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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 23, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Struthers of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act in regard to exceptions. In Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

The House receded from its position and concurred with the Senate.

An act to provide funds for the protection of the inland game of the State.

In Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

The House receded and concurred with the Senate.

An act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.

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

An act to amend chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 entitled an act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company, as amended.

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 and on motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln the bill was laid on the table pending the adoption of Senate amendment "A."

An act to correct a clerical error in an act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to liens on build-ings.

In Senate read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed. The House suspended the rules and the bill was read three times and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

An act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries.

In Senate amended by Senate amendments "A," "B," "C," and "D." The House adopted these amendments, and the bill was read three times.

The following Senate bills were read three times and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

An act to legalize the acts of the Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish.

An act providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipage for Co. M, 1st Regiment, and Co. M, 2d Regiment, N. G. S. M.

An act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Sanborn of Sanford—Bill an act to amend section 54 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, relating to constables and police officers.

bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor, tabled pending adoption of House amendment "A," was taken from the table and Friday assigned.

On motion by Mr. Engel, resolve in favor of the Maine State cattle commission, tabled pending adoption of Senate amendment "A," and second reading, was taken from the table and Thursday assigned.

On motion by Mr. Savage, bill an act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in dead human bodies, tabled pending adoption of Senate amendment "A" and second reading, was taken from the table. Mr. Roberts then withdrew the Senate amendment "A." The bill was then given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of photographic views, tabled pending second reading, was taken from the table and Friday assigned.

On motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, the vote was re-considered whereby Senate amendment "A" was adopted amending bill an act to amend section 3, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children. Mr. Witham then withdrew Senate amendment "A" and the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Clason, the report of the committee on judiciary on the petition that stenographers be authorized to take evidence before the grand jury, tabled pending acceptance of report, "referred to next Legislature" was taken from the table and the report of the committee accepted.

On motion by Mr. Savage, resolve in favor of an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in the town of Frenchville, was taken from the table and finally passed.

Mr. Clason, for the committee on library, reported ought to pass, resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of York deeds. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

The committee on federal relations submitted their final report, that they had acted on all matters referred to them. G. E. Simpson, chairman. Report accepted.

The committee on library submitted their final report that they had acted on all matters referred to them. J. A. Roberts, chairman.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, bill an act to regulate the packing of sardines was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Calais, Ordered, That F. B. Violette of Van Buren, be excused from further attendance at this session on and after March 23, and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay and mileage to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Moscow, Ordered, That C. E. Lane be excused from further attendance at this session for and after Thursday, the 25th, and that the clerk be instructed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pembroke, Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, March 23d, after the assignments for the day shall have been disposed of, all matters on the calendar and unassigned shall be taken up in the order in which they were tabled, and disposed of.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to incorporate the town of Perham.

An act to permit the Patten and Sherman Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.

An act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade.

An act additional to an act incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company.

An act to incorporate the Harpswell Village Corporation.

An act to repeal certain old and obsolete Private and Special Laws relating to close time for fishing in the public waters of the State.

An act to prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes.

An act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company of Brewer, Maine, to transact business within the city of Brewer.

An act to amend sections 4 and 5, chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended.

An act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company.

An act to amend chapter 118 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics.

An act to establish the standard weight of a bushel of parsnips.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication.

Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson.

The following paper came from the Senate, an act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendments "A" and "B." The House re-considered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be en-

grossed, Senate amendments "A" and "B" were adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Lewiston, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House passed the order relating to the assessment of the State tax, and on further order by the same gentleman the order was re-committed to the committee on ways and means.

Bill an act relating to free high schools. House amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. Smith of Hampden, offered amendment "B" by adding section four, "This act shall take effect March 1st, 1899."

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

Bill relating to the sale of agricultural seeds.

Mr. Conant of Strong, offered an amendment by inserting after the word "cereals" in line three of section one the words "except sweet corn," and to strike out of line nine the words "and germination;" also to strike out the words "and germination" in line 6 of section 3.

