

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 22.]

[SENATE.

A N A C T

TO INCORPORATE THE

PENOBSCOT WINTER NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to incorporate the Penobscot Winter Navigation Company.

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

SECTION 1. Robert Gibson, his associates, successors and assigns are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Penobscot Winter Navigation Company, with all the rights, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the restrictions, provided in chapter seventy six of the Revised Statutes of this State.

SEC. 2. Said company may be organized at a legal meeting of the same held for that purpose, and the proceedings of said meeting shall be determined by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into one thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 4. Said company are hereby authorized to procure and maintain upon the Penobscot river, a steamboat or steamboats, with suitable machinery and ap-

4 PEEOBSCOT WINTER NAVIGATION CO.

4 paratus for making and keeping open a channel
5 through the ice, and towing vessels during the season
6 when said river is usually closed.

SEC. 5. Said company are hereby authorized to
2 enter upon and use the shores of the river for the
3 purpose of placing and securing such fastenings as
4 are necessary to prevent the ice from dropping off
5 and obstructing the channel. And any owners of lands,
6 where such fastenings are placed, who shall suffer
7 damages in consequence thereof, shall be entitled to
8 recover the amount of said damages in any court
9 competent to try the same.

SEC. 6. Said company shall have the exclusive
2 right and privilege of keeping open the channel of
3 the Penobscot river, and towing vessels and running
4 steamboats between Bangor and Frankfort, from the
5 day of the closing of the river by the ice in the fall,
6 to the day of its opening in the spring.

SEC. 7. Said company shall be entitled to demand
2 and receive for towing vessels from Bangor to Frank-
3 fort, or from Frankfort to Bangor, or for the privilege
4 of passing through the channel made and kept open
5 by them as aforesaid, at the rate of fifty cents per ton.
6 And for said towing or passage money, a lien is here-
7 by given and created upon all vessels thus towed or
8 passed through said channel. And no vessel shall
9 pass through said channel so made and kept open,
10 excepting under the direction of the agent of said
11 company.

SEC. 8. Said company are hereby authorized to
2 expend a sum not exceeding one fourth part of their
3 said capital stock in the purchase of real estate, and
4 in erecting such wharves, piers and store-houses, as
5 their business may require.

SEC. 9. This act shall continue in force for the
2 term of twenty years from the day of its approval by
3 the Governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February, 14 1844.

ORDERED: That 300 copies of the foregoing Bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*