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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1891.

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within the state of Maine and not inconsistent with the laws of Canada or the province of New Brunswick, so far as such by-laws are applicable within said province, as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the government and regulation of its business.

SECT. 12. The said corporation is hereby authorized to accept such franchises, powers and privileges as may be conferred upon it by the legislature of the province of New Brunswick, and to perform such acts within said province as may be required or permitted by said legislature, and in the event of the said legislature authorizing the company to drive the lumber coming into the British waters of the river Saint John between the upper and lower limits provided in this act, and to continue the driving of all lumber in said river from the boundary line, between the said province and this state to the Grand Falls, the company may consolidate and work the franchises hereby granted, with those granted by said provincial legislature as one single enterprise with the mouth of the Allegash, as above defined, and the Grand Falls as terminal points, and extending to all the waters of the river between said points, and this act shall be read and construed as if the several rights and franchises granted by this state and the provincial legislature had been included in and granted as a whole by this act between said terminal points.

Authorized to accept such franchises as may be conferred by legislature of New Brunswick.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1891.

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### Chapter 259.

An Act to incorporate the Poland and Minot Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

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

SECT. 1. John Hanscom, Norton Q. Pope, William Whitney, C. H. Dwinall, Luther Perkins, A. E. True, Newton Earle, J. M. Libby, or such of them as shall vote to accept this charter, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate, by the name of the Poland and Minot Water and Electric Light and Power Company, and as such shall possess all the powers and be subject to all

Corporators.

—corporate name.

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the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

Location.

SECT. 2. The place of business of said corporation shall be at Mechanic Falls in Poland or in Minot, in the county of Androscoggin and state of Maine, and its business shall be confined to the towns of Poland and Minot, in said county.

Purposes.

SECT. 3. The business to be carried on by said corporation shall be to furnish water for the extinguishment of fires and for public and private uses to said village of Mechanic Falls and vicinity, and the inhabitants thereof, and to furnish electric lights for lighting streets of said village, and to dispose of electric light and power to individuals and corporations.

May take water.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, to take, detain and use the water of the Waterhouse brook or of any other suitable source of water supply in said Minot or Poland, or the towns of Oxford or Hebron, in Oxford county, and to erect and maintain reservoirs and dams, and lay down and maintain pipes and aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulating, conducting, discharging, distributing and disposing of water, and forming proper reservoirs thereof; and said corporation may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary therefor, and may excavate through any lands, when necessary for the purposes of this incorporation.

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SECT. 5. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by the taking of any land or other property, or by flowage, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes and aqueducts, building dams and reservoirs, setting posts and extending wires, and also damages for any other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any person sustaining damages as aforesaid and said corporation cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person may cause his damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by laying out of railroads.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be twenty-five thousand dollars, which may be increased to one hundred thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and said stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

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SECT. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down pipes, and to set poles and extend wires, in and through the streets and ways in said towns of Poland and Minot, and to take up, replace, and repair all such pipes, aqueducts, poles and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes of their incorporation, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the selectmen of said towns, and all provisions of this act relating to the construction, repairs, maintaining or operating works for furnishing electric light or power, shall be subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. And said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall further be liable to pay to said towns all sums recovered against said towns for damages from obstruction caused by said corporation, and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel fees incurred in defending such suits, with interest on the same.

May lay down pipes and extend wires in and through streets.

—responsible for damages.

SECT. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with said towns of Poland and Minot, with any village corporations that now or hereafter may exist in said towns or either of them, and with other corporations and individuals for the purpose of supplying water or electric light or power, as contemplated by this act; and said towns by their selectmen, and said village corporations by their assessors, are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the supply of water and electric lights or power, and for such exemption from public burden as said towns and such corporations and said company agree upon, which, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

May contract to furnish towns and any village with water or light.

—towns may contract for water and light, and exempt from taxation.

SECT. 9. Said corporation shall have power to cross any water course or public or private sewer, or to change the direction thereof, when necessary for the purposes of their incorporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof; and said corporation shall be liable for any injury caused thereby; whenever the company shall lay down any pipes in any street, or make any alterations or repairs upon its works in any street, it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and shall at its own expense, without unneces-

May cross any public or private sewer.

—shall not obstruct travel.

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sary delay, cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in a proper condition.

May lay pipes under river and brook.

SECT. 10. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain its pipes under, in and over the Little Androscoggin river and Waterhouse brook, and to build and maintain all necessary structures therefor.

Penalty for corrupting water or injuring works.

SECT. 11. Any person who shall willfully injure any of the property of said corporation, or who shall knowingly corrupt the waters from which said corporation shall take its supply, in any manner whatever, or render them impure, whether the same be frozen or not, or who shall throw the carcasses of dead animals or other offensive matter into said waters, or who shall willfully destroy or injure any dam, reservoir, aqueduct, pipe, hydrant, poles, wires, dynamos or other property held or owned by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three years, and shall be liable to said corporation for three times the actual damage, to be recovered in any proper action.

May issue bonds, and mortgage property.

SECT. 12. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the construction of its works, upon such rates and times as it may deem expedient, not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and property of said company.

Act null, unless works have been put in operation within four years.

SECT. 13. In case no portion of the works of this corporation shall have been put into operation within four years from the date of the approval of this act, the rights and privileges herein granted shall be null and void.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 14. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any three corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last usual place of abode seven days before the time of meeting.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1891.