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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1897.

CHAP. 382**Chapter 382.**

An Act relating to the incorporation of the Portland Female Provident Association.

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

Associa-
tion de-
clared a
corpora-
tion.

—doings
legalized.

The Portland Female Provident Association of Portland is hereby declared to be an existing corporation, having all the rights, privileges and immunities of corporations created under and by virtue of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes; and all acts and proceedings of said association, with reference to the calling and holding of meetings, the choice of officers, the taking and holding of real and personal property, and all other acts and proceedings of said association, are hereby confirmed and made legal and valid.

Approved March 2, 1897.

Chapter 383.

An Act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company.

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

Corpora-
tors.

Sect. 1. Elias Thomas, John R. Viles and Frank W. Butler, their associates, successors and assigns be and are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the South Branch Improvement Company, with all the rights, powers and privileges of similar corporations.

Capital
stock.

Sect. 2. Said corporation may issue its capital stock to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Authorized
to improve
south
branch of
Dead river.

Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to improve the south branch of Dead river, so called, in the county of Franklin, from its source to the Cove, so called, about one mile below Buttermilk falls, for log driving purposes, by widening, deepening and removing obstructions from the channel of said stream, by the construction of dams, side dams and sluice ways therein, and by the erection of booms, side booms and piers therein to facilitate the floating of logs and pulp wood.

Damages
for material,
how ascer-
tained.

Sect. 4. For any materials taken for the purposes aforesaid reasonable compensation shall be made to the owners thereof,

to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions as is provided in the case of damages by laying out the public highways, and for any damages by flowage reasonable compensation shall be made to the parties injured, to be ascertained in the same manner as is now provided in cases of flowing lands by the erection of dams and mills.

Sect. 5. Said corporation shall have the right to collect a toll upon all lumber and pulp wood which shall be floated down said stream from any point above said cove, of twenty cents per thousand feet, wood scale, for all long lumber and saw logs, and ten cents per cord for all spruce, pine or poplar wood in four or eight feet lengths, intended for pulp wood, and shall have a lien upon all logs, lumber and pulp wood, which may be floated down said stream for the payment of said tolls; said lien to be enforced in the manner provided for the enforcement of liens on logs and lumber, by sections thirty-eight and thirty-nine of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, and all amendments and additions thereto; but the logs of each particular mark shall be holden only for the tolls of such mark.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall keep a true and accurate account of cost of such improvements as shall be made, which shall be open to inspection at all times to land owners or operators; and when the toll received on said river shall have paid the cost of all improvements heretofore made by these corporators, or either of them, or that may hereafter be made by this corporation on said stream, and all interest, cost and expense thereon, then the toll herein provided for shall be reduced to a sum sufficient to keep the works in repairs, pay all expenses of the management of this corporation and all future necessary improvements.

When tolls shall be reduced.

Approved March 2, 1897.