

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 62

In Senate, Jan. 31, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE in favor of the towns of Alna and Newcastle.

Resolved, That the sum of nine thousand dollars be, and

2 hereby is, appropriated towards rebuilding the bridge across
3 the Sheepscot river over tide-water at Sheepscot between
4 the towns of Alna and Newcastle in the county of Lincoln,
5 the same to be expended under the direction of the State
6 Highway Commission: Provided that the town of Alna
7 appropriates the sum of five hundred dollars and the town
8 of Newcastle appropriates the sum of fifteen hundred dol-
9 lars towards the rebuilding of said bridge and the dredging
10 of the Middle-Grounds, so called, above said bridge.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Sheepscot Bridge was first chartered in 1813 by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a toll bridge, this route being one of the two thoroughfares between Portland and Bath on the west and Rockland and points east.

The charter was renewed by the Maine Legislature in 1863, it still remaining a toll bridge.

In 1894 the Legislature of Maine authorized the county of Lincoln to purchase the bridge of the stockholders, paying them the sum of eight hundred dollars for same, making it a free bridge and requiring the towns of Alna and Newcastle to maintain it.

At the present time there are two draws in said bridge. In rebuilding it is proposed to have only one draw.

Length of bridge including the two draws but not including the approaches, 593 feet.

Approaches at Alna end, 62 feet.

Approaches at Newcastle end, 40 feet.

Width of bridge, 19 feet.

Estimated height of bridge above low water, 16 feet.