

to the town clerk of said town of Port Edwards all books, papers and records belonging to said town.

SECTION 2. The amount of funds remaining (if any) after settling the indebtedness, or the overplus of the indebtedness of said late town of Centralia, shall be apportioned to the several corporations now holding the territory of said late town in proportion to the assessed value of said territory for the year 1873.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1875.

## CHAPTER 320.

[Published March 23, 1875.]

AN ACT to provide more effectually for the protection of the lands granted by congress to the state of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship-canal and harbor.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Any person or persons who shall cut, steal, remove, or carry away, or cause to be cut, stolen, removed, or carried away, any timber, logs, trees, wood, lumber or bark, upon or from any of the lands granted by congress to the state of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship-canal and harbor, or who shall destroy, injure or cause to be destroyed or injured, or appropriate the same, except when authorized by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of such offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail of the proper county not more than six months, and by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000.)

Penalty for cutting or removing timber etc.

SECTION 2. Any justice of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction in his own county with the circuit court of any offense mentioned in the preceding section, where the value of the trees, wood, timber, property or other materials in question, shall be alleged not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), and in such case the punishment shall be by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) nor less than ten dollars (\$10.)

Justices of peace to have jurisdiction.

Duty of district attorney.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the district attorney of the county where any offense against the provisions of this act has been committed, to give special attention to the diligent prosecution of the offenses specified in this act, especially upon complaint made to him by the president and timber clerk of said ship-canal and harbor company, or any clerk or agent appointed by him. And it is hereby made the duty of said president and timber clerk to institute prosecutions for the violation of any of the provisions of this act.

Duty of president and timber clerk.

Penalty for resisting or hindering timber clerk or agent.

SECTION 4. Any person who shall knowingly resist, hinder or obstruct, or procure or counsel any one to resist, hinder or obstruct the timber clerk, or his authorized assistant or agent of said Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship-canal and harbor company, in the discharge of the duties imposed upon him by law as such clerk, assistant or agent, or who shall wilfully remove, disturb or interfere with, or cause to be removed, disturbed or interfered with, any timber or other materials seized by said clerk or said assistant or agent, under the provisions of law authorizing seizure, after notice of such seizure and before such timber or other materials shall be released pursuant to order of said clerk, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction of such offense be punished by imprisonment in the county jail of the proper county, not more than one year, and by fine not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

Certificate of Secretary of State to be prima facie evidence.

SECTION 5. Upon any hearing or trial in any suit or other legal proceeding, or upon any complaint, information or indictment, the certificate of the secretary of state, under the seal of the state, that any specified piece or tract of land is part and parcel of the lands granted by congress to the state of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of the said Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship canal and harbor, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact or facts stated in such certificate.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 5, 1875.