

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 7

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AUGUSTA, January 18, 1901.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Maine:

In compliance with the order of the Senate of January 15, 1901, requiring "the commissioners of inland fisheries and game to report to the Senate what action, if any, has been taken by them in accordance with the laws of 1899, chapter 42, section 5, on page 31, in reference to the closing of the tributaries of Moosehead lake; to State if commissioners performed that duty, and if so, to state the place, or places, at which said metes and bounds were established on each of the tributaries of said lake, and the reason for placing the same at such place or places," we beg leave to report as follows:

That by virtue of section 5, of chapter 42, of the Public Laws of 1899, referred to above, which reads as follows: "The commissioners shall establish by metes and bounds the mouths of all the tributaries to Moosehead lake," two of the commissioners, to wit: Henry O. Stanley and Charles E. Oak, on the 16th day of August, A. D. 1899, went to Moosehead lake, procured a steamer, marking posts, and went personally to each tributary of said lake. Much difficulty was experienced in determining pre-

cisely where the mouths of these tributaries really are, from the fact that the height of the water in this lake is controlled to a great extent by means of dams at the several outlets; at extreme high water the mouth appears to be in one place and as the waters of the lake fall the mouth would seem to extend further towards the lake.

After the most careful observation which we were able to make, and in the exercise of our best judgment, cedar posts of about six feet in height and six inches in diameter, peeled and painted red, were set in the ground in a permanent and substantial manner, in each case, or nearly so, on each side of each tributary, so that a line drawn across the tributary from one post to another would indicate the "mouths of the tributaries" and the beginning of the lake.

We did not deem it expedient to stretch any line or cable chain across said tributaries from one post to another, fearing that such a course might impede navigation and be a source of more or less danger to fishermen, lumbermen and others.

"The reason for placing these posts at the place or places where they were in fact placed" was that we believed that we placed them where the law designed that they should be placed.

We cannot state more definitely the exact location of these posts than by copying the record made by the secretary of the board at the time that the posts were set at each tributary. We copy from this record as follows:

MOOSEHEAD LAKE, August 16, 1899.

Description of location of posts marking mouths of streams tributary to Moosehead lake.

BAKER BROOK.

The one on the right facing the brook from the lake on point of land behind low bushes and directly in front of two small cedars; the one on the left opposite, in middle one of three pine stumps, the middle stump is hollow and post stands in hollow. Both posts cedar, painted red.

MANSELL BROOK.

Post on right four feet south of cedar tree, 10 inches in diameter, 12 feet from shore of lake.

On left on point S. E. of two white birches 2½ inches in diameter.

AUGUST 17TH—TOMHEGAN STREAM.

Posts about ten rods from wide part of lake. On right, 4 feet south from green cedar, 4 inches in diameter, spotted, facing post.

On left bank 4 feet east of cedar, 4 inches in diameter, partly green, spotted, facing post, and hacked on north side.

SOCATEAN STREAM.

Post on left on first green point about 500 feet above pier; witnessed by green cedar, N. E. from post.

In lieu of post used dead cedar, 15 inches in diameter, on north side, on which was written: "In place of post to mark limit of fishing."

MOOSE BROOK.

On right, post set on first point going in from lake. Witnessed on spruce tree 6 inches in diameter east of post and 8 feet distant.

On left, post stands in hollow pine stump, the only one in sight.

CARRY BROOK—N. W. CARRY.

On left, dead pine tree spotted, two faces on first point going up stream.

On right, painted post on point running out into lake from near end of log sluice.

WILLIAMS STREAM.

One post on right bank about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from sand bar, on shore of lake and at head of wide dead water near shore of lake.

NORCROSS BROOK.

On right, post set near shore of lake near some small maple trees.

On left or north bank, a poplar tree 10 inches in diameter, at high water mark, spotted towards stream, about 5 rods from low water mark of bank of stream.

LUCKY BROOK.

Post on right on first green point inside breakwater. Hole for post shallow, and therefore stood beside poplar tree, spotted and lashed to same.

On left, post stands near water in alder ground.

SPENCER STREAM.

One post on right stands in corner of pier.

On left in edge of green land.

Rocky, shallow hole and post lashed to small maple. Witness a poplar.

ROACH RIVER.

On right, post in corner of inside pier.

On left, in hollow pine stump.

NORTH BROOK, LILY BAY.

Post on right 50 rods from lake on knoll on which stands several pine stumps. Post in hollow one farthest up.

Post on left in hollow pine stump opposite.

SOUTH BROOK, LILY BAY.

One post on right bank beside bridge.

BEAVER CREEK.

On right, post in hollow cedar stump at head of cove.

On left, spotted white birch tree, 8 inches in diameter.

UPPER SQUAW BROOK.

Post on left on ledge point, rocks around base. Top wired to dead hack tree.

On right, post set in ground. Witnessed on small poplar 2 feet distant. Both posts about 15 rods below R. R. bridge.

LOWER SQUAW BROOK.

One post, on right against abutment of R. R. bridge.

Very respectfully submitted,

L. T. CARLETON,
HENRY O. STANLEY,
CHAS. E. OAK,

Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 18, 1901.

Read, and on motion by Mr. VICKERY of Kennebec, laid on the table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*