

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 457

House of Representatives, April 1, 1921.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN RELATION TO ROAD
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, ESTIMATES
OF COSTS AND FUTURE PROJECTS AND PLANS
CONTEMPLATED IN LEGISLATION PENDING

State Highway system (trunk lines)	1,400 miles
State Aid system	3,000 miles
Trunk lines built	744 miles
State Aid built	1,411 miles
Trunk Lines, average cost of construction per mile	\$10,541 79
State Aid, average cost of construction per mile	7,352 00

AVAILABLE FOR TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION,
FOR 1921-1922-1923

Balance bond issue authorized	\$557,044 00
Due from Federal funds	922,808 02
Bond issue pending	2,300,000 00
Federal Aid to match same	931,010 73
	\$4,710,862 73

Miles possible to be built at average cost of

\$15,000 per mile on trunk lines 314 miles

Contemplated State aid bond issue for State aid

roads \$2,500,000 00

Moneys contributed by towns under various State

aid acts, same average as in past 2,000,000 00

\$4,500,000 00

Possible to build on State aid system, average

cost \$8,000 per mile 562 miles

Trunk lines built 744 miles plus 314 miles equals

1,058 miles, leaving to be built 342 miles

State aid roads built 1,411 miles plus 562 miles

equals 1,973 miles, remainder to be built 1,027
miles

The cost estimated to complete trunk lines

system :

342 miles at \$15,000 per mile \$5,130,000 00

Cost estimated to complete State aid system :

1,027 miles at \$8,000 per mile 8,116,000 00

\$13,246,000 00

There will remain bonds unissued		
and retired	\$942,000 00	
Towns' quota as per past ratio State		
aid	3,607,108 00	
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Subtracting this from total cost leaves to be provided by State and by Federal Aid \$8,696,892 00

At present ratio of Federal Aid there would be received by the State about four millions from this source, so State would have to provide net about four and a half to five millions.

ESTIMATED COST OF MAINTENANCE OF STATE AID ROADS SYSTEMS COMPLETE

Bonds outstanding approximately fifteen millions	
Interest on bonds	\$750,000 00
Administration (estimated)	200,000 00
State road maintenance 1,400 miles at \$650 per mile	910,000 00
State Aid road maintenance 3,000 miles at \$300 per mile	900,000 00
Bond retirement	360,000 00
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	\$3,120,000 00
Estimated income registration	\$2,000,000 00
Estimated mill tax	700,000 00

Received from towns \$60 per mile	
State road patrol 1,400 miles	84,000 00
Received from towns State aid	
patrol \$60 per mile 3,000 miles	180,000 00
	2,964,000 00
Estimated amount to be provided by	
additional legislation	\$156,000 00

Maintenance cost trunk lines per mile 1920	\$527 00
Maintenance cost per mile State aid improved	
1920	235 00
Maintenance cost State aid unimproved 1920	60 00

EXPENSE

Estimated cost maintenance in 1923, 1,058 miles	
trunk line at \$650 per mile	\$687,700 00
Estimated cost maintenance in 1923, 1,973 miles	
State aid improved at \$250 per mile	493,250 00
Cost of maintenance State aid unimproved, 1,027	
miles	102,700 00
Interest and retirement of bonds	700,000 00
Administration (estimated)	175,000 00
	\$2,158,650 00

INCOME

Registration (estimated)	\$1,500,000 00
Mill tax (estimated)	660,000 00
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	\$2,160,000 00

Legislation contemplated will make available for 1921-22-23, \$100,000 each year for the purchase, maintenance and repair of bridges plus balance of maintenance fund of from two to four hundred thousand dollars per year

Bond issue contemplated \$700,000 to satisfy provisions of Bridge Bill, so-called, plus a balance now remaining of previous bond issue of about \$250,000

THE ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE FUND FOR
1921 UNDER PRESENT LAWS

Registration	\$970,000 00
Balance mill tax fund	118,000 00
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	\$1,088,000 00
Interest and retirement of bonds	\$332,000,00
Administration	125,000 00
Used from 1921 registration fees	
1920	118,000 00
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	575,000 00
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	\$513,000 00
Estimated cost of maintenance roads alone	\$850,000 00
Deficit	\$337,000 00

CONTEMPLATED LEGISLATION WILL AFFORD
FOR MAINTENANCE

Income	
Registration (estimated)	\$970,000 00
Mill tax	636,000 00
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	\$1,606,000 00
One-third mill special tax 1921	212,000 00
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	\$1,818,000 00
Expense	
Interest on retirement of bonds	\$332,000 00
Administration	125,000 00
Used from 1921 registration fees	
1920	118,000 00
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	\$575,000 00
Estimated cost maintenance roads	
1921	850,000 00
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	1,425,000 00
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Balance for bridge maintenance	\$383,000 00

It is estimated that the increase of registration 1922 will in a large measure make up the special fund appropriated for 1921 (1-3 mill special tax).

GRANVILLE, Ways and Bridges.