

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Mar. 1, 1927.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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STATE OF MAINE

*To the Honorable, the House of Representatives:*

Complying with your order of February twenty-second, 1927, addressed to the Public Utilities Commission and the Forest Commissioner, we respectfully report the following:

QUESTION: Are there any dam sites on the public lots of the St. John River shed in Aroostook, Somerset or Penobscot Counties?

ANSWER: Such public lots in the townships of northern Maine, embraced within the counties of Aroostook, Somerset and Penobscot, as have been located indicate only two possible dam sites, as follows:

1. That found in Range 11, Township No. 18, upon the Little Black River, a tributary of the St. John River;
2. That found in Range 14, Township No. 11, located on

Chemquassabamticook River, a tributary of the Allagash River.

Both banks of the site in each instance are on a public lot. We have no data on the exact amount of fall at these points, but reports show them both to be very small. From information in our possession, we have no way of computing the amount of power available. The drainage area on the Little Black River is approximately 250 square miles. About three miles below the point of the site, on private property, is a good site where a dam can be erected thirty-five feet high, which would flood a part of the public lot.

The drainage area on Chemquassabamticook stream is about 150 square miles. Neither of these possible dam sites on public lots was deemed important enough to be mentioned in the report of engineers on power available to the International Commission, pertaining to the River St. John, in 1912. It may not be entirely responsive, but may be deemed pertinent, to state that the public lots of many of the townships in this section of the state have not yet been located.

That our report may be somewhat more intelligible, we append section of a map showing the points under discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,

By CHARLES E. GURNEY

HERBERT W. TRAFTON

NEIL L. VIOLETTE,

FOREST COMMISSIONER.

February 25, 1927.