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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 447.

An Act to incorporate the Ellis River Improvement Company.

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

SECT. 1. That Galen C. Moses, Edward Plummer, Ezra Cross, Mark P. Emery, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Ellis River Improvement Company, with all the powers and privileges of similar corporations. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed five thousand dollars in shares of twenty-five dollars each.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may construct and maintain as many dams and side dams, booms and sluices, at any point on the west branch of the Ellis river, or its tributaries, in the county of Oxford, at or above the point on said river where Stony brook empties into same, near Stony brook falls, so called, as they may deem necessary for the purpose of driving or floating logs and lumber, also to construct and maintain such other side dams, booms and sluices on the remaining portion of the west branch of the Ellis river as may be necessary to float or drive logs and lumber, *provided*, the same shall not interfere with the rights of persons and property on said stream at or near Andover village, also, to remove all stones, trees and other natural obstructions from the bed of the west branch of Ellis river and to deepen the channel of the same, and for said purpose, said corporation may take land and materials being accountable to the owners thereof for the same and all damages, if any, to be ascertained by reference, or by action on the case.

Powers and purposes.

Proviso.

May take land, etc.
—damages, how ascertained.

SECT. 3. The said corporation, after it shall have made the dams, booms and other improvements contemplated by this act, and during such period as the same shall be kept in good repair and working condition, may demand and receive a toll of fifteen cents per thousand feet, woods scale, for all logs and lumber, excepting such as is known as pulp wood, and lumber less than ten feet in length, that shall be put into said stream, at a point above the mouth of said Stony brook ; and a lien is hereby created upon all such logs or lumber included in the provisions of this act, for the purpose of enforcing the toll attaching to the same, for three months

Tolls.

—lien for payment of.

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after the same shall have passed down said river into the Androscoggin river, said lien to be enforced by attachment.

Cost of improve-
ments, how paid.

SECT. 4. When the tolls on the lumber specified herein, including tolls on all lumber owned by this corporation that shall pass down said stream, amounts to a sum sufficient to pay the cost of all improvements actually made on said stream, with interest on the same at the rate of ten per cent per annum, then said toll shall be reduced to a sum sufficient to keep said improvements in repair, and no more. And said corporation shall annually, on or before the first day of August, file in the office of the clerk of the town of Andover, in said county of Oxford, a statement under oath, giving the amount of lumber passing down said stream, together with the name of the owner or owners of the same, and any failure to file said statement shall forfeit the right to collect toll for the year preceding said first day of August.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1885.

Chapter 448.

An Act in relation to the Union Water Power Company of Lewiston.

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

Right of corpora-
tion to store
waters of certain
lakes confirmed.

SECT. 1. The Union Water Power Company of Lewiston is hereby granted the right by its dams now erected or which shall be hereafter erected on its own land, to raise and store the waters of the Rangeley, Mooselucmaguntic and Richardson lakes, their connecting and contributory waters, and to use the same for the purposes set forth in its certificate of incorporation, *provided, however*, that this act shall not affect the existing rights of any person or corporation in the drifting or driving of logs, masts, spars and other timber, or the rights of fishery, in said waters and streams, or the Androscoggin river; and *provided, further*, that this act shall not be construed to authorize said corporation to demand of any riparian proprietor above or below the cities of Lewiston and Auburn any toll or compensation for the use of water flowing in said river.

Rights of others
not affected.