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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1853.

Chapter 104.

CHAP. 104.

An act to incorporate the Richardson Lake Dam Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. That Leonard E. Dunn, E. S. Coe, and D. F. Leavitt, their associates, successors and assigns, be and hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Richardson Lake Dam Company, for the purpose of making such improvements on the Androscoggin river and its tributary waters, as will facilitate and render more convenient the drifting or driving of logs, masts, spars and other timber; by removing obstructions, building dams, wing dams, gates, piers, booms, and so forth; and by which name they may take and hold any estate, real, personal or mixed, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars; and have and enjoy all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and liabilities incident to similar corporations under the laws of this state.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Objects of corporation.

Improvements.

May take and hold real and personal estate.

Powers, duties and liabilities.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have power to erect and maintain dams on the waters aforesaid, with suitable gates and sluiceways, for the passage of logs and lumber, with the right to clear and deepen the channels of said waters, and remove the obstructions therefrom; and to erect all necessary piers, booms, side booms, and works to increase the facilities for driving logs and lumber.

Dams, gates, &c.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby empowered to take such lands as may be necessary for the sites of said dams, booms and sluices, and such materials as may be needed for the erecting and maintaining the same, and in case said corporation cannot agree with the owner or owners, as to the price, the amount to be paid for said land or materials, so taken, shall be referred to three disinterested persons, one of whom shall be chosen by each of the parties aforesaid, and the third by the two first, so chosen, the report of whom, or the majority of them, shall be final; and said corporation shall be liable for all damages by flowing, caused by said dams, to be ascertained and determined in the manner prescribed in chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes.

Materials for construction.

Damages, how determined.

Damages for flowage, &c., how determined.

SECT. 4. Said corporation may demand and receive a toll on each and every pine log, mast and spar, which may pass the dam at the outlet of the Mooselukmaguntic lake, three cents; and in addition thereto, for each and every pine log, mast and spar, which pass the dam at the outlet of Richardson lake, three cents; and for all spruce, hemlock logs or timber, one and one-

Toll.

CHAP. 105.

Lien for pay-
ment of toll.

half cents each, over and through each of said dams. And said corporation shall have a lien on all logs and lumber passing their works, for the payment of the tolls, and for the collection of said tolls, may recover the amount of tolls due and unpaid on such logs or lumber, of any person through whom the property in such logs may pass, if not paid or secured before said logs pass out of the limits of this state.

Toll, reduction
of, &c.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall be entitled to receive said tolls until a sum of money sufficient to reimburse said corporation in full for the costs of said dams and improvements, together with the costs of all repairs from time to time, and expenses for superintendence, with interest on said expenditures and expenses at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, until all of said sums are reimbursed, when said tolls shall be reduced to such sum as shall be sufficient only to keep said works in repair; and the clerk of said corporation shall keep an account of all moneys paid and received by said corporation, which accounts shall be subject to inspection and investigation of the land proprietors, who have timber to pass said works, at all reasonable times, at the office of said clerk.

Account of
receipts and
expenditures,
how kept.

Costs of
improvements,
how ascer-
tained and
determined.

SECT. 6. For the purposes of ascertaining the costs of said improvements contemplated in this act, the accounts showing such expenditures and outlays shall be audited by the land agent of this state.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 22, 1853.]

Chapter 105.

An act repealing an act for the preservation of fish in the town of Columbia, passed February first, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Act of 1831
repealed.

An act entitled An act for the preservation of fish in the town of Columbia, passed February first, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, is hereby repealed.

[Approved March 22, 1853.]