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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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officers of said city and town; and in case of disagreement, the county commissioners upon petition of any citizen of said city or town, may cause necessary repairs to be made, and the expense thereof paid by said city and town as provided in the preceding section.

Repair of highways leading to bridge, how made.

SECT. 3. The highways leading to said bridge shall be made, maintained and repaired by the city and town in which they are situated, in the same manner as other highways.

Act, shall not affect pending suits.

SECT. 4. This act shall not affect any pending suit, and shall take effect only when judgment is rendered in quo warranto proceedings now pending in the supreme judicial court of Maine, between the state by information of its attorney general and said Old Town Bridge Corporation, but if said judgment shall be in favor of said bridge corporation, on the ground that said bridge has not reverted to the state, then this act shall be void.

Approved April 3, 1891.

Chapter 334.

An Act to incorporate the Oxford Central Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Henry M. Bearce, George A. Wilson, John P. Swasey, E. L. Tebbets, Waldo Pettengill, O. H. Hersey, A. E. Herrick, Loring R. Giles and George C. Wing, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of the Oxford Central Telephone and Telegraph Company, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties provided by the general laws of this state relating to corporations, with power by that name to carry on the business of practical telephonic and telegraphic communication, within the territory hereinafter described, by proper methods; and in the prosecution of said business, to locate, construct, maintain and operate, molecular, acoustic, magnetic and electric, telephone and telegraph lines; to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, to pass by-laws and regulations for the management of their affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of the state of Maine, to do and perform any and all other lawful acts incident to corpora-

—corporate name.

—powers and purposes.

tions of a similar character. Said company shall have the right to locate and construct its lines upon and along any public highway, bridge or private land, or along and upon the line of any railroad, and carry on said business, in, through and about, all the towns in Oxford county, in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof; and the company may cut down any trees standing within the limits of any highway except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, when necessary for the erection, use or safety, of its lines.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines throughout the length and breadth of Oxford county with as many wires and branches as they may see fit, commencing and terminating at such point or points, as they may select hereafter, within the limits aforesaid, and subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and with the power to establish and collect tolls.

Authorized to construct telephone and telegraph lines in Oxford county.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any other telephone or telegraph company or corporation, to sell or lease its line or lines and other property in whole or in part, either before or after completion, to any person or persons, or to any other telephone or telegraph company or corporation, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties; and may purchase or lease any other line or lines of telephone or telegraph upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto.

May connect with other lines or sell or lease its property.

SECT. 4. Any person or corporation purchasing from the corporation hereby created, the right to use its telephone for any part or parts of the county of Oxford is hereby invested with all the powers and privileges by this act conferred upon the Oxford Central Telephone and Telegraph Company, subject to all duties and liabilities hereby imposed in said part or parts of said county of Oxford; and the said corporation is hereby authorized to assign and transfer so much of the franchise hereby granted, as may be necessary for the purpose of this section.

Persons or corporations purchasing rights, are invested with all the powers of the company.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall have the right to erect and construct the posts, piers, abutments and other fixtures necessary, to sustain the wires of its lines upon, along and

May erect its lines along any highway, etc.

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across any public way, road, street, bridge or private land, or along, upon and across the line of any railroad, in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof; first having obtained the consent of the municipal officers of any city or town where these lines are to be built, and subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Municipal
officers, may
locate.

SECT. 6. The municipal officers of a place in which the said posts, piers, abutments and fixtures, are to be erected shall, on written application, specify where the same may be located.

Capital stock.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said company shall be of such an amount as the stockholders may determine, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and it may purchase, hold and dispose of such real and personal estate, as may be necessary for the corporate purposes, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and shall have power by agreement with other persons or bodies corporate, to connect its lines with other telephone or telegraph line, within or without the state.

Damages, how
estimated.

SECT. 8. If the land of any individual or corporation is taken under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the damages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated, secured and paid, in the manner provided in case of land taken for railroads.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 9. Any one of the corporators named in this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation, for organization, by mailing a written notice signed by him, to each of the other corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting; and at such meeting by-laws may be adopted, the amount of capital stock fixed and any other corporate business transacted.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.