also, that said bridge shall be built upon the
15 basis of costing five thousand dollars and that the amount
16 paid by the State under this Resolve, shall not exceed one-
17 half of the cost thereof.

The said amount shall be paid from the State treasury
19 upon certificate of the State Commissioner of Highways
20 to the State Auditor, and any part of said amount, not
21 expended as provided above, shall revert to the State
22 treasury.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Milo has a valuation of \$1,200,000.00, and a population, according to the census of 1910, of a little more than 2600.

The tax rate for the past seven years has averaged .277 on every dollar of taxable property within the town. In the past seven years, nearly thirty thousand dollars has been expended by the town in new school buildings.

There are three rivers running through the town; the Pleasant, Piscataquis and Sebec rivers.

Across the Pleasant river a new steel bridge, two hundred and fifty-nine feet in length has recently been erected at an expense of nearly seven thousand dollars for the steel work alone and exclusive of abutments and piers.

Across the Piscataquis a covered, wooden bridge is maintained two hundred and thirty feet in length and there has been expended upon this bridge within the past few years nearly four thousand dollars in repairs, new piers and in strengthening it generally.

Across the Sebec river which flows through the village, four bridges are maintained. The first a small wooden structure thirty-three feet in length; the second an open, iron structure recently erected at an expense of nearly one thousand dollars; a third being a covered, wooden bridge one hundred and four feet in length and a fourth an open wooden bridge eighty feet in length.

It is for the replacing of this last named structure that assistance is asked.

This bridge is situated at the foot of a long hill, is within the center and compact portion of the village and accommodates a great deal of travel. Owing to its location at the foot of a hill, it is impossible to erect a wooden structure that will continue safe for any period of time. In proof of this, it may be stated that this bridge has been entirely and wholly rebuilt and replaced, five times within the past thirty years, and it must be again rebuilt and wholly replaced within the next two years.