

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 73.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND.» EIGHTY.

AN ACT to incorporate Pond's Sheer Boom Com-pany.

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

SECTION 1. Archibald F. Randolph, Edward D.
2 Jewett, Samuel T. King, William H. Murray,
3 Andre Cushing, Henry Miller, Freeman Woodman,
4 Robert Connors, Eben S. Coe, Nathan C. Ayer,
5 Franklin A. Wilson, Thomas N. Egery, Elbridge
6 G. Dunn, William B. Hayford, and William H.
7 McCrillis, are hereby created a body politic and
8 corporate, by the name of Pond's sheer boom com9 pany, with all the powers and privileges of similar
10 corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may erect, maintain and 2 safely secure Pond's chain joint rafting boom,

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3 and Pond's rafting boom, and Pond's improved 4 boom, or either of them, on the shores and islands 5 of the Saint John river, and the Aroostook river 6 and their tributaries, in the counties of Aroostook, 7 Penobscot, Patcataguis and Somerset, and at so 8 many points and places on both of said rivers and 9 their tributaries, lying in either of said counties, as 10 said corporation may deem useful and expedient to 11 facilitate the driving of logs and timber down said 12 Saint John and Aroostook rivers and their tribu-13 taries, toward the Fredericton boom, so called; 14 and said corporation may enter upon and take such 15 land and material as said corporation may find 16 necessary for the erection, maintenance and secur-17 ity of their said booms, *provided* said corporation 18 shall pay to the proprietors of land and material so 19 taken, such damages as the parties may agree 20 upon; and if the parties cannot agree, then said 21 corporation shall pay such damages as may be as-22 certained and determined by the county commis-23 sioners for the county in which such land and 24 material so taken is situate, in the same manner 25 and under the same conditions and limitations as 26 are by law provided in case of damages by laying 27 out of public highways.

SECT. 3. The said Pond's sheer boom company

2 may lease to "The Sheer Boom Improvement Com-3 pany," a corporation existing by and under the laws 4 of the province of New Brunswick, all of their 5 booms, fixtures and improvements, situate in said 6 counties of Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis and 7 Somerset, for such term of years and for such rent 8 as said Pond's sheer boom company may deem 9 proper; provided, however, that the authority here-10 by granted to said Pond's sheer boom company, to 11 lease as aforesaid to "The sheer boom improvement 12 company" is upon condition that the tolls granted 13 to the sheer boom improvement company shall not 14 exceed on the Saint John river, ten cents for each 15 ton of hewn timber; ten cents for each thousand 16 feet, board measure, of pine logs; and seven cents 17 for each thousand feet, board measure, of spruce, 18 cedar, and hackmatac logs and lumber; and thirty 19 per cent. less tolls for such timber, logs and lum-20 ber, as shall come into the Saint John river, be-21 tween the foot of the Seven Islands and the Saint 22 Francis river; and forty per cent. less tolls for such 23 timber, logs and lumber, as shall come into the 24 Saint John river from the Saint Francis river, and 25 between the Saint Francis river and Fish river; 26 and fifty per cent. less tolls for such timber, logs 27 and lumber as shall come into the Saint John river

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28 from said Fish river, and below the same; and 29 provided, further, that the tolls granted "the sheer 30 boom improvement company," on the Aroostook 31 river, shall not exceed ten cents for each ton of 32 hewn timber; eight cents for each thousand feet, 33 board measure, of all pine logs; and seven cents 34 for each thousand feet, board measure, of all spruce, 35 cedar and hackmatac logs and lumber; and twenty-36 five per cent. less tolls for such timber, logs and 37 lumber, as may come into the Aroostook river, be-38 tween Lapomkeag stream and the bridge at 39 Ashland; and forty per cent. less tolls for such 40 timber, logs and lumber, as may come into the 41 Aroostook river between said bridge at Ashland 42 and the foot of Rafford's hole; and sixty per cent. 43 less tolls for all such timber, logs and lumber as 44 shall come into the Aroostook river between the foot 45 of Rafford's hole and the bridge at Caribou; and 46 seventy per cent. less tolls for all such timber, logs 47 and lumber as may come into the Aroostook river 48 below said bridge at Caribou.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force 2 when approved by the governor.

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House of Representatives, February 26, 1880.

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.