

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 53.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-SEVEN

AN ACT authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company
to erect Dams and make Improvements upon the Big Machias
River in the County of Aroostook.

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

Section 1. The Ashland Manufacturing Company, a cor-
2 poration existing under the laws of Maine, its successors
3 and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to build
4 dams, side dams, piers, remove rocks, and make all other
5 necessary improvements on the Big Machias river, so called,
6 in the county of Aroostook, to facilitate the driving of logs
7 and other lumber down said river. And for this purpose,
8 said company is hereby authorized and empowered to take

9 land and material necessary to build said dams and piers
10 and make such improvements, and may flow contiguous
11 lands so far as necessary to raise suitable heads of water.
12 And in case said company cannot agree with the owner or
13 owners as to the amount of damages, either for lands and
14 material so taken or for damage occasioned by flowing land,
15 such damages shall be determined by the county commis-
16 sioners of the county of Aroostook, in the same manner as
17 damages are assessed for the location and laying out of high-
18 ways, as provided in chapter eighteen of the Revised Stat-
19 utes and acts amendatory thereof.

Sect. 2. Said company may demand and receive a toll
2 for the passage of logs over said dams, of fifteen cents per
3 thousand feet, board measure, wood scale. And said com-
4 pany shall have a lien upon all logs which may pass over its
5 said dams, for the payment of said toll; but the logs of each
6 particular mark shall be holden only for the unpaid toll of
7 such mark, and unless such toll is paid, said company may
8 seize said logs at any time before they shall have arrived at
9 the easterly line of the State of Maine, separating said State
10 from the Province of New Brunswick, and sell at public auc-
11 tion so many thereof as shall be necessary to pay said toll,
12 costs and charges. Notice of the time and place of such
13 sale shall be given ten days before said sale, in some news-
14 paper printed in said county of Aroostook.

Sect. 3. When said company shall from tolls be reim-
2 bursed for its expenditures thereon, and six per cent annual

3 interest upon all such amounts expended, all tolls shall cease.
4 And said company shall keep an accurate account of all its
5 receipts and expenditures relative to the improvements upon
6 said river authorized by this act, which shall at all times be
7 open to the inspection of all persons interested in timber
8 lands or in lumbering on said Big Machias river.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 5, 1897.

Reported by Mr. MOORE of Deering, from Committee on Interior
Waters, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*