

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 330

House of Representatives, Feb. 25, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of reconstructing bridge at Forest City,
Washington County, Maine.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100)
2 be and hereby is appropriated to aid in the reconstruction
3 of a wooden bridge at Forest City, Washington county,
4 Maine, said bridge connecting Forest City with the New
5 Brunswick side of the line.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Forest City, in Washington county, was incorporated in 1887. In 1890 the town had 61 polls and a valuation of \$71,581. In 1910 the whole population was 79, while the total valuation was but \$15,603.

The cause of this great loss of taxable property and the large loss of population was the removal of the tannery industry. Many people moved away and the property depreciated nearly three-fourths of the former valuation.

Forest City is connected with New Brunswick by a long wooden bridge that must be kept safe for public travel. The middle span is 30 feet long and for safety it must be replaced this year. As the town has four and one-half miles of road to keep in repair and only a few farms to assess taxes upon, and with no wild lands to help pay for improvements, the people feel compelled to ask the State for one hundred dollars to aid in the reconstruction of said bridge.