LACONIA — The new steel bridge across Lake Winnisquam on the state road would be closed, April 24, 1916, “as the workmen will commence laying the cement floor,” The Laconia Democrat reported, 100 years ago this week.

“The bridge will be closed until this work is completed, probably a month or six weeks.”

Meanwhile, the Winnisquam correspondent reported that Ross Dalton was “laying a new floor on the ferry and making it in good condition for the spring work.”