

**CHAP. 218.** said canal through or along the property of the said owner or owners, but only in extinguishment of the claim of damages, and the said jurors shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by said sheriff to the clerk of the county, and be by such clerk filed in his court, and shall be confirmed by said court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded at the expense of the said company, but if set aside the court may direct another inquisition to take place in the mode before prescribed, and such inquisition shall describe the property taken, or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity and duration of interest in the same valued for the company, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of said property or his, her, or their legal representatives, shall entitle the said company to the estate and interest in the same thus valued, as fully as if it had been conveyed by the owner or owners of the same, and the said valuation if not received when tendered, may at any time thereafter be received from the said company, without cost by the said owner or owners, or his, her, or their legal representatives.

Appeal provided

Proceedings directed

Tender

Dividends

**SEC. 14.** *And be it enacted,* That the said board of directors shall once in each and every year, or semi-annually, declare and make such dividend as they may deem proper, of the nett profits arising from the resources of the said company, first deducting the current and probable contingent expenses, and shall apportion the same amongst the stockholders in proportion to their respective shares.

Penalty for injuring, &c.

**SEC. 15.** *And be it enacted,* That in case any person shall wilfully injure, impair or destroy any part of said canal, or of its locks or any other of its works, or of the said inlet, or any of the property of said company, or shall aid, abet or counsel the doing the same, all and every person or persons so offending shall be liable to indictment in the county court of Worcester, and on conviction upon such indictment shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court, and shall be sentenced to pay the fine with all the costs, and such proceedings shall be had as in all other cases of indictable offences, or