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16 Victoria – Chapter 18

**An Act for the better and more effectual securing the navigation of the River Saint Croix, in the County of Charlotte. Passed 14th April 1853.**

Whereas on the River Saint Croix, in the Parish of Saint Stephen, there are a number of machines for sawing laths, clapboards, and other small lumber, the slabs and refuse of which are generally thrown into said River, filling up the channel and obstructing the navigation thereof;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That all and every owner, lessee or agent of any mill engaged in the manufacture of any description of sawed lumber on the said River Saint Croix, in the Parish of Saint Stephen, who shall throw or allow to be thrown out of their or any or either of their mills, any slabs or other waste lumber into said River, that may tend to fill up the channel of said River, shall be liable to pay a fine of five pounds for the first offence, and ten pounds for the second and every succeeding offence, to be recovered with costs of suit by plaint or information had or made before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte; the said fine to be given for the use of the poor in the Parish where the offence may be committed, and in case of the non-payment of said fine, the parties to stand committed to the County Gaol until paid.
2. Each and every of the said owners, lessees, agents or labourers in said mills, are severally liable for said fine, whether the act of throwing in such waste stuff be committed by themselves or those in their employ or under their control, and the said parties subject to said fines, may have recourse, under this Act, to recover such fines and costs from the parties actually throwing in such waste stuff or lumber, in the way and in the same manner as said fine is collected of them.
3. This Act shall come into operation at such time as may be fixed therefor by Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on his being satisfied that a Law has been passed by the Legislature of the State of Maine, or by other competent authority of the United States of America, with similar provisions for more effectually securing the navigation of the said River within the said State of Maine.
4. This Act shall not continue to be in force for a longer period than the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.