

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

Chapter 230.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Electric Light and Power Company.

Whereas, the object of the corporation to be created by this act cannot be otherwise attained, therefore :—

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. D. W. Clark, A. A. Strout, George S. Hunt, Theodore C. Woodbury, William G. Davis, H. T. Plummer, Nathan Cleaves, H. N. Jose, H. M. Payson, F. J. Rollins, George P. Wescott, David Moulton, John Sparrow, S. E. Spring, George F. Holmes, C. P. Mattocks, W. F. Milliken, J. P. Gilman, R. S. Maxey, J. E. Blabon, John E. DeWitt, J. W. Deering, T. C. Hersey, C. B. Gardner, H. J. Libby, W. E. Gould, J. S. Winslow, C. F. Libby, J. P. Baxter and E. P. Payson, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Maine Electric Light and Power Company, and by that name shall have and enjoy all rights, powers and privileges necessary to effect the objects of their association, and shall be entitled to all the rights and subject to all the duties and liabilities now or hereafter provided by the laws of this state as to corporations, so far as applicable, and subject to the provisions of this act.

Corporate name.

Powers and liabilities.

Capital stock.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be not less than five hundred thousand dollars, nor more than one million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Purposes and privileges.

SECT. 3. Said company is authorized and empowered for the purpose of carrying on the business of lighting, by electricity, cities, towns, villages, public streets, parks, buildings and places, private houses, manufactories, places and buildings, places of business, worship and amusement, within this state; and the business of furnishing motive power, by electricity, within said places and limits; and the business of manufacturing and providing machinery, apparatus and appurtenances for the supply of said light and said power, to acquire, hold and alienate real and personal estate to the amount of one million dollars; to build and operate manufactories and works for the providing and supply of electricity; to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity, submarine,

under ground, upon, under and along and over any and all streets, ways and public places in such manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, railroads, bridges, canals and lands and buildings of any individuals, society or corporation, with all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurtenances, and terminating at such points as may be expedient; and to confer this power upon licensees of said company who shall be deemed agents of said company for said purposes, but said company shall not be liable for the torts or negligence of such licensees, nor upon contracts made by them except as mutually agreed by said company and its licensees.

May confer power upon licensees.

SECT. 4. For the erecting said wires above ground, and for the laying the same, or pipes therefor submarine or under ground, and for taking up, replacing and repairing the same, said company or its licensees in any city or town shall first obtain the consent of the municipal officers thereof, and perform said acts as directed by them; and said company or its licensees in any city or town shall repay to any city or town any sum of money which such city or town may have been compelled to pay on any judgment for any damage occasioned by the aforesaid doings of said company or its licensees through defect or want of repair in the streets thereof.

For authority to erect wires, etc., consent of municipal officers necessary.

Company to pay damage done to streets.

SECT. 5. Said company or its licensees in any city or town shall, at their own expense, without unnecessary delay, remove any obstructions in any street, made for erecting or laying the lines for such purposes, and cause earth or pavements disturbed to be properly replaced. They shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain, pipe or sewer, but may cross, or, when necessary, change the direction of any private pipe, drain or sewer in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

--shall not obstruct public travel, or impair public or private drains.

SECT. 6. Damages for any land taken for the purposes of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands taken for railroads.

Land damages, how estimated and paid.

SECT. 7. The first meeting of said company may be called by either corporator giving five days' written notice, by mail, to his associates, stating the time and place thereof, or by

First meeting, how called.

CHAP. 231 publication of such notice at least three times in a Portland daily newspaper, five days before the time of said meeting.

Approved February 17, 1883.

Chapter 231.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled "An Act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory."

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

Sec. 2, ch. 162,
special laws 1881,
amended.

SECT. 1. Section two, chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-one is hereby amended to read as follows :

Expenses of
schools, how
provided for.

'SECT. 2. To defray the expenses of said schools, the sum of thirteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated in the manner hereinafter provided. The treasurer of the state shall annually deduct from any of the school moneys raised by the state for the support of common schools, the sum of six hundred dollars ; and from the gross amount of the state school funds, of all descriptions, annually apportioned to the towns of Grand Isle, Frenchville, Madawaska, Fort Kent and Van Buren, and to the plantations of Hamlin, Connor, Cyr, Saint Francis, Saint John, Wallagrass and Eagle Lake, the sum of seven hundred dollars ; which sums shall remain in the treasury subject to the order of the governor and council, for the payment of the expenses of said schools, the bills for which shall be approved by the state superintendent of common schools and audited by the governor and council.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 17, 1883.