

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 605

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*House of Representatives, March 9, 1915.*

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

*FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk pro tem.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across  
the Sandy River in the town of New Sharon, Franklin  
county.

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*Resolved*, that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,-  
2 000), to be paid seven thousand five hundred dollars  
3 (\$7,500) in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen,  
4 and seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in the  
5 year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, be and hereby  
6 is appropriated to aid in building a highway bridge across  
7 the Sandy river in the town of New Sharon, Franklin  
8 county; provided that the sum of five thousand dollars  
9 (\$5,000) be paid by said county of Franklin and the sum of  
10 five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and any necessary balance  
11 by said town of New Sharon, or otherwise, which, together  
12 with the amount herein appropriated, shall be sufficient to

13 complete said bridge without further aid from the State.  
14 And said county of Franklin is hereby authorized and re-  
15 quired to pay the sum herein provided for it to pay within  
16 two years from the date of the approval of this resolve;  
17 and said town of New Sharon is hereby authorized to raise  
18 by taxation or otherwise, any sums which may be necessary  
19 for it to raise to carry out the provisions of this resolve:  
20 provided also that the location, type of construction, and  
21 erection of said bridge shall be determined by, and the ex-  
22 penditure of all sums of money shall be under the supervi-  
23 sion of the State Highway Commission. Provided further  
24 that said bridge shall be kept in such repair as may be di-  
25 rected by the State Highway Commission at the expense of  
26 the town of New Sharon.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The highway bridge across the Sandy River in the village of New Sharon is an old wooden covered bridge and the timbers are in such a state of decay that the bridge is not safe for the passage of heavy teams and automobiles. It is located on the direct thoroughfare from Belgrade Lakes, Augusta and Waterville through New Sharon to Farmington and the Rangeley Lake region. The increased travel by automobiles over this route has made it an imperative duty for the town to construct a safe and adequate bridge for the travel passing over this route.

The town of New Sharon has a valuation of about four hundred thousand dollars, a debt of over eleven thousand dollars and a tax rate of twenty-seven mills on a dollar, with a population of only about one thousand people. To construct such a bridge as is required, from the fact that the roads upon both sides of this bridge have been designated as a State highway, would cause a debt upon the town greater than it could possibly pay.

The town is willing to do all that it can for the construction of the bridge, and the county is willing to establish a precedent in paying for a part of the cost of building a bridge in an organized town within the limits of the County.