

**RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMPANIES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 149 of 1869**

**485.121 Log jam; power to break, lien for cost.**

Sec. 21. If any person or persons shall put, or cause to be put, into said stream or waters, any logs, timber, or lumber, and shall not make adequate provisions and put on sufficient force for breaking jams of such logs, timber or lumber in or upon such stream or waters, or for running, rafting or driving the same, and thereby obstruct the floatage, or navigation, it shall be lawful for such company, to cause such jams to be broken, and such logs, lumber or timbers to be run, driven, boomed, rafted or secured, at the charge and expense of the person or persons owning said logs, timber or lumber; and said company shall have a lien upon such logs, timber or lumber, as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy all just and reasonable charges therefor, and expense and cost thereof, and shall be entitled to take and retain possession of such logs, timber or lumber, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of such charges, for breaking such jams, and for driving, booming, rafting, and running of said logs, timber or lumber, and expenses and costs thereon, until the same be satisfied and paid; and such corporation shall proceed to collect such charges, costs and expenses, in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

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