

FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 108.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT conferring additional powers on the city of Portland.

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

SECTION 1. The contract between the city of Port-2 land and the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad 3 Company, dated December thirteen, eighteen hundred 4 and sixty-nine, providing among other things for the 5 widening and extension of streets in the neighborhood 6 of said railroad company's depot, at said Portland, is 7 hereby ratified and declared valid.

SECT. 2. Whenever the streets provided for in said 2 contract shall have been so far laid out, completed and 3 opened as to open a new roadway from Portland bridge 4 to Commercial street, not less than seventy (70) feet

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5 in width, all rights of the public in the present way or 6 street from the point where said new way strikes said 7 bridge to said Commercial street, shall cease and be 8 annulled, and the same shall cease to exist as a way 9 or street without any action whatever by the city 10 council or any other officer of the city, or of the 11 county of Cumberland.

SECT. 3. Upon the discontinuance of said way as 2 aforesaid, said railroad company may take the whole 3 or any part of the land covered thereby for use in con-4 nection with their railroad, or in connection with any 5 other railroad, who may then or at any time thereafter 6 unite with them in the use thereof. Damages to be 7 assessed as provided by law in cases where land is 8 taken for railroad purposes.

SECT. 4. Any contract already made or which may 2 be made between the city of Portland and said rail-3 road company, for the qualified use and control by said 4 company, their successors or assigns, of any portion of 5 Commercial street adjoining any passenger depot which 6 they may hereafter erect, either alone or in connection 7 with other railroad companies, between the west line 8 of State street and the Portland Gas Company's works; 9 shall be valid, *provided further*, the remaining portion 10 of said street is or shall be constructed of the width of 11 eighty (80) feet; *provided further*, that the city of

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12 Portland may grant locations for not exceeding two (2) 13 tracks, with side tracks to wharves, depot grounds 14 through the portion of Commercial street widened to 15 the width of one hundred (100) feet, on such lawful 16 conditions as may be agreed on.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect on approval.

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House of Representatives, March 2, 1870.

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. VOSE, and on motion of Mr. MILDRAM, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.