

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 34.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-ONE.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Oxford and Andros-  
coggin Telegraph Company.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Rufus Prince, O. H. Hershey, S. C.  
2 Andrews, Israel Washburn, jr., George C. Wing,  
3 George D. Bisbee, R. C. Thomas, Jason Farrar,  
4 their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby  
5 created a body politic, by the name of the Oxford  
6 and Androscoggin Telegraph Company, with all  
7 the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to  
8 all the duties and obligations granted and pre-  
9 scribed by the general laws of this state, relating  
10 to corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized  
2 to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or

3 lines of telegraph and a line or lines of telephone,  
4 from the town of Buckfield, in the county of  
5 Oxford, through any intervening town or towns in  
6 Oxford or Androscoggin counties, to any point in  
7 the city of Auburn or city of Lewiston, in the  
8 county of Androscoggin, upon and along any  
9 public highway, railroad, bridge or private lands,  
10 but in such manner as not to incommode or endan-  
11 ger the customary public use thereof, with the  
12 right to cut down trees and remove obstacles when  
13 necessary within the limits aforesaid, except orna-  
14 mental or shade trees, and with the power to  
15 establish and collect tolls on said line or lines.

SECT. 3. If the land of any individual or cor-  
2 poration is taken under this act, and the parties  
3 cannot agree on the damages occasioned thereby,  
4 they shall be estimated, secured and paid in the  
5 manner provided in case of land taken for rail-  
6 roads.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized  
2 and empowered to connect its line or lines with  
3 those of any other telegraph or telephone company  
4 or corporation, or to sell or loan its line or lines  
5 of telegraph and property and telephone and prop-  
6 erty, either before or after completion, to any other  
7 telegraph or telephone company or corpora

8 upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon,  
9 which sale or lease shall be binding upon the par-  
10 ties, or may purchase or lease any other line or lines  
11 of telegraph or telephone upon such terms and  
12 conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation  
2 shall be of such amount as said corporation may  
3 from time to time determine to be necessary, for  
4 the sole purpose of owning, constructing, main-  
5 taining and operating the line or lines of telegraph  
6 or telephone hereby authorized or contemplated,  
7 and said corporation may purchase, hold, sell and  
8 convey all real and personal property necessary  
9 for the purposes contemplated in this charter.

SECT. 6. The two first corporators named in  
2 this act, may call the first meeting of the corpora-  
3 tion by mailing a written notice signed by both,  
4 postage paid, to each of the other corporators,  
5 seven days at least before the day of the meeting,  
6 naming the time, place and purposes of such meet-  
7 ing, and at such meeting a president, secretary,  
8 treasurer and directors may be chosen, by-laws  
9 adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect on its ap-  
2 proval.

STATE OF MAINE.

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In SENATE, February 9, 1881.

Reported by Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the  
Judiciary, and on his motion laid on the table and ordered to be  
printed.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*