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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

1897

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 555.**

An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis River and its tributaries.

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

Sect. 1. No person or persons shall cast or throw into the Ellis river or its tributaries any mill waste, slabs, edgings, bark, chips, shavings, sawdust or any other mill waste of a fibrous nature created in the manufacture of any sawn or planed lumber, or shall place, pile or deposit on the banks of said Ellis river, or on the banks of any of its tributaries, any slabs, edgings, or any shavings or fibrous material created by the manufacturing of shingles, in such negligent or careless manner that the same shall fall or be washed into said river or said tributaries, or with the intent that the same shall fall or be washed into said river or said tributaries, whereby the navigation of said river may become impeded or injuriously affected, or which shall tend to impede or injuriously affect the navigation of, or fill up said river, or which shall fill up or obstruct, or tend to fill up or obstruct, the canal or wheel race of any woolen mill, cotton mill, flour mill, or other manufacturing establishment, or which shall damage or injuriously affect, or tend to damage or injuriously affect, the ice on said river, or on any of its tributaries, under a penalty for each offense, if the quantity shall not exceed five cords, of not less than five or more than twenty dollars; if the quantity cast or thrown in, or that shall fall or be washed in as aforesaid, at one or different times, shall exceed five cords in all, under a penalty of not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars.

Throwing of slabs, etc., into Ellis river forbidden.

—penalty for violation.

Sect. 2. All the penalties under the provisions of the foregoing section shall be recovered by complaint or indictment before any court having jurisdiction in like offenses.

Penalties, how recovered.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

When act shall take effect.