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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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commissioners, payable to bearer, at such times as the county commissioners may appoint.

How signed and to be sold.

Sect. 4. Said bonds and coupons shall be signed by the county treasurer, and said bonds shall be countersigned by the county commissioners of said county, and shall be sold by the treasurer at the highest price he can obtain; and the proceeds of the same shall be applied for the purposes aforesaid and for none other.

Approved March 20, 1897.

Chapter 477.

An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power.

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

Company authorized to develop and sell electric power.

Sect. 1. The Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company, a corporation duly organized under the general law, and having its place of business at Nobleboro, Maine, is hereby authorized and empowered to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power.

May erect poles and wires.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to set, erect and maintain all poles, wires and fixtures necessary for the development and transmission of electricity for the purpose of furnishing electric light, heat, and power, for lease or sale, to such points as may be feasible, and in such manner as may be expedient, for public and private uses, in and through the streets and ways of the towns of Damariscotta, Newcastle, Edgecomb, Wiscasset, Woolwich, Nobleboro, Waldoboro, Warren, and Thomaston, and the cities of Bath and Rockland, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers thereof, subject to and in accordance with the general laws of the state regulating the erection of posts and lines for the purposes of electricity; with the right to cut down trees and remove obstacles, when necessary, within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees. Such power so transmitted may be used in the operation of any railroad or street railroad authorized by its charter or general law to use electricity or any other motive power.

-location.

-shall be under reasonable restrictions imposed by town officers.

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Sect. 3. None of the powers granted to said corporation by section two shall be used by it for the sale of light, heat or power in Damariscotta, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Bath, Thomaston or Rockland, where corporations organized under special charters are now exercising some of their chartered powers, except for the sale of light, heat or power to such corporations as already have prior chartered rights for such purposes, in the towns and cities above mentioned.

Shall not compete with corporations, already furnishing light and heat.

Sect. 4. Said corporation, for the purposes aforesaid, is authorized to set, erect and maintain such poles, wires and fixtures, over, along and upon any private land, and to purchase or take such land for such purposes, as and for public uses. In case of such taking, said corporation shall file in the registry of deeds for the county wherein the property affected may lay, a description of the land and interest therein taken. In such case, if the parties cannot agree on the damage occasioned thereby, the damages shall be estimated, paid and secured in the manner provided in the case of land taken for railroads.

May erect poles upon private lands and take such lands.

—shall file description of such land.

—damages, how estimated in case of disagreement.

Sect. 5. For the purposes aforesaid said corporation is hereby authorized to cross and occupy tide and navigable waters with its poles, wires and fixtures, or to carry its wires under the same by cable, in such manner as shall not unnecessarily interfere with or incommode the public use thereof.

May cross tide waters.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall in all cases be liable to pay to any town or city all sums recovered against it for damages by reason of any fault or neglect of said corporation, together with reasonable counsel fees and costs, with interest, provided said company shall have notice in writing of any suit wherein such damages are claimed, and shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

Liable for neglect.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is authorized to make contracts with said towns and cities, or any village corporation that may be organized therein, for light, heat or power, and said cities and towns and any village corporation therein organized are authorized to so contract for a term of years, subject to the provisions of section three of this act.

May contract to furnish light, heat and power.

Sect. 8. None of the provisions of this act, and none of the acts of the corporation hereunder, shall in any way be construed as abridging, limiting, or affecting the rights and powers which said corporation now has under the general law.

Rights under the general law, shall not be abridged.

Sect. 9. For the purpose of carrying out the foregoing provisions, or either of them, or any of the provisions or the

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

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Approved March 20, 1897.

### Chapter 478.

An Act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation.

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

Town of Wayne authorized to raise money to celebrate anniversary.

Sect. 1. The inhabitants of the town of Wayne, in the county of Kennebec, are hereby authorized and empowered to raise by taxation, in the same manner in which other sums of money are now raised by taxation, a sum of money not to exceed five hundred dollars, in the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-seven, to be expended in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of said town.

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

Approved March 20, 1897.

### Chapter 479.

An Act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Company to generate, sell, supply, distribute and transmit electricity for power and heating.

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

Company authorized to generate and supply electricity.

Sect. 1. The Maine Pulp and Paper Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Maine, and located in Lewiston, county of Androscoggin and state of Maine, its successors and assigns, is hereby granted the right to generate, sell, supply, distribute and transmit electricity for power and heating in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the towns of Greene and Turner in the said county of Androscoggin, but not to include electricity for electric lighting for municipal or private purposes, without the consent of all companies, firms or corporations now furnishing electric lights for municipal or

—shall not compete with firms now furnishing lights, except by consent of such firms, etc.