

company, in the East Machias River, in said county of Washington and State of Maine, at the extreme end of said river, near the village of East Machias, in said county and State, be, and both of said trestles hereby are, declared to be lawful structures: *Provided*, That such modifications are made in their present position, condition, and elevation as the Secretary of War may order in the interests of navigation.

Proviso.
—changes of position, etc.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

CHAP. 188.—An Act To amend an Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement.

April 12, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the ports of Laredo, Eagle Pass, and El Paso, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona.

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Immediate transportation privileges, etc., extended to.
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CHAP. 189.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam between Coon Rapids and the north limits of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, across the Mississippi River.

April 12, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns, to construct across the Mississippi River, at any point between Coon Rapids and the north line of the limits of the city of Minneapolis, a dam, canal, and works necessarily incident thereto, for water-power purposes. The said dam shall be so constructed that there can, at any time, be constructed in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes: *Provided, also*, That the Government of the United States may at any time take possession of said dam and appurtenant works and control the same for purposes of navigation by paying the said company the value not exceeding the actual cost of the same, but shall not do so to the destruction of the water power created by said dam to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation: *Provided further*, That the works shall be constructed so as to provide for the free passage of saw logs. The said Twin City Rapid Transit Company shall make such change and modification in the works as the Secretary of War may from time to time deem necessary in the interests of navigation, at its own cost and expense: *Provided further*, That in case any litigation arises from the obstruction of the channel by the dam, canal, or appurtenant works, the case may be tried in the proper Federal court of the United States in which the works are situated.

Twin City Rapid Transit Company may dam Mississippi River at Coon Rapids, etc.

Provisos.
Government control.

Passage of saw logs.
Changes.

Litigation.

SEC. 2. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved: *And provided further*, That suitable fishways, to be approved by the United States Fish Commissioner, shall be constructed and maintained at said dam by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns.

Amendment.
Proviso.
Fishways.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall become null and void unless the dam herein authorized be commenced on or before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, and be completed within three years thereafter.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

April 12, 1900.

CHAP. 190.—An Act To authorize the Shreveport and Red River Valley Railway Company to build and maintain a railway bridge across Red River, at or near the town of Alexandria, in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana.

Shreveport and Red River Valley Railway may bridge Red River at Alexandria, La.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Shreveport and Red River Valley Railway Company, a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain, by itself or through its assignees, a railway bridge across Red River at a point suitable to the interest of navigation, at or near the town of Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for passage of railway trains, and for transmission of the mails at such legal rates of toll as may be fixed by said railway company, or its transferees, and approved by the Secretary of War.

Transit, tolls, etc.

To be lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That said bridge, built under this Act and subject to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph purposes: *Provided,* That the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed by the company owning or operating it as to afford proper ways and means for the passage through or under it of vessels, barges, or rafts at all times, both by day and by night; and if said bridge be constructed as a drawbridge, the draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats; and upon whatever kind of bridge is built there shall be displayed on said bridge from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of said company, such lights and signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Telegraph, etc., companies.

Proviso.
Aids to navigation.

Draw.

Lights.

Alterations.

SEC. 3. That if said bridge, erected and maintained under the authority of this Act, shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said river, or shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction; and such alteration shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owners or operators of said bridge; and in case of any litigation arising from the obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the case may be brought in the district court of the United States for the western district of Louisiana: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt said bridge from the operation of same.

Litigation.

Proviso.
Existing law unchanged, etc.

Railroad rights to use.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring to use the said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and the approaches thereto upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, which compensation may be different in case of different railways. In case of disagreement as to compensation for the use of said bridge, the difference shall be determined by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proof of the parties in interest.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 5. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation