

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 4

House of Representatives, Jan. 11, 1917.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Holt of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Log Driving Company as amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of the charter of Kennebec Log Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885 is hereby amended by striking out after the word "in" in the twenty-fourth line thereof, the following words—"the East branch and Kennebec River for that purpose below the outlet of Moosehead lake at the

7 dam” and inserting in place thereof the following: ‘Little
8 Spencer Stream between Big Spencer Pond and Big Spen-
9 cer Stream and Big Spencer Stream between its junction
10 with Little Spencer Stream and Dead River and in the North
11 branch of Dead River from the mouth of Alder Stream to
12 Dead River and in Dead River from where said north
13 branch enters the same to where said Dead River enters
14 the Kennebec River and in the East branch and Kennebec
15 River for that purpose below the outlet of Moosehead Lake
16 at the dam,’ so that said section as amended shall read as
17 follows:

‘Section 1. That John White, Marshall French, Oliver B.
19 Dorrance, George W. King, David Scribner, Ezra Carter,
20 junior, David Wescott, Alvah Sweetser, John Bradley, E.
21 H. Scribner, Levi M. Pratt, Aaron Capen, Phineas Pratt,
22 Henry Bowman, Benjamin Weston, junior, and Josiah H.
23 Hobbs, their associates and successors be and they are here-
24 by made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the
25 name and style of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, and
26 by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend
27 to final judgment and execution, both in law and in equity,
28 and may make and adopt all necessary regulations and by-
29 laws not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the state,
30 and may adopt a common seal, and the same may alter,
31 break and renew at pleasure, and may purchase and hold
32 real and personal estate sufficient for carrying on the busi-
33 ness of the Kennebec Log Driving Company and may grant

34 and raise money by loan or assessment for the same and for
35 driving, securing, and forming into rafts, under rigging logs
36 of the company. And said company shall drive to such
37 place of destination on said Kennebec river as may be des-
38 ignated by the owners or by the directors of said company
39 and may secure and form into rafts, under rigging all logs
40 and other timber belonging to said company or any member
41 thereof, that may be in Little Spencer Stream between Big
42 Spencer Pond and Big Spencer Stream and Big Spencer
43 Stream between its junction with Little Spencer Stream and
44 Dead River and in the North branch of Dead River from
45 the mouth of Alder Stream to Dead River and in Dead
46 River from where said north branch enters the same to
47 where said Dead River enters the Kennebec River and in
48 the East branch and Kennebec River for that purpose below
49 the outlet of Moosehead Lake at the dam. And said com-
50 pany may, for the purposes aforesaid, remove obstructions,
51 erect booms, piers and dams where the same may be law-
52 fully done. Said company shall have all the powers and
53 privileges and be subject to all the liabilities incident to cor-
54 porations of a similar nature.'

Sect. 2. Section 4 of said act is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after the word "between" in the tenth line of said
3 section the following:—:between Big Spencer Pond and the
4 junction of Little Spencer Stream with Big Spencer Stream
5 and between the junction of Little Spencer Stream and Big
6 Spencer Stream and Dead River and in the north branch

7 of Dead River from the mouth of Alder Stream to Dead
8 River and in Dead River from where said North branch
9 enters the same to where said Dead River enters the Ken-
10 nebec River and between,' so that said section as amended
11 shall read as follows :

'Sect. 4. The members of said company owning logs or
13 other timber to be driven down said rivers, shall, on or
14 before the first day of May in that year, file with the clerk
15 of the company a correct statement in writing, signed by
16 a sworn surveyor, of all such logs or timber of the number
17 of feet, full scale, with the mark or marks thereon, together
18 with the place from which the logs are to be driven and
19 their destination. And it shall be the duty of the directors
20 to keep a separate and distinct account of all expenses in-
21 curred for driving the logs and other timber between Big
22 Spencer Pond and the junction of Little Spencer Stream
23 with Big Spencer Stream and between the junction of Little
24 Spencer Stream and Big Spencer Stream and Dead River
25 and in the North branch of Dead River from the mouth
26 of Alder Stream to Dead River and in Dead River from
27 where said North Branch enters the same to where said
28 Dead River enters the Kennebec River and between Moose-
29 head lake and the forks of the Kennebec River, and be-
30 tween said forks of the Kennebec River and the point of
31 destination on the Kennebec River, and ascertain the num-
32 ber of feet, full scale, and ownership of said logs and other
33 timber driven between said points, and assess thereon, to

34 owners if known, or to owners unknown, making such dis-
35 count for logs driven less than the whole distance as in
36 their opinion may be right and equitable, a distinct and sep-
37 arate tax sufficient to pay said expenses, with such further
38 sums as may be necessary to pay damages and losses for
39 piers, booms, buoys, dams and other expenses as may be
40 voted by the company or the directors. And the directors
41 shall have power whenever they may deem it necessary or
42 expedient, to cause a survey to be made of any or all logs
43 driven, secured or rafted by the company, and the expense
44 of such survey shall be assessed on such logs in the same
45 manner as is herein provided for assessing the expenses
46 of driving, securing and rafting the same. If any owner
47 or agent shall refuse or neglect to file such a statement in
48 the manner herein prescribed, the directors may assess such
49 delinquent or delinquents for his or their proportion of
50 expenses, such sum or sums as may be by the directors
51 considered just and equitable, and such assessment shall be
52 final; said assessment to be made at any time after the first
53 day of July at the discretion of the directors. And said
54 company shall have a lien on all logs and other timber by
55 them driven for the expense of driving, booming and se-
56 curing, which shall not be discharged until all assessments
57 shall be finally paid. The directors shall keep a record of
58 the assessments in the office of the clerk, which shall be
59 open to the inspection of all persons interested.'