

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 46.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Presumpscot Land and
Water Power Company.

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

SECTION 1. That Francis O. J. Smith, John H. Wil-
2 liams, Edward M. Patten, their associates and succes-
3 sors, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic
4 by the name of the "Presumpscot Land and Water
5 Power Company," and for the purposes mentioned
6 herein.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal
2 estate to the amount of one million of dollars in value,
3 and shall have all the privileges and be subject to all

4 the duties and liabilities of manufacturing corporations
5 as defined by the laws of this state.

SECT. 3. The first meeting of the corporation may
2 be called by any two of the corporators in such manner
3 as they may think proper.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to
2 construct one or more dams across Presumpscot river,
3 within the town of Falmouth, above the bridge erected
4 across said river by the Atlantic and St. Lawrence
5 Railroad Company, or cause the county bridge immedi-
6 ately above said railroad bridge to be constructed into
7 a dam, under such regulations and provisions as the
8 county commissioners for Cumberland county may di-
9 rect, and also construct all such wharves, abutments,
10 and docks appurtenant to lands that shall belong to
11 said company as shall be deemed prudential for the
12 purposes of said corporation, provided the same shall
13 not obstruct the channel of said river below said bridge.

SECT. 5. Said corporation is hereby empowered to
2 construct and maintain one or more canals extending
3 from the channel of said river below said railroad bridge
4 to any point or points on said river in the town of Fal-
5 mouth, and construct and maintain thereon such dams,
6 locks, sluice-ways or other structures, as may be needed
7 for the purposes of said corporation.

SECT. 6. Such corporation is empowered by and with
2 the consent of said railroad company to construct one
3 or more tracks from the wharves or mills of said cor-
4 poration to the track of said railroad and across the
5 public highways leading over Presumpscot river above
6 said railroad bridge to any points on the banks of said
7 river for the purpose of connecting thereby the real
8 estate of said corporation with the track of said railroad
9 company, and for said purposes to take and hold any
10 lands needed therefor, not exceeding four rods in width,
11 paying damages therefor to the proprietors of said
12 lands, to be adjudged if not otherwise agreed on as is
13 provided in case of lands taken for public highways.

SECT. 7. This corporation shall not divert any water
2 from said river to the injury of any dam or mill priv-
3 ilege lawfully existing on said river, nor otherwise
4 injure any lawfully existing bridge, mill or mill priv-
5 ilege, or water power on Presumpscot river, by flowage
6 or otherwise.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 27, 1861. }

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