

## FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 9.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE.

AN ACT relating to damages for land taken for railroad purposes.

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

Any person aggrieved by the decision or judgment of 2 the county commissioners in relation to damages for 3 land taken for railroad purposes, may appeal therefrom 4 to the next term of the supreme judicial court which 5 shall first be holden in the county where the land is 6 situated, more than thirty days from and after the day 7 when the report of the commissioners estimating said 8 damages is made, excluding the day of the commence-9 ment of the session of said court, which court shall 10 determine the same by a committee of reference if the 11 parties so agree or by a verdict of its jury, and shall

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12 render judgment and issue execution for the damages 13 recovered with costs to the party prevailing in the 14 appeal. The appellants shall serve written notice of 15 such appeal upon the railroad company fourteen days 16 at least before the session of said court, and shall at 17 the first term file a complaint setting forth substan-18 tially the facts of the case. On the trial exceptions 19 may be taken to the ruling of the cours as in other 20 cases.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1873.

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, by Mr. FESSEN-DEN of Portland, and ordered printed under the rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.