

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 162

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Pleasant River Improvement  
Company.

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*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  
5 and privileges, and subject to the liabilities of similar corpo-  
6 rations.

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. But nothing shall be done by way of improvement,  
13 under this charter, across the homestead farm of Mrs.  
14 Lucinda E. Bean, lying in said Bethel, which shall change  
15 the course of said river or permanently injure the land of  
16 said Bean aforesaid abutting thereon; and no dam or other  
17 structure shall be made by which any of her bridges as now  
18 built, shall be injured or rendered impassable.

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  
7 of damages by the laying out of public highways; and for  
8 lands flowed by said corporation, the owners shall be entitled  
9 to the same remedies as are now provided by law in cases of  
10 flowing lands by erection of dams for mills; and in either  
11 case, the corporation shall not be liable to an action at law.

Sect. 5. Said corporation may demand and receive a toll of  
2 twenty-five cents per thousand feet, board measure, for all  
3 logs and timber and fifteen cents per cord for all wood, that  
4 may pass by or over said improvements in said town of  
5 Mason, but no toll shall be collected on such logs, timber  
6 and wood as may be landed and driven on that part of said  
7 river which runs through said Bethel, and said corporation  
8 shall have a lien, which is hereby created, on such logs, tim-  
9 ber or wood, to secure the payment of said toll for sixty days  
10 after said logs, timber or wood arrive at their place of desti-  
11 nation for sale, manufacture or consumption, to be enforced  
12 by attachment as liens for driving logs are enforced, or said  
13 toll may be recovered in an action on the 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.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 14, 1901.

Tabled pending passage to be engrossed by Mr. PETTENGILL of Rumford, and with amendments "A" and "B" incorporated ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*