

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 77.

MAJORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

The Committee on Railroads, to which was referred memorials praying for an act to force the Maine Central Railroad Company to connect with the Boston and Maine Railroad, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

J. E. BUTLER.
HIRAM KNOWLTON.
THOS. N. EGERY.
JOHN BENNETT.
G. D. BISBEE.
NATH'L LITTLEFIELD.
N. R. WINSLOW.

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the petition of Wilson & Johnson and others, claiming to be injured by the refusal of the Maine Central Railroad Company to receive and transport certain freight shipped to the petitioners over the line of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, being unable to agree with the majority of the Committee in reporting legislation inexpedient, ask leave to report the accompanying bill.

J. DINGLEY, Jr.

J. L. SMITH.

JAMES D. FESSENDEN.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT concerning railroad connections.

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

SECTION 1. Railroads of the same gauge which cross
2 or intersect each other at grade, shall be deemed con-
3 necting roads within the meaning of section twenty-
4 three of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes.

SECT. 2. The railroad commissioners, upon applica-
2 tion of any road connecting with another, after such
3 notice and hearing as they may order, shall fix the
4 time, place and manner of connecting the rails of such
5 roads, and adjudge how the expense thereof shall be
6 divided. Their award in the premises shall be returned
7 to the supreme judicial court for the county in which
8 such connection is made, and accepted by any justice
9 thereof in term time, or in vacation, or for good cause
10 rejected or recommitted. Exceptions to any ruling of
11 the court may be taken as in other cases. In case

12 any railroad company, or any of its officers, or any
13 other persons, shall fail to comply with the final award,
14 or with any of the decrees of said court either inter-
15 locutory or final, said court shall have power to issue
16 against the company, person or persons so offending,
17 any writs or processes in its judgment necessary to
18 enforce compliance therewith.

SECT. 3. If any railroad company or persons oper-
2 ating any railroad, shall unreasonably neglect, refuse
3 or delay to receive and transmit over the line of its
4 road, any freight on cars tendered to it by any con-
5 necting railroad, and consigned to any person, persons
6 or corporations on or beyond the line of its road, such
7 person, persons or corporations may recover such dam-
8 ages as they may sustain thereby, in an action of the
9 case against such company or persons.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1873. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, by Mr. KNOWLTON,
and ordered printed, with the Minority Report, and to-morrow at
10 A. M. assigned.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*