

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1872.

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the faith of the state, if he shall deem it necessary during the current year, a temporary loan of two hundred thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be needed.

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Resolved, That the treasurer is hereby authorized to give notes in behalf of the state at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent, and reimbursable at the pleasure of the state after sixty days and within twelve months from the date hereof for such portions of the loan hereby authorized as may be found necessary.

Loan, how negotiated.

Approved February 29, 1872.

Chapter 83.

Resolve changing the valuation of the towns of Linneus and Sherman in the county of Aroostook.

Resolved, That the valuation of the town of Linneus shall be one hundred seventeen thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars, and the town of Sherman shall be one hundred nine thousand two hundred and forty dollars, and the state and county taxes for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two and thereafter, shall be based upon said sums respectively.

Linneus, valuation established.

Approved February 29, 1872.

Chapter 84.

Resolves in relation to the Niagara ship canal.

WHEREAS, Your memorialists, the legislature of the State of Maine, would state that,

WHEREAS, To insure the continued development and consequent prosperity of the manufacturing and commercial interest of the eastern states, and also to promote in the most efficient manner the agricultural and other interest of the west, indeed of the whole country, a system of cheaper transportation between the two sections than now exists or ever can be secured with the present means and facilities afforded by railroads and the limited and imperfect system of water transit must be speedily opened up ;

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS, The main and probably the only means of securing that object, to wit, cheap transportation, is by opening up continuous steam navigation from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic ocean, by the way of the great water channels of the continent, thereby creating competing lines of transit of unlimited capacity between the grain fields of the west and the eastern and

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European markets; the most serious, indeed the only serious obstacle to the speedy consummation of that enterprise by way of the great lakes, river St. Lawrence and lake Champlain, exists at Niagara falls;

AND WHEREAS, Another movement has been inaugurated by the late commercial convention, held in the state of Michigan in December last, to invoke the assistance of the general government to break down that rocky barrier existing between lakes Erie and Ontario as speedily as possible, therefore be it

Resolved, That congress be requested to make an appropriation at its present session for the construction of a canal around the falls of Niagara, on the American side, of the maximum capacity of the lakes, as speedily as can be done consistent with the best interest of the whole country.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their best efforts to secure such an appropriation at the present session.

Resolved, That duly authenticated copies of this preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the president of the United States, the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives, with request that they lay them before their respective houses, and to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 29, 1872.

Chapter 85.

Resolves in relation to our ship building and mercantile interests.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to press upon the immediate attention of that body, the passage of an act allowing to the builder of any ship, vessel or steamer, a drawback equal to the duty paid upon all the articles entering into the construction of said ship, vessel or steamer; and that all provisions and supplies necessary for repairs or equipment of said vessels or steamers may be taken out of bond under the regulations of the treasury.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to communicate a copy of these resolves to our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 29, 1872.

Canal around
Niagara falls
requested.

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Authenticated
copies of resolu-
tions be forwarded
to certain authori-
ties in congress.

Drawback on
ship materials,
in favor of.