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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

Chapter 332.**CHAP. 332**

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

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

SECT. 1. Charles A. Brown, James H. McMullan, Fred N. Dow, Francis K. Swan, John B. Coyle, Junior, Elias B. Denison, Alpheus G. Rogers, Charles D. Brown, Sidney W. Thaxter, Prentiss Loring, William L. Longley, William W. Bolster, A. M. Pulsifer, E. W. Gross, Jeremiah Dingley, Junior, George S. Woodman, Wallace H. White, J. L. H. Cobb, Charles Greenwood, H. C. Little, Frederick Robie, Stephen Hinkley, Amos Wilder, C. C. Burrill, George W. Kimball, Junior, A. F. Crockett, John S. Case, S. D. Bailey, H. E. Palmer, J. S. Wheelwright, J. H. Crosby, S. D. Thurston, A. A. Strout, Augustus Bailey, J. Maxcey, J. R. Bodwell, W. F. Richards, F. E. Heath, N. G. H. Pulsifer, William B. Hayford, F. A. Wilson, C. V. Lord, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Peoples' Electric Light and Power Company of Maine 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.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, duties and liabilities.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be three hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

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, cars, steamboats and vessels, 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

Authorized to light cities, etc., by electricity.

—furnish power.

—to hold real estate.

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To build manuf-
factories.
—to lay lines of
wire, etc.

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.

Company not
liable for torts of
licensees.

May erect or lay
wires or pipes by
permission of
municipal offi-
cers.

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.

Damage to
streets, how paid.

Company not
permitted to
obstruct any
street, or impair
use of drains or
sewers.

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.

Damages for land
taken, how esti-
mated and paid.

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.

SECT. 7. The first meeting of said company may be called by any three of the corporators giving seven days' written notice, by mail, to their associates, stating the time and place thereof, seven days before the time of said meeting.

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First meeting,
how called.

Approved March 9, 1883.

Chapter 333.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Hallowell.

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

The charter of the city of Hallowell is hereby amended by striking out the thirteenth section thereof, and substituting therefor the following :

Charter of city
of Hallowell,
amended.

'SECT. 13. The said judge shall appoint, in writing, a recorder, who shall be a justice of the peace for the county of Kennebec, duly qualified, who shall be sworn by said judge, who shall keep the records of said court when requested so to do by the judge, and in case of absence from the court room or sickness of the judge, or when the office of judge shall be vacant, the recorder shall have and exercise all the powers of the judge, and perform all the duties required of said judge by said charter, and shall be empowered to sign and issue all processes and papers, and to do all acts as fully and with the same effect as the judge could do were he acting in the premises, and the signature of the recorder, as such, shall be sufficient evidence of his right to act instead of the judge. When the office of judge is vacant, the recorder shall be entitled to the fees, in all other cases he shall be paid by the judge.'

Judge shall
appoint recorderPowers and
duties.

Approved March 9, 1883.