

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 210.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improve-
ment Company.

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

Section 1. John K. Ames, Frank S. Ames, Alfred K.
2 Ames, Charles Bartlett Albee, Bion B. Albee, their associ-
3 ates and assigns, are hereby incorporated under the name of
4 the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company, with
5 all the powers and privileges of similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is authorized to build dams, side
2 dams, remove rocks and make all other necessary improve-
3 ments in Machias lakes, and Machias Lake stream to facilitate
4 the driving of logs and lumber down the same, and for this
5 purpose the said corporation may take land and materials

6 necessary to build such dams, and make such improvements;
7 and may flow contiguous lands so far as necessary to raise
8 suitable heads of water. And if the parties cannot agree
9 upon the damages the corporation shall pay the proprie-
10 tors of the land and materials so taken, such damages as
11 shall be ascertained and determined by the county commis-
12 sioners for the county of Washington, in such manner, and
13 under the same conditions and limitations as are by law pro-
14 vided in the case of damage by laying out public highways.
15 And for the damage occasioned by flowing land, the said
16 corporation shall not be liable to an action at common law,
17 but persons injured may have a remedy by a complaint for
18 flowing, in which the same proceedings shall be had as when
19 a complaint is made under a statute of this State for flowing
20 lands, occasioned by raising a head of water for the working
21 of mills.

Sect. 3. The said corporation may demand and receive a
2 toll for the passage of logs over or through their said dams
3 and improvements of twelve cents per thousand feet, board
4 measure, woods scale, for all logs landed above the dam,
5 called the Machias Lake dam. And said corporation shall
6 have a lien upon all logs and lumber which may pass over
7 any of its dams and improvements, for the payment of said
8 tolls; but the logs of each particular mark shall be holden
9 only for the tolls of such mark, and unless such toll is paid
10 within twenty days after such logs or lumber or a major
11 part of the same, shall arrive at the place of manufacture or

12 destination, said corporation may seize said logs and lumber
13 and sell at public auction so many and so much thereof as
14 shall be necessary to pay such tolls, costs and charges.
15 Notice of the time and place of such sale shall be given four-
16 teen days before such sale, in some newspaper printed in
17 Machias.

Sect. 4. When said corporation shall have received from
2 tolls its outlay on dams and improvements, and the repairs
3 made up to that time and eight per cent. interest, then the
4 tolls shall be reduced, pro rata, to a sum sufficient to keep
5 the works in repair.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 3, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.