The amendment was adopted. Mr. Knowlton of Portland, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

After some discussion by Messrs. Knowlton and Hamilton of Biddeford, the question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, the motion was lost.

The bill was then read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill relating to the examination of teachers in the public schools of the State.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, offered amendment "A," to strike out sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 and substituting thereof other sections.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, the amendment was laid on the table to be printed.

Bill relating to the taxation of property of religious societies.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, offered an amendment to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in place thereof the following: Section 1. Paragraph 4 of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "received" in the fifth line of said paragraph the words "and personal property not exceeding \$6000 in value."

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

The Speaker: Under the order passed by the House all matters on the calendar tabled and unassigned are to be considered in their order.

Bill relating to navigation in the Kennebec river.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, this bill was assigned for consideration this afternoon.

Bill relating to the Ashland Water Company.

On motion of Mr. Pattangall of Machias, this bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Bill relating to agricultural societies.

On motion of Mr. Macomber of Augusta, this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Majority and minority reports of the committee on labor on bill relating to hours of labor.

The question being on the adoption of the minority report, reporting ought to pass, Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford, moved that the minority report be accepted in order that he might offer an amendment to the original bill, and called for the yeas and nays.

The call for the yeas and nays was not seconded.

The question then being on the adoption of the minority report the report was not adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the majority report, ought not to pass, the report was accepted.

Bill authorizing the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electrical power.

On motion of Mr. Macomber of Augusta, this bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Bill relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, spoke in favor of the bill.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the motion was lost.

The bill was then read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill, annexation of Deering to Portland.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Deering, this was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Bill relating to the compensation of school committees.

House amendment "A" to this bill was adopted, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill relating to normal schools and the Madawaska Training school.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, opposed the motion. The normal schools now have \$8000 each while the Madawaska training school has only \$3000 for running expenses, paying teachers and so forth. This bill gives the Madawaska training school \$1000 more,—\$4000, one-half of what the normal schools get.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, opposed the motion to indefinitely postpone. We took the advice of the trustees of the normal schools and considered the figures which they submitted. In regard to the expenses of running the school, but the bill was cut down somewhat from what they reported. It has been found necessary to increase the teaching force, and this bill was down somewhat from what they reported. It has been found necessary to increase the teaching force, and this bill calls not for an increase of salaries but that a sufficient number of teachers may be employed to give the instruction necessary.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, said he believed in fair play and he believed that the gentleman from Fort Kent (Mr. Dickey) had a good case, and he believed that that school should have \$1000 more. The Madawaska Training School, I be-

lieve, is doing more good than any other Normal school in the State. But I do not believe in this bill. Including the \$27,000 we have appropriated about \$100,000 for the Normal schools and I think that is enough.

Mr. Burns of Westbrook, said that the \$31,000 called for by this bill provides not only for the three Normal schools, but also for the Madawaska Training School. This increase is required mainly for the increase of the teaching force. It was shown very conclusively by the trustees that it was absolutely needed for those schools to do their best work.

The question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, called for a division.

A division being had, the motion was lost by a vote of 31 for to 47 against.

The bill was then read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House passed to be engrossed bill relating to the election, qualifications and compensation of school committees.

Mr. Philbrook offered an amendment, to add at the end of section 3, the words, "but the provisions of this act shall not apply to cities whose charters specify the methods of election and terms of office of its superintending school committee or board of education."

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

Bill relating to the salaries of judges and registers of courts of insolvency.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of Portland this bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill relating to the incorporation of the town of Swan's Island.

On motion of Mr. Austin of Milford, the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law.

This bill was assigned for consideration for tomorrow morning.

Resolve relating to the Maine Insane Hospital.

Mr. Pearl of Pangor, offered amendment "A," to strike out in the first line the word "seventeen" and insert "fifteen"; strike out in the same line the words "five hundred"; in the fourth line after the word "and"; strike out the word "seventeen" and insert "fifteen"; strike out the words "five hundred" in the same line; strike out in the ninth line after the word "dollars" the words "for tramway"; also all the words in the tenth line.

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

Bill relating to transfers of stock.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, this bill was assigned for the afternoon session.

