

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 48.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Canton bridge company.

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

SECTION 1. Charles H. Gilbert, Dura Bradford, 2 Otis Hayford, Hiram A. Ellis, William H. Wash- 3 burn, Granville Child, Ronello A. Barrows, John 4 N. Read and Herbert F. Hayford, with their asso- 5 ciates and successors, are hereby constituted a 6 body corporate by the name of the Canton bridge 7 company, for the purpose of erecting and keeping 8 in repair a bridge over the Androscoggin river, 9 within the limits of said town of Canton, at such 10 place as said corporation may deem most practica- 11 ble and convenient; the said corporation shall have 12 power to purchase and hold such real and personal

13 estate as may be necessary to carry into effect said  
14 object; to prosecute and defend suits at law; to  
15 have and use a common seal; to make by-laws for  
16 the management of their concerns not repugnant  
17 to the laws of this state, and to have and enjoy all  
18 the powers and privileges incident to or usually  
19 granted to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the  
2 Androscoggin river within the limits aforesaid,  
3 shall be constructed of good materials, of a suitable  
4 height from the water, and not less than twenty-  
5 four feet wide, with suitable and sufficient cover-  
6 ing or railing, for the safety of passengers; and  
7 sufficient passage ways shall be left for the passage  
8 of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and estab-  
2 lished for the benefit of said corporation, according  
3 to the rates following, to wit: for every foot pas-  
4 senger, two cents; for each horse and rider, six  
5 cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise,  
6 chair or sulky drawn by one beast, ten cents, or  
7 when drawn by two beasts, fifteen cents; and for  
8 each additional horse or beast beyond two, two  
9 cents; for each coach, chariot, cabriolet or camile  
10 drawn by more than two horses or beasts, twenty-  
11 five cents; for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules

12 or asses three cents each; for sheep and swine ten  
13 cents a dozen; and no additional toll shall be  
14 charged for persons actually travelling in any said  
15 vehicles, but this exception shall not extend to  
16 persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll,  
17 and only one person as a driver to each team, shall  
18 be allowed to pass free of toll; and said tolls may  
19 be commuted by this corporation with any person  
20 or corporation by taking of him or them a sum  
21 certain for a specified time instead thereof. Per-  
22 sons going or returning from military duty, or to  
23 or from any place of public worship on the Sab-  
24 bath, or to or from funerals, shall be allowed to  
25 pass free of toll.

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

SECT. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or  
2 refuse for the term of five years from the passage  
3 of this act to build and complete said bridge, this  
4 act shall be null and void.

SECT. 6. Any three persons named in the first  
2 section may call the first meeting of the corpora-  
3 tion by posting notice of the time, place and pur-  
4 pose of meeting in two public and conspicuous  
5 places in said Canton fourteen days before the  
6 time of said meeting.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its ap-  
2 proval by the governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 20, 1880. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*