

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully request that an effort be made to establish monthly mail serviceto Yakutat in the immediate future.

And that a copy of this Memorial be sent to Delegate Dan Sutherland and a copy to the Postmaster General.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the Senate, April 18, 191.

Adopted by the House, April 28, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, submit for your consideration, the Organic Act, approved August 4, 1912, providing for the incorporation of cities and towns in Alaska, which Act does not allow municipalities to create a bonded indebtedness; prohibiting many needed improvements, such as public utilities, sewerage systems and emergency problems, as the limit of taxation is fixed at twenty (20) mills. The town of Seward, Alaska, with an assessed valuation of \$1,300,000 is unable, from the revenues derived from taxation, to protect the town and government property that is non-taxable from severe damages caused by the waters of Lowell Creek.

The residents of Seward, by their Town Council, have petitioned the Legislature of Alaska for aid, as given to the town of Valdez, Alaska, by Congress.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that flowing out of a deep box canyon, running due east across the town of Seward, Alaska, a distance of approximately 1600 feet, is a characteristic mountain glacial stream, designated as Lowell Creek;

That since the year 1903, the Alaska Central Railway, its successors in interest, now the Government Railway Project, have maintained near the mouth and outlet of said stream into the tidal waters of Resurrection Bay, a short pile trestle, thereby obstructing the free flow of the waters of said Lowell Creek in times of ordinary water;

That during the last seventeen years, since the obstruction of the mouth of said stream, as aforesaid, in times of flood water,

the silt, gravel, debris and water carried in volume by said stream "backs up," has no outlet, fills old channels, over-flows, and causes great damage to the property of the residents of said town of Seward; and, in time of extraordinary water, threatens the lives of said residents;

That by reason of said continued obstruction at the mouth of said stream, the town of Seward, before incorporation in the year 1912, and since said date of incorporation, has been compelled to and has expended a sum approximating Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in an effort to confine said stream in proper channels and prevent loss and destruction;

That under a plan now adopted by said town of Seward it is believed by an expenditure of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) adequate protection will be afforded to the town, its people and property contained therein.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists pray that the Congress of the United States grant Federal aid to be given to the said town of Seward, Alaska, to the extent of the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be expended in Public Works seeking to protect the lives, property and railroad property, from the ravages of Lowell Creek; the same to be expended under and by direction of some Engineer Officer of the United States Army.

Passed by the Senate, April 15, 1921.

Passed by the House, April 19, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF WAR, THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA.

We, your Memorialists, respectfully present for your consideration and helpful assistance the following matters of grave importance to the Territory of Alaska:

(1) That Alaska is so situated that a proper and fairly expeditious mail service seems impossible of attainment and that in consequence the people of the Territory are more dependent upon telegraphic service than are the people of any other part of the United States: