

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 75.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Ellis River Improvement
Company.

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

SECTION 1. That Galen C. Moses, Edward Plummer, Ezra
2 Cross, Mark P. Emery, their associates, successors and
3 assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by
4 the name of the Ellis River Improvement Company, with
5 all the powers and privileges of similar corporations. The
6 capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed five
7 thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars each.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may construct and maintain
2 as many dams and side dams, booms and sluices, at any
3 point on the West Branch of the Ellis River or its tribu-
4 taries, in the county of Oxford, at or above the point on

5 said river where Stony Brook empties into same, near
6 Stony Brook Falls, so called, as they may deem necessary
7 for the purpose of driving or floating logs and lumber;
8 also, to construct and maintain such other side-dams,
9 booms and sluices on the remaining portion of the West
10 Branch of the Ellis River, as may be necessary to float or
11 drive logs and lumber, *provided* the same shall not inter-
12 fere with the rights of persons and property on said
13 stream at or near Andover Village; also, to remove all
14 stones, trees and other natural obstructions from the bed
15 of the West Branch of Ellis River, and to deepen the
16 channel of the same; and for said purpose said corpora-
17 tion may take land and materials, being accountable to
18 the owners thereof for the same and all damages, if any,
19 to be ascertained by reference, or by action on the case.

SECT. 3. The said corporation after it shall have made
2 the dams, booms and other improvements contemplated by
3 this act, and during such period as the same shall be kept
4 in good repair and working condition, may demand and
5 receive a toll of fifteen cents per thousand feet, woods
6 scale, for all logs and lumber, excepting such as is known
7 as pulp wood, and lumber less than ten feet in length,
8 that shall be put into said stream, at a point above the
9 mouth of said Stony Brook; and a lien is hereby created
10 upon all such logs or lumber included in the provisions of
11 this act, for the purpose of enforcing the toll attaching to
12 the same, for three months after the same shall have
13 passed down said river into the Androscoggin river, said
14 lien to be enforced by attachment.

SECT. 4. When the tolls on the lumber specified herein,
2 including tolls on all lumber owned by this corporation

3 that shall pass down said stream, amounts to a sum suffi-
4 cient to pay the cost of all improvements actually made
5 on said stream, with interest on the same at the rate of
6 ten per centum per annum, then said toll shall be reduced
7 to a sum sufficient to keep said improvements in repair
8 and no more. And said corporation shall annually on or
9 before the first day of August file in the office of the clerk
10 of the town of Andover, in said county of Oxford, a state-
11 ment under oath, giving the amount of lumber passing
12 down said stream together with the name of the owner or
13 owners of the same, and any failure to file said statement
14 shall forfeit the right to collect toll for the year preceding
15 said first day of August.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 16, 1885. }

Laid on table to be printed under joint rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*