

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

Chapter 361.

An act to improve the navigation of the Sebasticook river.

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

SECT. 1. James Moor, his associates and assigns, are authorized to improve the navigation of the Sebasticook river, so that steamboats may pass from Douglass ledges, in Pittsfield, into Moose pond; and for that purpose, to deepen the channel where necessary, and to raise up the public bridges across the river, and to insert and maintain in the dams across the river suitable strong and sufficient locks, with the least injury to the owners of the dams, consistent with carrying out the objects of this act.

Navigation of Sebasticook, improvement of, authorized.

SECT. 2. If said Moor, his associates and assigns, shall, instead of locks in either or all of the dams, prefer to make and maintain a canal or canals, with locks, around the same, the authority is hereby given them so to do.

Canals may be constructed.

SECT. 3. They may take lands along the banks and shores, or in the bed of the river, necessary for the foregoing purposes, by paying to the owners a just compensation therefor. If the parties shall not be able to agree upon the price, the same shall be ascertained as in cases of land taken for highways. And for damage done to the owners of dams by means of the locks, if any, these grantees shall pay just compensation, to be ascertained in the same way.

May take land, &c.

Compensation for.—how determined in case of disagreement. Damages to dams, how determined.

SECT. 4. This grant is upon the indispensable condition that the contemplated improvement in the navigation be completed, and a steamboat actually run from said ledges to the pond, within three years from the passing of this act.

Condition of grant.

SECT. 5. If the grantees shall perform said condition, the sole and exclusive right of navigating said river from the said ledges to the pond, and also of navigating the pond by boats propelled by steam, is hereby granted to them for the term of ten years after the first trip made by any such boat. And after the end of that term, they shall be entitled to receive a toll of fifty cents upon each passage of any steamboat through the locks, so long as the same are kept in a condition safe and convenient for such passing.

Term of grant.

Toll authorized.

SECT. 6. Said grantees are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Sebasticook Navigation Company, for the purposes aforesaid, with the powers by law appertaining to corporations, and with the privileges above granted, whenever they shall elect to organize and act as a corporation.

Corporate name. Powers, privileges, &c.