

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 178.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to incorporate the Chain of Ponds Improvement Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Milton G. Shaw, Charles D. Shaw,
2 Albert H. Shaw and William M. Shaw, their asso-
3 ciates, successors and assigns are hereby consti-
4 tuted a body corporate by the name of the Chain
5 of Ponds Improvement Company, and as such
6 corporation may make and adopt by-laws not in-
7 consistent with the constitution and laws of this
8 State, and shall be clothed with all the powers,
9 rights and privileges enjoyed and exercised by like
10 corporations.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed five thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, par value.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may erect, purchase, maintain and keep in repair, dams on the north branch of Dead River, at the foot of the Chain of Ponds, and at the Horse Shoe Pond, and at the Hathorn Bog, so called, with right to improve the streams that flow from said ponds. *Provided*, that the dams so erected and improvements so made on the streams shall facilitate the floating of logs and lumber down the same.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall be authorized and empowered to assess, levy and collect a toll of twenty cents per M feet, at the same scale adopted by the Kennebec and Dead River Log Driving Company, on all logs and lumber put into said north branch of Dead River, above the lower Surrampus Falls, so-called, or within the flow of the dam at the foot of the Chain of Ponds, in township Number Two, range six, and twenty-five cents per M feet at same scale, for all logs and lumber put into said streams or ponds above the flowing of said dam; and said corporation shall have a lien on said logs to secure the payment of said toll.

SECT. 5. Said corporation, for the purpose
2 aforesaid, is hereby authorized to take, purchase
3 and hold sufficient land at and adjacent to said
4 dams, necessary to erect and maintain the same,
5 and if the damages can not be agreed upon be-
6 tween the company and the land owners, they are
7 to be assessed by the County Commissioners of
8 Franklin County.

SECT. 6. If any person or persons shall wilfully
2 or maliciously injure or destroy said dams, or
3 either of them, he or they shall pay to said corpo-
4 ration double the cost of repairing the same, to
5 be recovered in an action on the case.

SECT. 7. Any one of the corporators named in
2 this act may call the meeting for organization by
3 giving seven days' personal notice to each of the
4 others.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this charter shall be con-
2 strued as altering, changing or binding the rights
3 of others to the use of the waters for driving
4 purposes.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A."

Section 3 of act to incorporate the Chain of Ponds Improvement Company shall be amended by adding to the end of said section, the following words: 'And it is *further provided*, that said corporation shall not interfere with the natural flow of the water in Dead River to the injury of the lands and settlers below,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows: 'Said corporation may erect, purchase, maintain and keep in repair, dams on the north branch of Dead River, at the foot of the Chain of Ponds, and at the Horse Shoe Pond, and at the Hathorn Bog (so-called), with right to improve the streams that flow from said ponds. *Provided* that the dams so erected and improvements so made on the streams shall facilitate the floating of logs and lumber down the same; and it is *further provided*, that said corporation shall not interfere with the natural flow of the water in Dead River to the injury of the lands and settlers below.'

AMENDMENT "B."

Said act is also amended by adding the enacting clause to said bill.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 25, 1885. }

Mr. WALTON offered an Amendment "A," and on motion of Mr. RANDALL of Augusta, bill and amendment ordered printed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*