

# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 251

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway to maintain a dam on the Androscoggin River near the mouth of Bear River.

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

Section I. The Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway, 2 a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the 3 State of Maine, and having its established place of business 4 at Rumford Falls in the town of Rumford, in the county of 5 Oxford and State of Maine, is hereby authorized to con-6 struct and maintain a dam across the Androscoggin river 7 in the town of Bethel, in said county of Oxford, near the 8 mouth of Bear river, so called, with all the necessary rights

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9 of flowage, provided that suitable sluices for the passage of 10 logs and lumber shall be constructed and maintained.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is authorized, for the purpose 2 of constructing and maintaining said dam, to take, occupy 3 and enclose any lands adjoining the same which may be 4 necessary for building and repairing the same, and other 5 necessary purposes, and may blast and remove any rocks in 6 said river, and dig any of the lands near to said river when 7 necessary to said purposes. Said dam to be used to facilitate 8 the generating of power by electricity or otherwise to be 9 used in the interest of said corporation.

Sect. 3. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all 2 damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons by 3 taking and holding of any lands for the purpose of construct-4 ing, maintaining or repairing of said dam, or by the taking 5 and holding of any lands for flowage rights; and if any 6 person or persons sustaining damages as aforesaid shall not 7 agree with said corporation upon the sum to be paid therefor, 8 either party, upon petition to the county commissioners for 9 the said county of Oxford, may have said damages assessed 10 by said commissioners, and subsequent proceedings and right II of appeal thereon shall be had in the same manner and under 12 the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are pre-13 scribed by law in the case of damages by the laying out of 14 highway, and failure to petition for said damage within 15 twelve months after the same is sustained, shall be held to 16 be a waiver of the same.

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House of Representatives, Augusta, February 21, 1907.

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Tabled pending reference(to the Committee on Railroads and Expresses in concurrence, by Mr. GLEASON of Mexico and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.