

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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[HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Gardiner
and Pittston Kennebec Bridge.

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

SECT. 1. William Bradstreet, Frederick Allen, Nathan-
2 iel Kimball, Alexander S. Chadwick, John Blanchard,
3 Samuel B. Tarbox, John P. Hunter, George William-
4 son, Thomas N. Atkins, Stephen Young and Fred-
5 erick P. Theobald, their associates, successors and
6 assigns, are hereby constituted and created a body
7 corporate and politic, by the name of the " Proprie-
8 tors of Gardiner and Pittston Kennebec Bridge," and
9 shall be and are hereby made capable, by that name,

10 to sue and be sued ; to have a common seal ; to have,
11 hold and own real and personal estate to an amount
12 not exceeding *fifty thousand dollars* ; to ordain, es-
13 tablish and enforce any by-laws, for the management
14 of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this
15 state ; and to choose all necessary officers for the
16 management of their affairs ; and shall also have and
17 enjoy all powers and privileges incident, belonging to,
18 or usually granted to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to erect and maintain a toll bridge over
3 Kennebec river, from some suitable point or place
4 between Grant's wharf, (at Bowman's point) and the
5 south part of Gardiner causway, (in Gardiner) to
6 Pittston. Said bridge shall be built of suitable ma-
7 terials and shall not be less than twenty-eight feet
8 wide exclusive of side walks, and shall in all respects
9 be made safe for the passage of travelers, and with
10 side walks not less than four feet wide in the clear,
11 and suitably railed and protected.

SECT. 3. Said bridge shall be constructed with a good
2 and sufficient draw, at some suitable place, where at
3 low water there shall not be less than thirteen feet of

4 water in ordinary tides, which draw shall not be less
5 than seventy feet wide ; also with piers or wharfs so
6 that vessels may conveniently pass ; and said corpo-
7 ration shall cause said draw to be hoisted or opened
8 at all times free of expense and without unnecessary
9 delay, for the accommodation of all vessels that may
10 have occasion to pass through the same ; and in case
11 any vessel shall be delayed at said draw, except by
12 stress of weather or ice, or by some unavoidable ac-
13 cident, more than one hour after notice is given that
14 such vessel is desirous of being admitted through the
15 draw, said corporation shall pay to the owner of such
16 vessel at the rate of ten cents per hour on every ton
17 burthen of such vessel which shall be so delayed in
18 passing said draw.

SECT. 4. A toll is hereby granted and established for
2 the use and benefit of said corporation, according to
3 the following rates, to wit : for each foot passenger,
4 one cent ; for each horse and rider, five cents ; for
5 each horse and wagon or sleigh, ten cents ; for each
6 chaise, carryall, or other carriage drawn by one horse,
7 twelve cents ; for each coach, chariot, sleigh, phaeton
8 or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by two horses,

9 seventeen cents, or if drawn by four horses, twenty
10 cents ; for each cart, wagon, sleigh or sled of bur-
11 then, drawn by two beasts, with one driver, fifteen
12 cents ; for each additional beast, two cents ; for neat
13 cattle and horses, not in harness or teams, or rode
14 upon, two cents ; for sheep and swine, one cent each ;
15 and all persons who shall actually be on military duty
16 with their baggage, and all persons going to or re-
17 turning from public worship on the Lord's day, and
18 in case of fire all engines and persons attached to the
19 same shall be permitted to pass and repass said bridge
20 free of toll ; and at all times when the toll gatherer
21 shall not attend to his duty, the toll gates shall be left
22 open ; and the toll shall commence on the day of the
23 first opening said bridge for passengers ; and said
24 bridge shall at all times be kept in good repair and at
25 the place or places where the toll shall be collected,
26 there shall be erected and constantly exposed to view
27 a sign or signs with the legal rates of toll fairly and
28 legibly written thereon.

SEC. 5. Unless said bridge shall be erected and fin-
2 ished within the term of three years from the passing
3 of this act, the grant shall be void.

SEC. 6. Either of the persons named in this act
2 may call the first meeting of said corporation, to be
3 holden at Gardiner or Pittston, by posting notifica-
4 tions in two or more public places in Gardiner and
5 Pitiston, seven days at least before the time of said
6 meetings.

SEC. 7. As soon as said bridge shall be made
2 passable for the necessary travel, said proprietors or
3 corporation shall pay to the proprietors or corporation
4 of the Kennebec Ferry at Gardiner, such sum as shall
5 be awarded by the county commissioners for the
6 county of Kennebec, who in case of disagreement
7 between said parties or corporations, as to the amount
8 of damages, are hereby authorized on the petition of
9 either party, to fix and determine the same, such sum
10 to be in full compensation for the damages sustained
11 by the said Kennebec Ferry Company by the erection
12 and continuance of said bridge; and when said sum
13 shall be paid, all the rights, powers and privileges of
14 the said ferry company shall cease.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its approval by the governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 24, 1850.

ORDERED, That 400 copies of the foregoing bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*