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LEGISLATIVE RECORD
OF THE
Sixty-Eighth Legislature
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1897.

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Resolve in relation to Freedom Academy.

An act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes relating to real actions and rights of entry.

An act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland.

An act to change the term day of the September term of commissioners' court in Lincoln county.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 relating to the charter of the Pemaquid Damariscotta and Newcastle Railroad Company.

Resolve in favor of roads in Indian Township in Washington county.

An act relating to the use of compressed air for power.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled, "An act for the better protection of sheep."

An act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company.

An act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries of the State.

An act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow—the testator and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to sale of lands for taxes.

An act for the better protection of girls.

An act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trust in public burial places and providing for the record of deeds of burial lots.

An act relating to appeals in cases of damages for land taken for ways.

An act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Piscataquis river, in the town of Elliot, county of York.

An act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company.

An act to change the name of the Alonzo Wing Library Association.

An act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company.

An act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.

An act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of the Rumford Falls Brick Company.

An act relating to chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company.

An act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison.

Resolve in aid of repairing bridge across the Narraguagus river, in the town of Milbridge.

Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates.

On motion by Mr. Hargraves of York, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, March 8, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrews of Garland.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

In House, passed to be engrossed, in Senate re-committed to the committee on State Reform school. The House reconsidered its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed, and concurred with the Senate in re-committing the bill to the committee on State Reform school.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to grant a new charter to the city of Portland.

An act to amend section 69, of chapter 82, of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors.

An act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island.

Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs on the Senate chamber of the State Capitol.

An act to amend section 18, of chapter 48, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to create the City hall commission of Waterville. (Received under suspension of the rules.)

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Rounds of Paris—Resolution of South Paris Board of Trade, opposing the granting to the Oxford Electric Light Co. any special rights not provided for under the general law.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Auburn—Bill an act additional to chapter 101, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the inspection of buildings.

By Mr. Talbot of Lewiston—Bill an act to amend sections 59, 60, 61 and 62, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Coffin of Thorndike—Petition of E. R. Wentworth and others of Knox,

for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of D. O. Bowen and 14 others of Morrill, for same.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Petition of C. N. Adams of Wilton, and 31 others, for same; of Charles E. Wheeler of Cheshireville, and 20 others, for same.

By Mr. Holmes of Addison—Petition of W. E. Ingersoll of Columbia Falls, and others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of D. O. Bowen of Morrill, and 14 others, for same.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of Franklin Pugsley of Cornish, and 124 others, for same.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Petition of Thomas E. Meade of Bridgton, and others, for same.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of Zemro West and 117 others of Milbridge, asking for amendment to the lobster laws allowing the catching of lobsters nine inches in length and over, from April 15 to June 15, in Washington county.

By Mr. Holmes of Addison—Petition of E. S. White and others of Columbia Falls, for same.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of W. J. Fisher and 92 others of Eastport, for same.

By Mr. Mason of Bristol—Remonstrance of Fremont Ozier and 38 others, against any change in the present lobster law.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Remonstrance of F. B. Brown and 52 others of Thomaston, against same; remonstrance of E. C. Curtis and 44 others of Camden, against same.

By Mr. Stevens of Cutler—Remonstrance of W. A. Henderson and 45 others of Cutler, against same.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Southport—Remonstrance of G. B. Colby of Wiscasset, and 53 others, against same; of John O. Shaw and 123 others of Bath, against same; of J. W. Pierce of Southport, and 26 others, against same.

By Mr. Rodick of Eden—Remonstrance of Charles Farren and 41 others of Milbridge, against same; of E. S. Farren and 37 others of Washington county, against same; of W. B. Thurlough and others of Stonington, against same; of Lewis I. Gott and 40 others of Tremont, against same; of William S. Stuart and others of Prospect Harbor, against same.

PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Remonstrance and protest of John M. Ramsey and 84 others of Mars Hill and Blaine, against passage of House document 129, an act to incorporate the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Co.; also protest of Alden Sullivan, one of the incorporators named in the bill, against the passage of the bill.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Williams for the committee on financial affairs, on petitions praying for

a change of by-laws of the Eastern Maine General hospital, reported that the petitions be referred to the trustees of the Eastern Maine General hospital with the recommendation that they receive careful consideration.