Report of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reporting ought not to pass on bill an act to amend chapter 18, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to insurance.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, the report was accepted.

Bill relating to the Portsmouth, Kittery & York Railway.

Mr. Rowell of Kittery, offered an amendment to section 2, by striking out the word "railroad" in the second line and inserting after the word "cars" in the third line, the words "and for teams or carriages."

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

Bill relating to insolvency proceedings. On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, this bill was assigned for tomorrow afternoon.

Bill relating to the compensation of surviving partners.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to the amending of the Australian ballot law.

Mr. Palmer of Bangor, offered an amendment, after the word "erased" in line 20, of section 24, add "provided that the failure to correct the vote for one or more candidates shall not vitiate the ballot as to the other candidates in the group."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, the bill was then laid on the table and assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to traveling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd of Buxton, this bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Bill relating to privileges of graduates of the Maine State college.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, this bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Bill establishing wards and ward lines in the city of Augusta.

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

Mr. Macomber of Augusta, offered amendment "A," striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting new sections.

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

Majority and minority reports of the judiciary committee on bill relating to the United States Fibre Co.

This bill was assigned for consideration for this afternoon.

Bill relating to the Nahmakanta Steamboat Co.

On motion of Mr. Burrill of Corinna, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to inland fish and game.

Mr. Jones of Lincoln, offered an amendment, to strike out the words "November fifteenth" in the 11th line of section 1, and insert instead thereof the words "December first"; strike out in the same section the word "fifteen" in the 20th line and insert instead thereof the word "first"; amend section 4, by striking out the word "fifteen" in the sixth line and inserting instead thereof the word "first."

The amendment was adopted, the bill was read twice, and on motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time

and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill relating to the Portland Railroad Co.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Calais, this bill was assigned for tomorrow afternoon.

Bill relating to the use of bicycles.

Mr. Holmes of Addiston, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, the bill and amendment were assigned for consideration for tomorrow afternoon.

Bill relating to loan and building associations.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Portland, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to the duties and compensation of State prison physician.

On motion of Mr. Levensaler of Thomaston, this bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Boynton of Sullivan, the vote was reconsidered whereby bill relating to free High schools was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On further motion of Mr. Boynton, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Boynton for the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill on act relative to the use of wide tires. Printed under rule.

Mr. Mason for the committee on shore fisheries, on petition praying that section 21 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes be amended, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw as the amendment asked for has been arranged and provided for in the revision of the fisheries laws.

Mr. Spear for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass bill an act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Spear for the same committee, reported ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Telegraph and Telephone Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Boynton for the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to amend section 6, chapter 111, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to the recording of assignments of wages. Printed under rule.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, Adjourned.

Afternoon Session

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—An act to change the time of holding the October and January terms of the supreme judicial court in the county of Washington.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, the rules were suspended and the bill considered without reference to any committee.

The bill was then read twice and on motion of Mr. Paitangall, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Philbrook for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass, but an act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State after 20 years' residence at the Insane hospital.

Mr. Fogler for the same committee, reported ought not to pass, bill an act to amend section 13, of chapter 146, of the ter 96 and chapter 124, of the Public Laws of 1895.

Mr. Knowlton for the same committee, reported ought not to pass, bill an act relating to tags on public buildings and schoolhouses.

Mr. Knowlton for the same committee, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 60, of Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors. Printed under rule.

Mr. Jones for the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Co. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hutchins for the committee on salaries, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire in regard to the expediency of investigating as to the readjustment of the salaries of judges and registers of probate, also what salaries they should receive in addition for services in insolvency matters in case the fee system, so far as it relates to those officers, should be abolished, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Philbrook for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass, bill an act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed. Printed under rule.

Mr. Prince for the committee on federal relations, on communication relating to the independence of Cuba, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. Goodrich for the same committee, on communication of the Legislature relating to arbitration with Great Britain, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. Burton for the committee on salaries, reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to the compensation of the State superintendent of common schools and his clerk.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

An act to provide for the navigation of the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, this bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

An act to incorporate the Nahmakantha Improvement and Navigation Co.

