

FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 44.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Aroostook River Log Driving Company.

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

SECTION 1. C. F. A. Johnson, Thomas H. Phair, 2 Jere. Crouse and Abram Crouse, and their associates, 3 successors and assigns, are hereby incorporated into a 4 company under the name of the Aroostook River Log 5 Driving Company, with all the powers and privileges 6 of similar corporations.

SECT. 2. The said company are authorized to im-2 prove said river and its tributaries, above the mouth 3 of the Presque Isle stream in the town of Maysville, 4 by removing rocks and any other obstructions, also by 5 erecting dams, piers and booms if deemed necessary,

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6 so as to render said river above said Presque Isle7 stream, more convenient and safe for the driving of8 logs and lumber down the same.

The company may demand and receive a **Sect.** 3. 2 toll of five cents on each thousand feet, board measure, 3 at the woods' scale, on all logs or lumber which may 4 be driven down said river from above said improve-5 ments, and shall have a lien upon all of said logs and 6 lumber for the payment of the tolls; and if said bill 7 is not paid within fifteen days after said logs or lum-8 ber, or the major part of them, arrive at their destina-9 tion or place of rafting, said corporation may sell at 10 public auction so many of said logs or lumber as may 11 be necessary to pay the toll and all charges, first 12 giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting 13 notices thereof in two public places in the city, town, 14 plantation or parish where sold, or may recover the 15 amount of said toll or tolls of any owner or owners of 16 said logs or lumber, in an action on the case, in any 17 court of competent jurisdiction in the county of Aroos-18 took.

SECT. 4. The company shall keep a true and accu-2 rate account of the cost of such improvements as may 3 be made, and when the tolls shall have paid the costs 4 of the improvements and necessary repairs, and twelve 5 per cent. interest per annum on the same, the tolls

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6 shall then be reduced to a sum sufficient to keep the7 same works or improvements in repair.

SECT. 5 Any one of the corporators may call the 2 first meeting of the corporation, by serving a written 3 notice upon the other corporators, or by publishing 4 said notice two weeks successively in some newspaper 5 printed in said county of Aroostook.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 29, 1876.

Reported from the Committee on Interior Waters, by Mr. WHITE of Orono, and on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton, ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.