

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED JANUARY 25, 1871;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED
THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE
UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN APPENDIX.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.



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CHAPTER 57.

MILLS AND THEIR REPAIRS.

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Manner of calling a meeting of mill owners.
R. S. c. 57, § 1.
53 Me. 551.

SEC. 1. When an owner of a mill, or of the dam necessary for working it, thinks it necessary to rebuild or repair it in whole or in part, he may apply in writing to a justice of the peace in the county where it is situated, or if situated partly in one county and partly in another, to a justice in either, to call a meeting of the owners, stating the object, time, and place of the meeting, and such justice may issue his warrant for the purpose, directed to such owner, which shall be published in some newspaper printed in the county, if any, three weeks successively, the last publication to be not less than ten, nor more than thirty days before the meeting; or a true copy of the warrant may be delivered to each of said owners, or left at his last and usual place of abode; and either notice shall be binding on all the owners.

Owners of half or more may repair or rebuild.
R. S. c. 57, § 2.
53 Me. 551.

SEC. 2. At such meeting, whether all the owners attend or not, the owners in interest of at least one-half of such mill or dam may rebuild or repair, one or both, so far as to make them serviceable; and shall be reimbursed what they advanced therefor beyond their proportions, with interest in the mean time, out of said mill or its profits.

How to be reimbursed.
R. S. c. 57, § 3.
53 Me. 551.

SEC. 3. If they are not reimbursed by the profits of the mill, or paid by the other owners, within six months after the work is completed, they may charge one per cent. a month on the amount advanced, from the end of six months till so reimbursed or paid; and if any delinquent owner dies, or alienates his interest in the premises, the advancing owners shall have a continuing lien thereon for the reimbursement of the advancements; but no special contract, made by the owners, respecting the building or repairing such mill or dam, shall be hereby affected.

Proceedings if a part owner is a minor or other disqualified person.
R. S. c. 57, § 4.

SEC. 4. Where any part of such mill or dam, at the time of meeting and notice, is held and possessed by minors, married women, tenants by courtesy, in tail for life or years, or by mortgager or mortgagee, the guardians of such minors, husband of such married woman in her right, such tenant, mortgager or mortgagee shall be deemed,

for the purposes of this act, the proprietors thereof, and shall be notified, vote, and contribute accordingly; and all advances so made by them, if not paid, shall be recoverable in a special action on the case, with interest.

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SEC. 5. The owner of every grist mill shall keep therein scales and weights, to weigh corn, grain, and meal, when required; and for neglecting so to do, or refusing to weigh the same when required, or for taking more than lawful toll, he shall forfeit five dollars, to be recovered by action of debt with costs, before any trial justice for the county where the offence is committed.

Owners of
grist mills to
furnish scales
for weighing
grain.
R. S. c. 57, § 5.

SEC. 6. The toll for grinding, cleansing and bolting all kinds of grain, except buckwheat and Indian wheat, shall not exceed one-sixteenth part thereof; and for hulling, grinding and bolting buckwheat and Indian wheat, the toll shall not exceed three quarts a bushel, and for grinding without hulling and bolting, two quarts a bushel.

Tolls estab-
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