

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 36.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for the relief of Francis A. Reed and Edwin
A. Reed and the estate of William R. Hersey.

Resolved, That the land agent be and is hereby
2 empowered and instructed to remit to Francis A.
3 Reed, Edwin A. Reed, and to the estate of William
4 R. Hersey, all claims the state may have against them
5 jointly and severally for stumpage of timber cut by
6 them on township number three in the ninth range,
7 prior to the first day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred
8 and seventy-four.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

History of Sandy stream operation in 1872: W. R. Hersey took from the State a permit to cut lumber on township No. 3, range 9, W. E. L. S., at two dollars per M for spruce and five dollars for pine. He expended in blasting rocks and building a dam, what he estimated to be \$500. He cut during the winter of 1872 and 1873, 500,150 feet of spruce, and 13,820 pine; stumpage due amounting to \$1,069.40, less 50. He was to large expense in driving but did not succeed in getting out any logs. Have no means of knowing how much he expended in driving. In August, 1873, my son and myself were induced to join with Mr. Hersey to make further improvements on the stream, cut more logs and try and drive all out. We took a new permit at the same price to continue until May, 1877. We went on the stream with a large crew and team, and expended in building dams, abutments, blasting and clearing the stream, the sum of \$3,493.42. We hauled during the winter of 1873 and 1874, \$1,594,020 feet of spruce and 30,490 feet of pine—stumpage due amounting to \$3,340.49. In the spring of 1874 we went on with over seventy men to drive. We expended the sum of \$4,615.24 in driving, and still were not enabled to get any of the logs out of the stream. In August last, we put another crew on to make further improvements, and to drive if there was an opportunity. We expended on the brook in building dams, blasting, &c., \$1,544.15, and in driving, \$259.50; Amount expended in clearing stream in 1873, \$3,493.42; in 1874, \$1,544.15. Total amount expended in clearing stream, building dams, &c., exclusive of work done by Hersey, \$5,037.57. Amount expended in driving in spring of 1874, \$4,615.24; in fall of 1874, \$259.50. Total expense in driving, exclusive of work by Hersey, \$4,874.74; amount expended by Mr. Hersey, by estimate, \$2,000.00. Total, \$11,912.31. Number of thousand of timber cut, 2,138,480; making a little over \$5.56 that we have laid out on each thousand feet of lumber cut.

Further facts are submitted as follows: The loss on depreciation of lumber laying over from 1873, at least twenty-five per cent.; laying over from 1874, ten per cent. is a low estimate. With eight per cent. on all money invested in the operation if successful in driving the coming season, will make the cost of the logs delivered from the boom, exclusive of labor in hauling and cutting and supplies for same, equal to the market value of logs, which a liberal or moderate estimate, viewing the present state of the lumber market, would not place at more than eight dollars per thousand for those of 1873, and nine dollars for those of 1874.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 8, 1875. }

Reported from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,
by Mr. BURNHAM, and ordered printed with Statement of Facts.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*