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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
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OF THE
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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Chapter 52.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Springer Lumber Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river.

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

Section 1. The Springer Lumber Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to locate, erect and maintain in the Mattawamkeag river between a line drawn across said river at the mouth of Wytotpitlock stream and a line drawn across said river five hundred yards above the bridge connecting Drew plantation, in the county of Penobscot, and Reed plantation, in the county of Aroostook, piers and booms for the purpose of collecting, holding, separating and sorting out logs and other lumber coming down said Mattawamkeag river. Provided, however, that at least two sorting gaps are constructed, maintained and used for the passage of logs and other lumber through said booms. Said piers and booms shall be so located, constructed, maintained and used that logs and lumber running down said river belonging to other parties and not destined for use and manufacture at the mills of said company, its successors or assigns, shall not be unreasonably impeded or delayed, and in no case shall logs and other lumber be delayed longer than twenty-four hours, and the logs or lumber of other parties, when stopped for sorting, shall be turned by as soon as they practically can be sorted and separated from logs and lumber destined for use and manufacture at said mills, and any stray logs or other lumber not destined for use and manufacture at the mills of said company, if found in the booms of said company, shall be turned out by said company upon written demand of the owner or owners thereof, at its own charge and expense.

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authorized in
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keag river.

—purpose.

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Section 2. Said Springer Lumber Company, its successors and assigns, by aid of such piers and booms are hereby authorized and empowered to separate and sort out from the logs and other lumber coming down said river all logs and other lumber destined and intended for use and manufacture at the mills of said company, provided, however, if upon the approach of the rear of any drive of logs to the booms of said company herein authorized to be constructed and maintained, it shall appear to the person in charge of such drive that said company has not sufficient men to sort and turn by the logs or other lumber arriving at said booms, so that such drive may be unreasonably impeded or delayed, such person, upon notice in writing to said company left at its office, shall have the right to put men of his own selection upon said booms, to expedite the sorting and

Sorting
of logs
authorized.

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turning by of the logs and other lumber in such drive, who shall be paid by said Springer Lumber Company, and the additional cost, if any, of making such drive through said booms in consequence of such erections and piers of said company shall be paid by said Springer Lumber Company, but nothing herein contained shall make said company liable for any delay caused by said piers and booms. And said company is also authorized and empowered to hold within the piers and booms mentioned in this act and located, erected and maintained as aforesaid, all logs and other lumber coming down said Mattawamkeag river which are destined and intended for use and manufacture at the mills of said company.

May appoint agent.

--duties of agent.

--list of marks shall be furnished.

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May hold lands.

--may pass and repass over lands of other persons.
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--damages, how assessed.
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Section 3. The Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the state, shall have the right at any time to appoint an agent who is hereby authorized and empowered, and whose duty it shall be, to take charge of and superintend the sorting of the logs and other lumber running through the booms herein authorized, and said company at the beginning of every driving season, or at the time of the appointment of such agent, shall furnish such agent a list of marks upon all logs and other lumber intended to be manufactured at the mills of the company, and such agent shall see to it that the logs and other lumber not intended to be manufactured at the mills of the company are not unreasonably detained in or by said booms. The compensation of such agent shall not exceed two dollars fifty cents per day, and shall be paid by said Springer Lumber Company.

Section 4. Said Springer Lumber Company, its successors and assigns, may enter upon, take and hold such lands as may be necessary for the location, erection and maintenance of the piers and booms mentioned in this act and connecting the same with the shores, and may with their agents and teams, pass and repass over said shores and to and from the same, over the lands of other persons, for the purposes aforesaid, and for the operation and management of said piers and booms, and the damages for such taking shall be assessed and recovered as follows. If any person sustaining damages as aforesaid cannot agree with said company upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party on petition to the county commissioners of the county in which the land so taken is situated, may have the damages assessed by them and subsequent proceedings and right of appeal thereon shall be had in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages occasioned by the laying out of highways.

Section 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 18, 1903.