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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 474

House of Representatives, March 10, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of aid in constructing a bridge in Town
of Milo.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of two thousand dollars (\$2000) to aid in the construction
3 of a bridge across the east branch of the Sebec river in
4 the town of Milo; provided that there be appropriated by
5 the town of Milo, or otherwise, the sum of two thousand
6 dollars (\$2000) for the same purpose; provided, also, that
7 said bridge shall be built of concrete, and that any addi-
8 tional cost above four thousand dollars (\$4000) shall be
9 borne by the town of Milo; the expenditure of all appro-
10 priations and the construction of said bridge to be under
11 the supervision of the State Highway Department.

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 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.