Mr. Greenleaf for the committee on shore fisheries, on petition praying that the law relative to taking fish in eastern Penobscot river in Orland, be passed, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Conant for the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend sections 11 and 14, of chapter 58, of the Revised Statutes, relating to agricultural societies. Tabled for printing.

Mr. Weeks for the committee on the judiciary, on bill an act to amend section 194, of the chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3, of chapter 70, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of real estate for taxes, reported ought not to pass, because the subject matter is already incorporated in a bill reported to the Legislature.

Mr. Fogler for the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Co. to develop, sell and use electric power and to transmit by electricity for lease and sale, heat, light and power. Tabled for printing.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta & Camden Railroad Co.

An act to amend section 1, of chapter 26, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the taxation of certain plantations.

An act to amend an act, incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Co.

An act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purposes to include aid for needy girls.

An act to amend chapter 229, of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, entitled an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine, as amended by chapter 31, of the Laws of 1864, as amended by chapter 214, of the Laws of 1880, and as amended by chapter 106, of the Laws of 1895.

An act to amend section 19, of chapter 142, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

An act to extend the charter of the Kennebec & Franklin Railway.

An act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Co.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Co., incorporated in chapter 524, of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1885.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

An act relating to the taking of alewives in Bagaduce river and Walker's pond.

An act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Co.

An act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook.

An act to incorporate the Northern Development Co.

An act to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day.

An act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make report to the State superintendent of public schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual report.

An act to establish bank holidays and to abolish days of grace upon commercial paper.

On motion of Mr. Macomber of Augusta, this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading, and Friday of this week assigned for its consideration.

An act additional to section 104, of chapter II, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to the duties of State superintendent of schools.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Lewiston, this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act to amend section 8, of chapter II of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to text books, school apparatus and repairs on school buildings.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pembroke, this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act to amend section 102, of chapter II of the Revised Statutes, of 1883, relating to the title of State superintendent of schools.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act to amend chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887 entitled an act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company.

An act to amend section 31, of chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 260 of the Public Laws of 1885, and by subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof.

Resolve in favor of the Castine State Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Furbush of Lewiston, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act additional to section 88, of chapter II of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended relating to returns of town superintendents.

An act to regulate the packing of sardines.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pembroke, this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor.

An act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Masardis, this bill was laid on the table pending its third reading.

An act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, this bill was laid on the table pending its third reading.

An act to amend section 18 of chapter II of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to election, qualifications and compensation of school committees.

On motion of Mr. Searls of Chelsea, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

An act to amend section 3, of chapter II, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Liberty, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

An act repealing section 37, chapter II, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, and acts amendatory thereto and substituting therefor an additional section to said chapter, regulating the manner of electing town superintendents, and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents.

On motion of Mr. Searls of Chedsea, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

An act to incorporate the Southport and Boothbay Harbor Telegraph and Telephone Company.

On motion of Mr. Kaler of Scarborough, this bill was laid on the table pending its third reading.

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks on the Kennebec river and Merymeeting bay.

An act to authorize the construction of a weir in tide waters on Sheepscot Ledge, in Pennamagan river, in Pembroke, county of Washington.

An act to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires.

An act to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company.

An act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

An act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway.

An act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company.

An act to amend section 2, chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to the election of members of board of agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, the vote was reconsidered whereby bill an act to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes relating to the issue and serving of ven-

ures was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same gentleman this bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—I wish to call attention of the House to House document 197, bill for the registration of guides. I would say that the friends of this bill wish to advance it as fast as possible and at the same time are disposed to be perfectly fair and want to be perfectly fair towards the opponents of the bill. I would therefore move that the bill be taken from the table and receive its first and second reading at this time and then assigned for Thursday of this week.

The motion to take from the table was agreed to.

The bill was then read twice.

Mr. Goodrich of Maxfield, offered amendment "A" to strike out all the words after "be" in line 3 of section 6, and inserting instead thereof the words "paid into the treasury of the State of Maine by the commissioners."

Pending the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, the bill and amendment were laid on the table and assigned for consideration for Thursday of this week.

On motion of Mr. Searls of Chelsea, bill relating to the establishment of free high schools was taken from the table and assigned for Friday of this week.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan resolve relating to Forks bridge in Somerset county was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford moved that the vote by which this resolve was passed to be engrossed be reconsidered.

The motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Ft. Kent, Adjourned.