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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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**HOUSE.**

Saturday, March 20, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingstone of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to amend sections 6 and 9, of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways.

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act relating to catching of smelts in Damariscotta river.

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A." The House re-considered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais.

Resolve in favor of the heirs of John Robinson.

An act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State prison physician.

An act to amend section 3, of chapter 150, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act in relation to the municipal court in the city of Portland.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred.

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Resolve to repair and preserve the block house at Fort Kent.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Talbot, for the committee on ways and means, on order of the Legislature, relating to the State taxes for 1897, reported the following order:

Ordered, That the State assessors be directed to assess the State tax for the years 1897 and 1898 on the valuation as established by the State assessors for said years, at the rate of three mills on a dollar of said valuation for the year 1897, and two and three-fourths mills on a dollar of said valuation for the year 1898.

The report was accepted, the rules were suspended in relation to the printing of this order, and the order was given a passage at the present time.

Mr. Stevens, for the committee on shore fisheries, on bill an act to amend section 4, chapter 127, of the Public Laws of 1895, reported that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Messrs. Savage, Drummond, Knowlton, Fogler, Hamilton and Philbrook for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act authorizing the United Indurated Fibre Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electricity power.

Messrs. Stearns, Weeks and Smith, for the same committee, presented minority

report in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act authorizing the United States Fibre Company of New Jersey, to generate and sell compressed air and electrical power.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, pending the acceptance of either report both were laid on the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and reports were ordered printed.

Mr. Smith, for the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act authorizing the construction of a town way or highway over and across the tide waters of Webhammet river in Wells. Printed under rule.

Mr. Floyd, for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Co. of Brewer, Maine, to transact business within the limits of the city of Brewer.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Bangor, the bill was laid on the table to be printed.

Mr. Philbrook, for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend section 54, chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. Spear, for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act relating to the Portland Railroad Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Merrill, for the committee on banks and banking, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations. Printed under rule.

Mr. Walton, for the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to regulate the use of bicycles. Printed under rule.

Mr. Weeks, for the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes. Printed under rule.

Mr. Walton, for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend section 3, chapter 137, of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the relief of poor debtors.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act to authorize the Bath Gas and Electric Company to issue additional bonds.

Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing Babbitt Ridge road in the town of Moscow.

On motion of Mr. Lane of St. George, the rules were suspended, the resolve was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to amend section 45, chapter 38, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of milk.

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

Resolve providing for the expenses of the Governor and staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant monument to the city of New York.

An act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain

four toll bridges across the St. John river.

An act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State.

An act to incorporate the Nahmahanta Improvement and Navigation Company.

An act to incorporate the new City hall commission of Waterville, under the name of the City hall commission.

An act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco.

An act relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime.

An act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State College.

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

An act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, N. H., to supply the village of Lebanon with water for fire and domestic use.

An act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An act to amend chapter 65, of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled an act in relation to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands.

An act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham & Harrison Railway Co., and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland county to aid in the construction of its railway.

On motion of Mr. Burns of Westbrook, the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House assigned Monday afternoon next for the third reading of bill an act to incorporate the new City hall commission of Waterville under the name of the City Hall Commission, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to extend the charter of the Portland & Yarmouth Electric Railway Co., and to enable it to cross navigable tide waters.

An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 268, of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled an act to regulate the organization and control of street railroads.

On motion of Mr. Macomber of Augusta, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Macomber offered an amendment to insert in line 91, of section 2, of said bill, after the word "macadamized," "said section is further amended by adding thereto the following words, 'without the permission of the mayor and aldermen thereof unless it shall be otherwise determined by a committee of judges of the supreme judicial court, on appeal, as hereinbefore provided for appeals from the decisions of the board of railroad commissioners, and such appeal may be taken by any party interested,

including an existing street railroad claiming to be injuriously affected by such location, to the supreme judicial court, substantially in the manner and with the effect as hereinbefore provided.'"

The amendment was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to establish the Sanford municipal court.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, offered amendment "A," to strike out the word "judge" in the first line of section 9, and substituting therefor the words, "Governor by and with the consent of the Council."

