

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 69

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

AN ACT to incorporate the Pleasant River Improvement
Company.

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

Section 1. David R. Hastings, William W. Hastings, Tom
2 F. Hastings, and their associates and successors, are hereby
3 incorporated into a company, under the name of the Pleasant
4 River Improvement Company, with all the rights, powers and
5 privileges, and subject to the liabilities of similar corpora-
6 tions.

Sect. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be three
2 thousand dollars, which may be increased to five thousand
3 dollars.

Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to improve
2 Pleasant river, in the towns of Bethel and Mason, in the
3 county of Oxford, for driving purposes, and to this end may
4 remove rocks and jams of driftwood and all other obstruc-
5 tions and excavate ledges in the channel thereof, and erect
6 dams, side dams, booms and side booms, sluice ways and
7 piers, and make such other improvements as may be neces-
8 sary to accomplish the object of this act, and may enter upon
9 and take land and materials for building said dams and mak-
10 ing said improvements, and flow contiguous lands so far as
11 necessary to raise suitable heads of water for driving pur-
12 poses.

Sect. 4. For all damages from flowage, for materials and
2 land taken or arising from any other cause, said corporation
3 shall pay an adequate compensation; such damages, except
4 those arising from flowage, may be determined by the county
5 commissioners of said Oxford county, in the same manner
6 and under the same conditions as are provided in the case of
7 damages by the laying out of public highways; and for lands
8 flowed by said corporation, the owners shall be entitled to the
9 same remedies as are now provided by law in cases of flow-
10 ing lands by erection of dams for mills; and in either case,
11 the corporation shall not be liable to an action at law.

Sect. 5. Said corporation may demand and receive a toll
2 of twenty-five cents per thousand feet, board measure, for
3 all logs and timber, and fifteen cents per cord for all wood,
4 that may pass by or over said improvements; and said cor-
5 poration shall have a lien, which is hereby created, on such
6 logs, timber or wood, to secure the payment of said toll for
7 sixty days after said logs, timber or wood arrive at their
8 place of destination for sale, manufacture or consumption,
9 to be enforced by attachment as liens for driving logs are

10 enforced, or said toll may be recovered in an action on the
11 case.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall not hold back and retain
2 any of the water of said Pleasant river, except during such
3 times as may be necessary for driving logs, wood or lumber,
4 as provided in this act.

Sect. 7. The first meeting of said corporation may be called
2 by a written notice thereof, signed by any corporator herein
3 named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same
4 in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place
5 of abode, at least seven days before the time of meeting.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 2, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*