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**CHAP. 18.** proportion of labor and materials to be furnished by each owner; and the manner of calling future meetings.

Surveyor's duties; penalty for neglect of owners to pay.  
R.S., c. 18, § 82.

**SEC. 101.** The surveyor so chosen, with respect to such way or bridge, has the powers of a surveyor of highways. For refusing to accept the trust or to take the oath he forfeits four dollars, to be recovered as of surveyors of highways. Any owner or occupant, who on requirement of the surveyor, neglects to furnish his proportion of labor and materials, is subject to liabilities and penalties, as in like cases respecting highways, to be recovered in like manner.

Owners may contract for repair, and cause money to be assessed and collected.  
R.S., c. 18, § 83.

**SEC. 102.** The owners, at such meeting, may authorize a contract to be made for making and keeping such way or bridge in repair, by the year or for a less time; may raise money for that purpose, and choose assessors to assess it on such owners and occupants in proportion to their interests, who shall deliver their assessment with a warrant for its collection to the surveyor. Such warrant shall be in substance such as is prescribed for collection of town taxes. The surveyor shall collect the same as taxes for highways are collected; and be liable for neglect of duty, as surveyors of highways are for similar neglects.

See c. 6, § 122.  
See §§ 60, 73.

Penalties and process.  
R.S., c. 18, § 84.

**SEC. 103.** Money recovered under the two preceding sections is for the use of such owners. In any process for its recovery, a description of them in general terms as proprietors and occupants of the way or bridge, clearly describing it therein, is sufficient. Such process is not abated by the death of any owner, or by the transfer of his interest.

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## CHAPTER 19.

### LAW OF THE ROAD.

- SEC. 1.** Definition of words "way" and "team", when used.
2. Teams to turn to the right; if unable to turn, must stop.
  3. When stationary, or travelling slowly, must allow others to pass.
  4. Not to stand on way to obstruct it, nor be without a driver.
  5. Bells on horses drawing runners.
  6. Damages to injured party; penalty.
  7. Teams must walk on bridges if boards forbidding faster driving are conspicuously exposed.
  8. Penalty for fast driving.
  9. Driver of team with passengers not to leave it without charge or fastening. Punishment therefor.
  10. Certain teams to have wide rimmed wheels on a certain road in Washington county. Penalty for violation. Teams may be seized and detained.

Definitions.  
R. S., c. 19, § 1.  
See c. 1, § 6,  
¶ 6; c. 18, § 87.

**SEC. 1.** As used in this chapter, the word "way" includes all kinds of public ways. And the word "team" all kinds of conveyances on such ways for persons and for property.

Travellers to turn to the right; if unable to turn, must stop.

**SEC. 2.** When persons travelling with a team are approaching to meet on a way, they shall seasonably turn to the right of the middle of the travelled part of it, so far that they can pass each other without inter-

ference. When it is unsafe, or difficult on account of weight of load to do so, a person about to be met or overtaken, if requested, shall stop a reasonable time, at a convenient place, to enable the other to pass. (a)

SEC. 3. When a person with a team is stationary, or travelling slowly on a way at a place unsafe or inconvenient for passing him with a team, he shall, if requested, drive to the right or left, or stop a reasonable time at a convenient place, to allow the other to pass.

SEC. 4. No person shall leave his team stationary on a way so as to obstruct the free passage of other teams; or allow his team to be on a way without a driver.

SEC. 5. Three or more bells must be fastened to one of the foremost horses drawing teams on snow without wheels.

SEC. 6. Any person injured by a violation of either of the previous sections, may recover damages in an action on the case, commenced within one year. Such violator forfeits not less than one, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered on complaint made within sixty days.

SEC. 7. No team shall travel faster than a walk on a bridge erected wholly or partly by the State, or on any bridge covered with plank and fifty feet long composing part of a way, or on any bridge owned by a corporation, if a board with the words "three dollars fine for riding or driving on this bridge faster than a walk," legibly painted in black letters on a white ground, is kept exposed in some conspicuous place at each end thereof.

SEC. 8. Whoever wilfully violates the preceding section, forfeits three dollars, to be recovered on complaint made by any owner of said bridge, or by any municipal officer of the town in which it is located, to the owners of the bridge, or to the town required to keep it in repair; but no person passing after sunset and before sunrise is so liable without proof that he previously had knowledge of such prohibition.

SEC. 9. If the driver of a team having passengers therein conveyed for hire, leaves it without any person in charge and without fastening it securely, he may be fined not exceeding thirty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding one month.

SEC. 10. Teams with wheels, if drawn by more than two horses, oxen or mules, must have the rims of their wheels at least four inches wide, and if drawn by more than four horses, oxen or mules, at least five inches wide, when travelling on the road from Jackson Brook, in Washington county, to Forest City; and no team drawn by more than six horses, oxen or mules, shall travel thereon. This section is not applicable to stage or pleasure carriages, or to those owned by the State or the United States, or to any cart or wagon owned by the settlers in the vicinity and used for farming purposes. The owner or driver of a team violating this section forfeits twenty dollars, and one dollar more for each mile of road passed, to be recovered by complaint before a trial justice in the county where the offense was committed, and on a libel or complaint he may issue his warrant to seize and detain such team to respond to such fine and costs.

## CHAP. 19.

R. S., c. 19, § 2.

If stationary, or moving slowly, must allow others to pass.  
R. S., c. 19, § 3.  
25 Me., 46.  
71 Me., 347.

Teams must not obstruct passage, &c.  
R. S., c. 19, § 4.

Bells.  
R. S., c. 19, § 5.

Damage to party injured; penalty.  
R. S., c. 19, § 6.

Teams must walk on bridges, if boards prohibiting faster driving are exposed.  
R. S., c. 19, § 7.

Forfeiture for fast driving on bridge.  
1881, c. 7.  
—exception.

Driver not to leave team without fastening.  
R. S., c. 19, § 9.

Certain teams to have wide rimmed wheels on Jackson Brook road in Washington county.  
1880, c. 232.

—penalty for violation.

—teams may be seized.