

CHAPTER 34.

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AN ACT to authorize William H. Decker, his associates and his or their heirs and assigns, to build and maintain a dam across Trempealeau River in Wisconsin.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. William H. Decker, his associates, and his or their heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to build and maintain a dam across Trempealeau River, upon land owned by said William H. Decker, his heirs, associates, or assigns, and described by government survey as fractional lot seven (7), and fractional lot two (2), in section seventeen (17), in township twenty (20), north, range ten (10), west, in the counties of Trempealeau and Buffalo, in the State of Wisconsin, for manufacturing and other purposes. Authority to maintain dam.

SECTION 2. Said dam may be erected to such height as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and in case said dam shall cause the aforesaid river to overflow any lands not now flowed and not owned by the owner of said dam, William H. Decker, his heirs, associates, or assigns, shall pay in full for all damages occurring at any time on account of said dam, said damages to be determined as provided by law. Height of dam.

SECTION 3. The said William H. Decker, his heirs, assigns, and associates, shall have full and complete control of said dam, and any person or persons who shall wilfully break or destroy said dam, or shall open the same, shall be liable to the proprietors thereof in an action of trespass, to the amount of damages done, in addition to the penalties already provided by law, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction. Penalty for trespass.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 16, 1876.