

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 18.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-ONE.

AN ACT to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company and
promote the settlement of the public lands.

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

SECTION 1. All the public lands situate in the
2 counties of Aroostook and Penobscot, except lands
3 heretofore conveyed by conditional deeds, and for
4 which the state may hereafter receive payment, shall,
5 in future, be managed under the direction of the gov-
6 ernor, state treasurer, and land agent ; and they are
7 hereby constituted a board for that purpose, except
8 that the land agent shall, as heretofore, sell lands to
9 settlers, and for the purposes of settlement, upon

10 the same terms and conditions as he is now authorized
11 by law to do.

SECT. 2. All moneys received from the proceeds of
2 the sales of said land hereafter made, or received for
3 timber, after deducting the expense of the care and
4 management of said land and timber, shall be paid
5 into the treasury for the use of the Aroostook Railroad
6 Company, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter
7 expressed.

SECT. 3. The moneys hereafter received on account
2 of the claims of the state upon the United States,
3 after deducting the expense of obtaining the same,
4 shall be paid into the treasury for the use of the
5 Aroostook Railroad Company, upon the terms and con-
6 ditions hereinafter expressed.

SECT. 4. From or near the point between Matta-
2 wamkeag and the eastern boundary of the state, where
3 the route of the said railroad may deflect in a south-
4 easterly direction to the boundary aforesaid, the Aroos-
5 took Railroad Company shall locate a branch of their
6 said road extending in a northerly direction, at least
7 as far as Houlton in the county of Aroostook.

SECT. 5. Upon condition the Aroostook Railroad
2 Company shall accept this act, and within four years
3 shall have completed their railroad from Oldtown or

4 Milford to Mattawamkeag in all its parts, with the
5 necessary furniture and equipments, and put the same
6 in running order the whole distance from Milford or
7 Oldtown to Mattawamkeag, then all such proceeds of
8 the land, timber, and claims received, or to be re-
9 ceived into the treasury, are hereby pledged to be ap-
10 propriated in aid of the construction and extension of
11 said railroad from Mattawamkeag to the eastern boun-
12 dary of the state, and the branch to Houlton ; and the
13 route of said road from Mattawamkeag to the eastern
14 boundary of the state, and Houlton, and the location
15 of the same, to be made by commissioners appointed
16 by the legislature. And one half part of all the aid
17 given by the state as provided in this bill shall be ex-
18 pended on said branch to Houlton.

SECT. 6. If the Aroostook Railroad Company shall
2 fail within four years to complete their railroad in all its
3 parts, with all the necessary furniture and equipments,
4 and put it in running order the whole distance from
5 Oldtown or Milford to Mattawamkeag, then this act
6 shall be void.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 7, 1861. }

Reported by Mr. McCRILLIS of Bangor, from the Joint Select Committee, and on his motion laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER *Clerk.*