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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 191

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

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
2 Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 402 of the Pri-
3 vate and Special Laws of 1885 is hereby amended by strik-
4 ing out after the word "in" in the twenty-fourth line thereof,
5 the following words: "the East branch and Kennebec River
6 for that purpose below the outlet of Moosehead Lake at
7 the dam" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'Lit-
8 tle Spencer Stream between Big Spencer Pond and Big

9 Spencer 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 branch
13 enters the same to where said Dead River enters the Kenne-
14 bec River and in the East branch and Kennebec River for
15 that purpose below the outlet of Moosehead Lake at the
16 dam,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. That John White, Marshall French, Oliver B.
2 Dorrance, George W. King, David Scribner, Ezra Carter,
3 junior, David Westcott, Alvah Sweetser, John Bradley, E. H.
4 Schribner, Levi M. Pratt, Aaron Capen, Phineas Pratt, Henry
5 Bowman, Benjamin Weston, junior, and Josiah H. Hobbs,
6 their associates and successors be and they are hereby made
7 and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and
8 style of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, and by that
9 name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final
10 judgment and execution, both in law and in equity, and may
11 make and adopt all necessary regulations and by-laws not re-
12 pugnant to the constitution and laws of the state, and may
13 adopt a common seal, and the same may alter, break and renew
14 at pleasure, and may purchase and hold real and personal
15 estate sufficient for carrying on the business of the Kennebec
16 Log Driving Company and may grant and raise money by
17 loan or assessment for the same and for driving, securing,
18 and forming into rafts, under rigging logs of the company.
19 And said company shall drive to such place of destination

20 on said Kennebec river as may be designated by the owners
21 or by the directors of said company and may secure and
22 form into rafts, under rigging all logs and other timber
23 belonging to said company or any member thereof, that
24 may be in Little Spencer Stream between Big Spencer Pond
25 and Big Spencer Stream and Big Spencer Steam between
26 its junction with Little Spencer Stream and Dead River and
27 in the North branch of Dead River from the mouth of
28 Alder Stream to Dead River and in Dead River from
29 where said north branch enters the same to where said Dead
30 River enters the Kennebec River and in the East branch
31 and Kennebec River for that purpose below the outlet of
32 Moosehead Lake at the dam. And said company may, for
33 the purposes aforesaid, remove obstructions, erect booms,
34 piers and dams where the same may be lawfully done. Said
35 company shall have all the powers and privileges and be
36 subject to all the liabilities incident to corporations of a
37 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 Steam and Dead River and in the north branch of
7 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
12 other timber to be driven down said rivers, shall, on or before
13 the first day of May in that year, file with the clerk of the com-
14 pany a correct statement in writing, signed by a sworn sur-
15 veyor, of all such logs or timber of the number of feet, full
16 scale, with the mark or marks thereon, together with the place
17 from which the logs are to be driven and their destination.
18 And it shall be the duty of the directors to keep a separate and
19 distinct account of all expenses incurred for driving the logs
20 and other timber between Big Spencer Pond and the junction
21 of Little Spencer Stream with Big Spencer Stream and be-
22 tween the junction of Little Spencer Stream and Big Spencer
23 Stream and Dead River and in the North branch of Dead
24 River from the mouth of Alder Stream to Dead River and in
25 Dead River from where said North branch enters the same to
where said Dead River enters the Kennebec River and be-
tween Moosehead lake and the forks of the Kennebec River,
and between said forks of the Kennebec River and the point
of destination on the Kennebec River, and ascertain the num-
ber of feet, full scale, and ownership of said logs and other
timber driven between said points, and assess thereon, to own-
ers if known, or to owners unknown, making such discount for
logs driven less than the whole distance as in their opinion may
be right and equitable, a distinct and separate tax sufficient
to pay said expenses, with such further sums as may be neces-

26 sary to pay damages and losses for piers, booms, buoys, dams
27 and other expenses as may be voted by the company or the
28 directors. And the directors shall have power whenever
29 they may deem it necessary or expedient, to cause a survey
30 to be made of any or all logs driven, secured or rafted by
31 the company, and the expense of such survey shall be as-
32 sessed on such logs in the same manner as is herein pro-
33 vided for assessing the expenses of driving, securing and
34 rafter the same. If any owner or agent shall refuse or neg-
35 lect to file such a statement in the manner herein prescribed,
36 the directors may assess such delinquent or delinquents for
37 his or their proportion of expenses, such sum or sums as
38 may be by the directors considered just and equitable, and
39 such assessment shall be final; said assessment to be made
40 at any time after the first day of July at the discretion
41 of the directors. And said company shall have a lien on
42 all logs and other timber by them driven for the expense of
43 driving, booming and securing, which shall not be dis-
44 charged until all assessments shall be finally paid. The
45 directors shall keep a record of the assessments in the office
46 of the clerk, which shall be open to the inspection of all
47 persons interested.'