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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 16

H. D. No. 16

House of Representatives, Jan. 22, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Piper of Jackman.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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 four hundred and
3 two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred

4 and eighty-five, as amended by chapter thirteen and chap-
5 ter fourteen of the private and special laws of nineteen
6 hundred and seventeen and further amended by chapter two
7 of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and
8 twenty-one, is hereby amended by inserting before the word
9 “and” in the twenty-fourth line of said section the follow-
10 ing words: ‘in Moose river between the head of Attean
11 pond and of Wood pond and Moosehead lake,’ so that said
12 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 Wescott, Alvah Sweetser, John Bradley, E.
4 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 reg-
12 ulations 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
15 purchase and hold real and personal estate sufficient for
16 carrying on the business of the Kennebec Log Driving Com-
17 pany and may grant and raise money by loan or assessment
18 for the same and for driving, securing, and forming into

19 rafts, under rigging logs of the company. And said com-
20 pany shall drive to such place of destination on said Ken-
21 nebec river as may be designated by the owners or by the
22 directors of said company and may secure and form into
23 rafts, under rigging all logs and other timber belonging to
24 said company or any member thereof, that may be in Little
25 Spencer stream between Big Spencer pond and Big Spencer
26 stream and Big Spencer stream between its junction with
27 Little Spencer stream and Dead river and in the north
28 branch of Dead river from the mouth of Alder stream to
29 Dead river and in Dead river from where said north branch
30 enters the same to where said Dead river enters the Ken-
31 nebec river in Moose river between the head of Attean pond
32 and of Wood pond and Moosehead lake and in the east
33 branch and Kennebec river for that purpose below the out-
34 let of Moosehead lake at the dam. And said company may,
35 for the purposes aforesaid, remove obstructions, erect
36 booms, piers and dams where the same may be lawfully
37 done. Said company shall have all the powers and privi-
38 leges and be subject to all the liabilities incident to corpo-
39 rations of a similar nature.'

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

'Sect. 4. The members of said company owning logs or

2 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,
7 together 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 mouth
15 of Alder stream to Dead river and in Dead river from
16 where said north branch enters the same to where said
17 Dead river enters the Kennebec river in Moose river be-
18 tween the head of Attean pond and of Wood pond and
19 Moosehead lake and between Moosehead lake and the forks
20 of the Kennebec river, and between said forks of the Ken-
21 nebec river and the point of destination on the Kennebec
22 river, and ascertain the number of feet, full scale, and own-
23 ership of said logs and other timber driven between said
24 points, and assess thereon, to owners if known, or to owners
25 unknown, making such discount for logs driven less than
26 the whole distance as in their opinion may be right and
27 equitable, a distinct and separate tax sufficient to pay said
28 expenses, with such further sums as may be necessary to

29 pay damages and losses for piers, booms, buoys, dams and
30 other expenses as may be voted by the company or the
31 directors. And the directors shall have power whenever
32 they may deem it necessary or expedient, to cause a survey
33 to be made of any or all logs driven, secured or rafted by
34 the company, and the expense of such survey shall be as-
35 sessed on such logs in the same manner as is herein pro-
36 vided for assessing the expenses of driving, securing and
37 rafting the same. If any owner or agent shall refuse or
38 neglect to file such a statement in the manner herein pre-
39 scribed, the directors may assess such delinquent or delin-
40 quents for his or their proportion of expenses, such sum
41 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.'