

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 331.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Nahmakanta Improvement and
Navigation Company.

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

Section 1. Joseph P. Bass, Millard E. Mudgett, James
2 Rice, Clarence S. Lunt, James B. Mullen, Charles W. Mullen
3 and W. R. Stratton, their associates, successors and assigns,
4 are hereby incorporated under the name of the Nahmakanta
5 Improvement and Navigation Company, for the purpose of
6 improving the navigation of the North Twin, South Twin,
7 Penadumcock and Umbajjus lakes, and their tributaries,

8 located in the counties of Penobscot and Piscataquis, and
9 of navigating the same with steam or otherwise, for the con-
10 veyance of passengers and freight, with all the rights and
11 privileges and subject to all the liabilities and obligations
12 of similar corporations. Said company is authorized to
13 build and lease dams upon, and to hold water in said lakes
14 or any of their tributaries, for the purpose of improving the
15 navigation of the above named lakes, first having obtained
16 the consent of parties interested, and to clear channels,
17 dredge bars, hang booms, and erect buoys in said lakes or
18 any of their tributaries, and to build, purchase and own
19 steamboats, barges, scows and other property necessary
20 to carry out the purposes of the organization, and may own
21 and hold real estate, and build and maintain necessary piers
22 and wharves. And with the consent of the Penobscot Log
23 Driving Company, and upon such terms as may be agreed
24 upon between said improvement and navigation company
25 and the Penobscot Log Driving Company, said corporation
26 is hereby authorized and empowered to hold the water in
27 said lakes by means of the flood gates in the dam at the foot
28 of North Twin lake so called, for the purpose of improving
29 the navigation of said lakes. Provided, however, the water
30 in said lakes shall not be held in such a manner as to inter-
31 fere with the legal rights of other parties.

Sect. 2. Said corporation, its successors and assigns, shall
2 have the right to exercise the powers given it by this act
3 for the term of twenty years from the first day of July, 1897,

4 provided said company shall make necessary improvements
5 and commence running a steamboat or steamboats upon said
6 lakes within two years from said July 1st, 1897; and provided
7 that nothing in this act shall prevent any person or persons
8 or any other corporation from using boats navigated by
9 steam or otherwise upon said lakes for pleasure purposes;
10 and provided, further, that nothing in this act shall prevent
11 the Penobscot Log Driving Company from using steam-
12 boats upon said lakes or any of their tributaries, free of
13 charge, for the purpose of towing and driving logs and lum-
14 ber, and of transporting men and supplies therefor, or inter-
15 fere with the driving, rafting and booming of logs across
16 said lakes, or upon any streams adjacent thereto.

Sect. 3. Said corporation may charge and receive reason-
2 able sums for transporting passengers and freight upon said
3 lakes. Provided, however, the county commissioners for
4 the county of Penobscot, if they see fit, upon notice to said
5 corporation, and after all parties have been heard, may estab-
6 lish rates for transporting passengers and freight as afore-
7 said, and may change such rates from time to time.

Sect. 4. When said corporation shall be reimbursed for
2 its expenditures in the improvement of the navigation of said
3 lakes, and six per cent annual interest upon all such amounts
4 expended, all rights herein granted shall cease. And said
5 corporation shall keep an accurate account of all its receipts
6 and expenditures for improvements and other legitimate
7 expenses, which shall at all times be open to the inspection
8 of all persons interested.

Sect. 5. Any person or persons, or any other corporation
2 except the Penobscot Log Driving Company desiring to run
3 boats except for pleasure purposes propelled by steam or
4 otherwise upon said lakes, for the purpose of transporting
5 passengers or freight, shall before commencing to do busi-
6 ness file a written application with said improvement cor-
7 poration, stating the amount of business to be done as near
8 as may be, and the tonnage of all boats to be used; and
9 before commencing to do business, shall pay to said corpora-
10 tion such a proportionate part of the amount expended by
11 said corporation for improvements, estimated upon the
12 amount of business to be done, the tonnage of the boats to
13 be used, and the extent of the waters to be navigated, as may
14 be agreed upon between said corporation and said applicant;
15 and if said corporation and such applicant cannot agree upon
16 the amount to be paid, then said applicant may apply in writ-
17 ing to the board of county commissioners for the county of
18 Penobscot, stating the amount of business to be done, as
19 near as may be, and the tonnage of all boats to be used, and
20 said board, after hearing all parties, shall fix the amount to
21 be paid by such applicant to said corporation, before com-
22 mencing business as aforesaid, and the decision of said board
23 shall be final.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall not
2 exceed twenty thousand dollars, divided into shares of one
3 hundred dollars each.

Sect. 7. The first meeting of said corporation shall be
2 called at Bangor, in the county of Penobscot, by any one of

3 the corporators named in section 1. The notice of such
4 meeting shall be delivered in hand to each of the corporators
5 named in this act.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 18, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*