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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 20

House of Representatives, January 20, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Weeks from Committee on Legal Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Viles of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Log Driving
Company as Amended by Chapter Four Hundred Two of
the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Eighty-
five and by Chapter Thirteen of the Private and Special
Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen.

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

Section 1. Section one of the charter of Kennebec Log
2 Driving Company as amended by chapter 402 of the pri-
3 vate and special laws of eighteen hundred eighty-five and
4 by chapter thirteen of the private and special laws of nine-
5 teen hundred seventeen, is hereby amended by inserting
6 after the word "and" in the twenty-fourth line of said sec-

7 tion, the following: 'in Moose River between the head of
8 Attian Pond and Wood Pond and Moosehead lake and,' so
9 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. That John White, Marshall French, Oliver
2 B. Dorrance, George W. King, David Scribner, Ezra Car-
3 ter, junior, David Wescott, Alvah Sweetser, John Bradley,
4 E. H. Scribner, Levi M. Pratt, Aaron Capen, Phineas Pratt,
5 Henry Bowman, Benjamin Weston, junior, and Josiah H.
6 Hobbs, their associates and successors be and they are
7 hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate
8 by the name and style of the Kennebec Log Driving Com-
9 pany, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute
10 and defend to final judgment and execution, both in law
11 and in equity, and may make and adopt all necessary regu-
12 lations and by-laws not repugnant to the constitution and
13 laws of the state, and may adopt a common seal, and the
14 same may alter, break and renew at pleasure, and may pur-
15 chase and hold real and personal estate sufficient for carry-
16 ing on the business of the Kennebec Log Driving Company
17 and may grant and raise money by loan or assessment for
18 the same and for driving, securing, and forming into rafts,
19 under rigging logs of the company. And said company
20 shall drive to such place of destination on said Kennebec
21 river as may be designated by the owners or by the direct-
22 ors of said company and may secure and form into rafts,
23 under rigging all logs and other timber belonging to said
24 company or any member thereof, that may be in Little
25 Spencer Stream between Big Spencer Pond and Big Spen-

26 cer Stream and Big Spencer Stream between its junction
27 with Little Spencer Stream and Dead River and in the
28 North branch of Dead River from the mouth of Alder
29 Stream to Dead River and in Dead River from where said
30 north branch enters the same to where said Dead River en-
31 ters the Kennebec River and in Moose River between the
32 head of Attian Pond and Wood Pond and Moosehead lake
33 and in the East branch and Kennebec River for that pur-
34 pose below the outlet of Moosehead Lake at the dam. And
35 said company may, for the purposes aforesaid, remove ob-
36 structions, erect booms, piers and dams where the same may
37 be lawfully done. Said company shall have all the powers
38 and privileges and be subject to all the liabilities incident to
39 corporations of a similar nature.'

Sect. 2. Section four of said act is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the word "and" in the fifteenth line of said
3 paragraph the following: 'in Moose River between the head
4 of Attian Pond and Wood Pond and Moosehead Lake and,'
5 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 4. The members of said company owning logs
2 or other timber to be driven down said rivers, shall, on or
3 before the first day of May in that year, file with the clerk
4 of the company a correct statement in writing, signed by
5 a sworn surveyor, of all such logs or timber of the num-
6 ber of feet, full scale, with the mark or marks thereon, to-
7 gether with the place from which the logs are to be driven
8 and their destination. And it shall be the duty of the di-

9 rectors to keep a separate and distinct account of all ex-
10 penses incurred for driving the logs and other timber be-
11 tween Big Spencer Pond and the junction of Little Spencer
12 Stream with Big Spencer Stream and between the junction
13 of Little Spencer Stream and Big Spencer Stream and Dead
14 River and in the North branch of Dead River from the
15 mouth of Alder Stream to Dead River and in Dead River
16 from where said North branch enters the same to where
17 said Dead River enters the Kennebec River and in Moose
18 River between the head of Attian Pond and Wood Pond
19 and Moosehead Lake and between Moosehead Lake and
20 the forks of the Kennebec River, and between said forks
21 of the Kennebec River and the point of destination on the
22 Kennebec River, and ascertain the number of feet, full scale,
23 and ownership of said logs and other timber driven be-
24 tween said points, and assess thereon, to owners if known,
25 or to owners unknown, making such discount for logs driv-
26 en less than the whole distance as in their opinion may be
27 right and equitable, a distinct and separate tax sufficient to
28 pay said expenses, with such further sums as may be neces-
29 sary to pay damages and losses for piers, booms, buoys,
30 dams and other expenses as may be voted by the company
31 or the directors. And the directors shall have power when-
32 ever they may deem it necessary or expedient, to cause a
33 survey to be made of any or all logs driven, secured or
34 rafted by the company, and the expense of such survey
35 shall be assessed on such logs in the same manner as is
36 herein provided for assessing the expenses of driving, se-

37 curing and rafting the same. If any owner or agent shall
38 refuse or neglect to file such a statement in the manner
39 herein prescribed, the directors may assess such delinquent
40 or delinquents for his or their proportion of expenses, such
41 sum or sums as may be by the directors considered just and
42 equitable, and such assessment shall be final; said assess-
43 ment to be made at any time after the first day of July at
44 the discretion of the directors. And said company shall
45 have a lien on all logs and other timber by them driven for
46 the expense of driving, booming and securing, which shall
47 not be discharged until all assessments shall be finally paid.
48 The directors shall keep a record of the assessments in the
49 office of the clerk, which shall be open to the inspection of
50 all persons interested.'