The amendment was adopted, the bill was read a third time as amended and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Gettysburg commission.

Resolve providing for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Portland, this resolve was laid on the table pending its third reading.

An act to give to the Oxford Light Co. certain powers not granted by the general law.

An act to incorporate the Wilton Electric and Power Co.

Resolve appropriating money to carry into effect an act establishing traveling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, this resolve was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

An act to amend sections 3 and 8, of chapter 86, and section 17, of chapter 81, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs.

An act to authorize the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co. to lease a connecting railroad which may be built from Limestone.

An act to establish travelling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, this bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed.

An act relating to the crossings of the new highway in Ashland and Sheridan plantation by the branch track and log spur of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad.

An act to amend section 205, chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11, chapter 10, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to taxes.

An act to incorporate the York Sewer Co.

An act additional to chapter 31, of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend section 76, of chapter 104, of the Public Laws of 1885, entitled an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish and fisheries.

An act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways.

An act to abate the county taxes assessed on Lang plantation since its organization, and now remaining unpaid.

An act to repeal chapter 246, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to prevent the use of narrow-rimmed wheels on Greenfield road in the town of Greenbush.

An act relating to the holding of terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county.

An act to amend chapter 353, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the Bluehill Water Co.

An act to repeal chapter 197, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to taking fish in Marble brook and pond.

An act in relation to suits for taxes.

An act to amend section 1, of chapter 297, of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to dyke in town of Mil-bridge.

An act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point & Popham Beach Railroad Co.

An act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

An act providing for the registration of guides and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game.

An act to establish wards and ward lines in Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Augusta, this bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be enacted.

An act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine.

An act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild Merrymeeting bay bridge and issue bonds therefor, and to make it and Arrowsic bridge free.

An act to amend section 33, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxing the stock of banks and other corporations.

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

An act to amend sections 6 and 8, of chapter 81, of the Revised Statutes, relating to indorsement of writs.

An act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, of the Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Co.

An act to amend section 67, of chapter 81, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments.

An act to amend section 8, of chapter 396, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 204, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Co.

An act to increase the efficiency of the local board of health of the town of Eden.

An act to repeal chapter 463, of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek.

An act to amend section 7, of chapter 249, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters.

An act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213, of the Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Co.

An act to amend section 34, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the duties of municipal officers.

An act additional to chapter 101, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the inspection of buildings.

An act to amend section 47, of chapter 77, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277, of the Public Laws of 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of court in Piscataquis county.

An act to amend chapter 320, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebago Railroad Co.

An act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker.

An act to incorporate the Old Town Gas, Light and Power Co.

An act additional to and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Co.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to text books, school apparatus and repairs on school buildings.

Resolve accepting the legacy to the State of Maine by the will of Joseph H. Williams of Augusta for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Freedom academy.

Resolve in favor of building a bridge over the Daigle brook in the town of Van Buren, county of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler, for repairs on highways and bridges.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of the town of York.

Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Mamilton of Biddeford, bill relating to the manufacture and sale of cigarettes was taken from the table and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was assigned for Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the bill relating to traveling libraries was taken from the table.

Mr. Philbrook moved that the bill be passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Palmer of Bangor, called for a division on the motion.

A division being had the motion was agreed to by a vote of 30 for to 6 against.

Mr. Palmer raised the point of order that there was no quorum present.

The Speaker ruled that the point of order was well taken, and the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Goodrich of Maxfield, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the bill relating to the town of Maxfield.

The motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, bill relating to the election of town officers, was taken from the table.

Mr. Walton offered an amendment to strike out section 1, and insert instead thereof the following section 1: "Section 13, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 10, of the Public Laws of 1887, is hereby amended by striking out after the word "ballot" in the third line the words, "or other method agreed on by vote of the town," and substituting the words, "or to be appointed by the selectmen."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, the vote was reconsidered, whereby the House passed the order relating to fixing the rate of taxation, and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Pearl of Bangor, moved to adjourn.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, raised the point of order that there was no quorum and that the House cannot adjourn unless a quorum is present.

The Speaker ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

The motion to adjourn was then agreed to.