

Civil juris-
diction.

manner prescribed by law, and said court shall have and exercise powers and jurisdiction in all civil actions and proceedings in law and equity, except as to actions and proceedings under chapter 151, of the Revised Statutes, concurrent with and equal to the jurisdiction of the circuit court of Douglas county when the value of the property in controversy or the amount of money claimed or sought to be recovered after deducting all payments and set-offs shall not exceed five million dollars, and of all actions for divorce and for affirmation or annulment of the marriage contract. The presiding judge thereof shall have and exercise the powers of a circuit judge at chambers as of all actions or proceedings in said superior court.

Powers of
presiding
judge.

SECTION 2. Chapter 33, of the laws of the state of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby re-enacted as hereby amended.

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

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CHAPTER 302.

AN ACT to authorize Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, to build, maintain and operate dams and other improvements across Sand river, in the county of Bayfield, and collect toll for the use of the water stored by said dams for the use thereof.

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

Edward J.
Thompson, et
al., authorized
to build dams.

SECTION 1. Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, are hereby authorized to build, maintain and operate a dam or dams across the Sand river, at any point deemed necessary or convenient between the south line, section nine, township fifty, range five west, in Bayfield county,

Wisconsin, and the point where said Sand river flows into Lake Superior on section one, of township fifty-one, of said range five west, for the purpose of equalizing the flow of water in Sand river, in aid of driving logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles and posts down the same, to be stored in the boom at Sand bay, at the mouth of said river.

SECTION 2. Said dam or dams shall be constructed and maintained with suitable sluices for the passage over the same of all logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles and posts destined for points below said dam or dams.

How
constructed.

SECTION 3. Said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, may maintain and operate said dam or dams, so as to regulate the flow of water in said Sand river in such manner as in his or their best judgment will best subserve the purpose specified in section 1, of this act, and shall to that end have the right to store all of the natural flow of the water in said Sand river and to take possession of the said Sand river between the points mentioned in section 1, of this act, for the purpose of improving the same, and the said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to clear the river between said points of all obstructions, and to straighten the channels, close sloughs and bayous, and otherwise improve said river between said points; provided, however, that said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, shall at all times operate said dam or dams so that any person or corporation owning logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles and posts on said river, and desiring to drive the same, shall have the benefit of the water stored by said dam or dams upon the payment to said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, the sum of twenty-five cents per thousand feet, for all logs and timber driven past said dam or dams, and fifty cents per hundred for all ties, telegraph poles and posts driven past said dam or dams, or driven into Sand bay, at the mouth of said river, by aid of said dam or dams, or by the water accumulated thereby.

How operated.

May charge
tolls.

SECTION 4. Said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, for the purpose of acquiring any flowage rights that he or they may deem necessary in carrying out the provisions of this

Flowage
rights, how
acquired.

act, may exercise all powers granted to corporations by section 1777, of the Revised Statutes for 1878, and all acts amendatory thereof.

Tolls to be
lien.

SECTION 5. Said charges for the driving of logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles or posts, or the use of the water stored by said dam or dams, shall be a lien at the said prices above stated upon such logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles or posts driven down said stream, whether the same be driven from a point above said dam or dams, or a point below said dam or dams, to said Sand bay. Said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, for the purpose of collect'n; said charges, shall have a lien upon said logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles and posts, the same to be filed and enforced in such manner as liens for labor upon logs and timber, as provided by section 3329, and 3331, Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereof.

May build
booms.

SECTION 6. Said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, may also build and maintain a boom or booms on said river and at a point where the same flows into the Sand bay at the mouth of said river, and in said Sand bay, for the purpose of stopping, holding, securing, sorting and rafting all logs, ties, timber, telegraph poles and posts that may be driven down said stream, and for the purpose of constructing said boom or booms, said Edward J. Thompson, his heirs or assigns, shall have authority to clear the mouth of said river and the said Sand bay of all obstructions of whatever nature.

SECTION 7. The right to amend or repeal this act is hereby reserved.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 20, 1893.