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PRIVATE

AND

SPECIAL ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

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1837.

Chapter 389.

AN ACT to incorporate the St. Croix Mill and Land Company.

Approved March 29, 1837.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Joseph Whitney, Charles E. Bowers, James T. Hobart, Samuel J. Gardner, their associates, successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are created a body corporate, by the name of the St. Croix Mill and Land Company for the purpose of carrying on the business of lumbering upon, managing and improving their own lands in the town of Calais, also in and upon the two half townships called Lenox and Amherst half townships, by them owned in the County of Washington; and of manufacturing, dealing in, and transporting lumber, and other articles, to market, with power to hold, manage and improve real and personal estate not exceeding in value at any one time, three hundred thousand dollars, and to dispose of the same at pleasure.—And said corporation is hereby vested with all the powers, and made subject to all the liabilities and restrictions incident by law to similar corporations; Provided however, that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to confer upon said corporation any right or power in any manner whatever, to interfere with, or injuriously affect private or public rights.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers and duties.

Capital Stock,—
\$300,000.

Proviso.

Chapter 390.

AN ACT to incorporate the Umbagog Company.

Approved March 29, 1837.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Simon W. Gregg, George Kent, George Pierce, William Willis,*

Corporators.

Josiah Rogers, John Brown and Lewis Downing, their associates and successors be and they hereby are created a body corporate by the name of the Umbagog Company, with all the powers and privileges incident to corporations of a similar nature.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation are hereby authorized to blast and remove all rocks and obstructions in the Androscoggin River which prevent the free passage of logs down the same and to erect and construct such side booms along the course of said river as may be necessary to prevent the timber from floating upon the low lands and intervals lying upon the banks of said river. *Provided* that private property shall not be taken without the consent of the owners.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously take up, break down or otherwise injure any of the works or property of said company they shall forfeit and pay to said corporation for every such offence treble damages to be recovered in any Court competent to try the same.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said company shall be entitled to a toll on all logs passing down said river, as follows, viz : on logs put in above Maynesboro Falls three cents each ; on logs put in below Maynesboro Falls and above Rumford Falls two and a half cents each ; on logs put in below Rumford Falls and above Lewiston Falls two cents each ; on logs put in below Lewiston Falls one cent each, and all logs put in the river below Little River Falls, shall not be subject to any toll to said company ; and the number of logs of each particular mark subject to pay toll as aforesaid, shall be determined by the prudential committee of log owners in Androscoggin River, who shall ascertain the same in the manner provided by law for determining the number of logs subject to assessment for driving ; and said company shall pay said prudential committee a reasonable compensation for their services in determining the number of logs liable to toll as aforesaid ; and said company shall have a lien

Corporate name.

Powers and privileges.

Penalty for injuries.

Rates of toll.

Number of logs—how determined.

Lien created upon all logs, &c. for toll.

upon all the logs passing as aforesaid, for the payment of the toll aforesaid; and the company shall annually give notice in the State paper of the time and place, when and where, said toll may be paid.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said company are hereby authorized to transport and drive down said river Androscoggin the logs, lumber or timber belonging to the members thereof and of all such persons as may employ them for that purpose. And shall be entitled to receive for such service from each owner his just proportion of all expenses incurred in such transportation and they shall have a lien upon all logs and timber which they may drive as aforesaid for the proportion of expenses as aforesaid. And may enforce the same in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Company are authorized to drive lumber, &c. for any person who may employ them.

Books subject to examination.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the Legislature shall at any time have the power of altering and regulating the toll aforesaid whenever the amount received shall be equal to twelve per cent. per annum upon the actual cost of the works of said company: and the books of the company shall at all times be subject to the examination of the Legislature or any Committee thereof; and the Treasurer shall be held to make on request of the Legislature a true return of the account of receipts from the tolls herein before provided.

Shall not demand toll until improvements are examined and approved.

Committee for examination.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That said company shall not demand any toll until their improvements on said river shall have been examined and approved by David Scribner of Topsham, Parker Sheldon of Gardiner and Ellis B. Usher of Hollis, who are hereby constituted a committee for that purpose; and in case that either member of said committee is unable, or shall refuse to perform the duty herein prescribed, the County Commissioners of the County of Oxford shall, on application by said company appoint some other disinterested person or persons to fill any vacancy thus occurring.