

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 451      House of Representatives, March 25, 1931.

Reported by Mr. Jones from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges and laid on Table to be printed under Joint Rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, In favor of the towns of Atkinson and Sebec for  
the construction of a bridge.

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Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated from  
the bridge loan fund the sum of \$3,063.10 to aid the town of  
Sebec, and the sum of \$2,609.28 to aid the town of Atkinson,  
in the reconstruction of Union Bridge, so-called, over the  
Piscataquis River between the towns of Sebec and Atkinson;  
these amounts to be applied as the towns' portions of the cost  
of the bridge under the bridge act.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The present bridge was built in 1830. In 1854 the bridge was carried down river by flood but was afterwards taken apart, brought back and re-erected. The length of present bridge is approximately 183 feet between abutments.

The bridge is located on the main road leading from Route 154 at Sebec Corner and extending through Sebec Station, Atkinson, Charleston, Corinth and Kenduskeag to Bangor. It is estimated that over 4000 truckloads of freight, including potatoes, fertilizer, hay, farm produce, pulp and lumber, are hauled over this bridge yearly. The bridge is badly in need of reconstruction in order to make it safe and adequate for the traffic it accommodates.

The tax rate last year in Atkinson was .058, population 395. The valuation of Atkinson, according to the last report of the State Assessors, was \$260,928.00. The tax rate in Sebec last year was .043 and the population 357. The State Assessors' valuation of Sebec is \$306,310.00. Sebec has a debt of approximately \$8,000.00.

It is estimated that a new bridge will cost approximately \$60,000, which, under the terms of the bridge act, would require town funds in the amount of one per cent of the valuation in each case.