

Bill Is Introduced On Canal Covering

A bill, which proposes that the State appropriate \$290,000 to cover over that portion of the old Erie Canal between Peterboro and Main Streets in Canastota, was introduced in both houses of the Legislature at Albany yesterday. Sponsors are State Senator Wheeler Milmoie and Assemblyman Harold I. Tyler, who stated they intend to exert every effort to have this bill passed.

The measure was introduced at the request of the Canastota Village Board, which unanimously adopted a resolution to this effect at a meeting early in January.

Last year a Milmoie-Tyler bill appropriating \$75,000 to cover over that part of the Canal between Diamond and Peterboro Streets was successfully passed in the legislature and signed by Governor Harriman. An earlier proposal requesting \$400,000 to do a complete covering job between Diamond and Main Sts. failed to receive approval.

Two months ago a contract was let by the State Department of Public Works for the Diamond St. - Peterboro St. project to the Worlock Stone Co. for slightly more than \$45,000, and work on this job is now in progress. The stretch from Peterboro St. to Main St. is about 900 ft., approximately five times the length of the Diamond St. - Peterboro St. link. District Engineer Lacy Ketchum of Utica estimated that the \$290,000 amount sought for the new project should be ample to complete it, if approved by the legislature and the governor.

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