

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 45.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

AN ACT to incorporate the Bradley and Oldtown Bridge Company.

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

SECTION 1. Samuel F. Harrison, W. J. Parlin, Samuel Bullen, G. F. Barton, J. B. McIntosh, A. C. Bean, C. H. Miller, with their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Bradley and Oldtown Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge over the Penobscot river from Great Works in Bradley to West Great Works in Oldtown, and said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary to carry said object into effect, to prosecute and defend suits at law, to

12 have and use a common seal, to make by-laws for the
13 management of their concerns not repugnant to the
14 laws of the state, and to have and enjoy all the powers
15 and privileges incident to or usually granted to similar
16 corporations.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the
2 Penobscot river at or near Bradley village in the
3 county of Penobscot, shall be constructed of good
4 materials of a suitable hight from the water, and not
5 less than twenty feet wide, and railings for safety of
6 passengers, and sufficient passage ways shall be left
7 for the passage of rafts and logs and timber.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established
2 for the benefit of said corporation, according to the
3 rates following, to wit:—for every foot passenger, one
4 cent; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each
5 sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by one beast, ten
6 cents; for each sleigh, sled or wagon drawn by two
7 beasts, fifteen cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton
8 or curricule, twenty cents; for droves of neat cattle,
9 two cents each; for sheep and swine, ten cents a
10 dozen. No additional toll shall be charged for persons
11 actually travelling in any of said vehicles; and said
12 tolls may be commuted by this corporation with any
13 person or corporation, by taking of him or them a sum
14 certain for a specified time instead thereof; persons

15 going or returning from military duty ; persons going
16 to or returning from any place of public worship on
17 the Sabbath, and persons going to or returning from
18 funerals, shall be allowed to pass free of tolls.

SECT. 4. At the place of collecting tolls said corpo-
2 ration shall keep constantly exposed to view a board
3 or sign, upon which shall be plainly printed the rates
4 of tolls ; and whenever the toll-gatherer shall be absent
5 from the toll-house the gates shall be left open and the
6 bridge toll free ; and said toll shall commence on the
7 day when said bridge is first opened for passengers.

SECT. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse
2 for the space of five years from the passage of this act
3 to build and complete said bridge, then this act shall
4 be void and of no effect.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may lay rails over said
2 bridge, so that the same may if need be, be used as a
3 railway for transporting passengers and freight, subject
4 to the general laws of the state relating to railroads.

SECT. 7. The towns of Bradley and Oldtown are
2 hereby authorized to exempt by vote of the inhabit-
3 ants, the property of said corporation and the shares
4 thereof from taxation for a period of ten years.

SECT. 8. Any three named in the first section may
2 call the first meeting of the corporation by posting up
3 notice of the time, purpose and place of meeting, in

4 two public and conspicuous places in the towns of
6 Bradley and Oldtown fourteen days before the time
7 of said meeting.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its ap-
2 proval.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1869. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges,
by Mr. TWITCHELL, and on motion of the same, laid on the table
and ordered printed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*