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Chapter 540.

An act to incorporate the Ragged Lake Dam Company.

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

Corporators.	SECT. 1. Samuel H. Blake, Ebenezer S. Coe, Gorham L. Boynton, Henry M. Prentiss, Samuel P. Strickland, Isaac R. Clark, their associates and assigns, be and they are hereby created a body
Corporate name.	politic and corporate by the name of the Ragged Lake Dam Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges of similar corporations.
Authorized to construct and maintain dams, booms, &c.	SECT. 2. The said corporation are hereby authorized to construct and maintain a dam or dams with side booms, sluices, and all other improvements, in the Ragged Lake stream, except on township number two, range twelve, which will be required to facilitate the transportation of logs and lumber down said stream ;
Authorized to take land and materials.	and they are further authorized to enter upon and take such land and material as they may find it necessary to make their said dams, sluices and other improvements, and to flow such lands as far as
Proviso.	may be necessary to accomplish their object. <i>Provided however,</i> that said corporation shall pay to the proprietor or proprietors of land or material such sums as they and the proprietor or proprietors may agree upon ; and in case the parties shall not agree, then
Damages, how determined, in case of disagreement.	said corporation shall pay such damages as may be ascertained and determined by the county commissioners for the county of Piscataquis, in the same manner and under the same conditions and limitations as are by law provided in the case of damages by laying out of public highways ; and for lands flowed by said corporation the proprietor or proprietors shall be entitled to the same remedies as are provided in case of flowing lands by the erection of a mill.
Tolls.	SECT. 3. The said corporation may demand and receive as tolls for the passage of logs or lumber over any of their said dams or other improvements, except on township number two, range twelve, the sum of twenty-five cents per thousand feet, board measure, according to the scale usually denominated the woods scale, for all logs and lumber passing over or through their said dam erected at the outlet or thoroughfare of Ragged Lake, and ten cents per thousand feet, like measurement, for all logs and lumber over the Ross dam on township number two, range twelve, or any improvements between said Ross dam and Caribou lake.
Lien for toll.	And said corporation shall have a lien on all logs and other lumber which shall pass over or through their said dams or other improvements, or any of them, until the full amount of tolls are paid on all logs of any particular mark ; and if not paid within ten days after said logs or lumber shall arrive at the Penobscot boom or

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place of manufacture, the said corporation may sell at public auction, after giving ten days' public notice in some newspaper printed in Penobscot county, so much of said logs or lumber as may be necessary to pay said tolls and all incidental charges, and in the event that such sale shall produce more than the sum required for the purposes hereinbefore indicated, such excess shall be returned to the owners of any logs or lumber sold as aforesaid, and such repayment shall release said corporation from any and all liability incurred by reason of the proceedings for collecting their tolls as are herein provided.

May sell lumber for payment of toll.

Excess of sales to be returned to owners.

SECT. 4. Said corporation are authorized to rebuild the Ross dam and other dams and improvements on township number two, range twelve, and the cost of the construction or repair of the Ross dam so called, and the dams and improvements below it on township number two, range twelve, shall be determined by Gorham L. Boynton, and his report of the same shall be filed with the treasurer of said company and with the land agent or county commissioners of Penobscot county, and when the tolls shall have paid such sum with annual interest at twelve per cent. on sums unpaid, then the dams and works on said township number two, range twelve, shall be free, except a sum may be collected as toll sufficient to keep the works in repair, which sum or toll shall be fixed by said Boynton; and for the purposes of this act all the tolls on logs that pass over said dams or works on said number two, range twelve, shall be deemed to have been received by said corporation; and if the said corporation fail to return annually to the land agent or said commissioners the number of thousands of feet of logs, board measure, woods scale, that pass over said dam and works on said township number two, range twelve, the right to take toll shall cease on said dams and improvements on said township number two, range twelve.

Authorized to rebuild Ross dam, &c.

Cost of construction, how determined.

Dams and works, when to be free.

Tolls deemed to be recovered by corporation.

Right to take toll to cease in certain cases.

SECT. 5. When said corporation shall have been reimbursed by tolls for all the costs and expenses of their works and repairs with twelve per centum annual interest, constructed on said Ragged stream and outlet of Ragged Lake, and not on said township number two, range twelve, then said dams and improvements not on said township number two shall be free of toll, except a sum may be collected as toll sufficient to keep said dams and improvements in repair, and the amount of such toll shall be determined by the county commissioners of Penobscot county.

Certain dams, when free of toll.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may convey in mortgage or otherwise its property and franchises as security for money to build its dams and works, or any other indebtedness of the corporation.

Mortgage of property as security for money to build dams.