Mr. Burrill of Corinna, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

A division being had, the motion was agreed to by a vote of 30 for to 9 against.

An act to amend chapter 102, of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267, of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled an act to provide for the printing and distributing of ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections.

Mr. Smith of Hampden, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, inquired whether that motion carries with it the pending amendment.

The Speaker: The motion carries the bill and all amendments which have been offered.

Mr. Merrill called for a division upon the motion to indefinitely postpone.

A division being had, the motion was agreed to by a vote of 67 for to 2 against.

An act relating to the transfers of stock.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

An act authorizing the United States Fibre Co. of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electrical power.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rock and, the consideration of this bill was assigned for Thursday morning.

Bill relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law.

On motion of Mr. Saunders of Ellsworth, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, bill an act to amend section 32, of chapter 63, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the compensation of surviving partners was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same gentleman the vote was reconsidered by which amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. Fogler offered amendment "B," to amend by adding the words "provided that if the surviving partner or partners succeed to the business of the late firm the benefit accruing from such succession shall be taken into account by the judge in determining the amount of commission to be allowed."

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

On motion of Mr. Levensaler of Thomaston, bill relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, bill an act amending the charter of the city of Biddeford was taken from the table.

Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford, offered an amendment to strike out section 3, and insert instead thereof the following:

"Section 3. The municipal officers for and during each year shall be and constitute the board of overseers of the poor, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now held and performed by the board of overseers, and the city council shall annually in the month of March or April appoint some discreet and able person who is an inhabitant of the city and well versed in its municipal affairs to be clerk of the city

board, and he shall under the direction and supervision of said board have general charge and supervision of the city poor. Such person shall devote all his time to the duty of his office and shall be paid an adequate salary therefor to be fixed by the city council; also amend by adding after section 5 the following: "Section 6. This act shall take effect when approved by the Governor.

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

On motion of Mr. Thurston of Appleton, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House passed to be engrossed bill relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime.

Mr. Thurston moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Fogler of Rockland, said that he desired to state the object of the bill. The Statutes now provided for the inspection of lime casks and the brand of casks containing lime. The lime burners propose to experiment upon the advisability of putting up lime in bags and one of the great objects of the experiment is to ascertain what effect it will have upon cargoes of lime taking fire. More or less cargoes of lime take fire by the water coming to the lime. It is believed by packing lime in bags that the cargo will pack snugger, admitting less air and lessening the danger of fire. When lime is packed in barrels the wood of the barrels takes fire and increases the risk. My own impression is that the act is not necessary, although there is a technical question raised there and the manufacturers do not wish that to arise. This bill does not interfere with the manufacture of casks or the packing of lime in casks. There is no law which compels manufacturers to pack their lime in barrels, or to prevent them from packing it in bags. The only thing that this bill asks for is that if lime is packed in bags, the law, which requires the lime casks to be inspected and branded, shall not apply. It would seem to be unnecessary. The bill does not interfere with any industry.

Mr. Thurston of Appleton: I believe that no vessel should have the right to take any lime unless in casks that are inspected. The inhabitants of Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties have made lime casks for 50 and 100 years. If this law is enacted it will injure the people of those counties. Perhaps the lime burners can get bags cheaper, but I believe it will kill out the industry of the lime cask maker.

Mr. Fogler of Rockland: There is no law now that compels any one to pack their lime in casks. I do not think it interferes with the lime industry in any way.

The question on the indefinite postponement of the bill, Mr. Fogler called for a division.

A division being had the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by a vote of 39 for to 46 against.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Portland,

bill an act amendatory and additional to chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to Loan and Building Associations was taken from the table.

House amendment "A" was adopted. Mr. Merrill offered amendment "B" to the title, by inserting after the figures "1887" the following: "and to chapter 274 of the Public Laws of "1893."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was read twice, and on further motion by Mr. Merrill the rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to the transportation by common carriers of property the title to which is disputed.

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

On motion of Mr. Shepard of Buxton, Adjourned.