

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 168.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to promote settlement of wild lands in this
state.

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

SECTION 1. The European and North American
2 Railway Company is hereby required and directed
3 to cause the lands in the townships hereinafter
4 named, which were acquired by them under act
5 approved March twenty-four, eighteen hundred
6 and sixty-four, entitled "an act to provide means
7 for the defence of the northeastern frontier," on
8 or before the first day of August next to be sur-
9 veyed into lots of suitable sizes for the purposes of
10 settlement, not exceeding one hundred and sixty
11 acres to any one lot, which lands shall be open to

12 settlers at a price not exceeding one dollar per acre
13 on condition of a continued residence thereon for
14 five years, as provided in the act hereinbefore re-
15 ferred to, to wit: the lands in townships numbered
16 seventeen in ranges three, four, five and six; six-
17 teen, ranges three, four, five and six; fifteen, ranges
18 four, five, six and seven; fourteen, ranges five, six
19 and seven; and, thirteen, range five, west from the
20 east line of the state, in the county of Aroostook.

SECT. 2. As soon as said lands shall have been
2 surveyed as aforesaid, the European and North
3 American Railway Company shall, upon applica-
4 tion in writing of any person of the age of twenty-
5 one years and upwards, and upon payment or ten-
6 der of the amount required to pay for any lot such
7 person may designate, issue a certificate to such
8 person of said lot, guaranteeing to such person a
9 valid deed or conveyance of said lot when he shall
10 have fully complied with the several conditions
11 contained in section one of this act; *provided, how-*
12 *ever,* that not more than one such certificate shall
13 be issued to the same individual.

SECT. 3. If the European and North American
2 Railway Company shall fail to comply with the
3 provisions of section one and two until the first day
4 of August next aforesaid, it shall be the duty of

5 the land agent of the state to cause said lands
6 designated in section one, to be surveyed and sold
7 to settlers in the manner and upon the conditions
8 therein stated; and the costs and expenses thereby
9 incurred may be recovered of the said European
10 and North American Railway Company in an
11 action of debt brought in the name of the state to
12 recover the same; and in default of the perform-
13 ance of the requirements of this act according to
14 the terms thereof, the European and North Amer-
15 ican Railway Company or their assigns, shall fur-
16 thermore be deemed to have forfeited all right and
17 title to the lands herein specified, and the title
18 shall revert to the state, and be under its control,
19 to be disposed of by the land agent as herein
20 specified.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 12, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. COOK, from the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*