

# Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

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No. 42.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

**AN** ACT to incorporate the Westbrook and Deering Street Railway Company.

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

SECTION 1. Leander Valentine, Woodbury K. 2 Dana, Henry G. Thomas, William W. Lamb, 3 Thomas G. Harris, Andrew Hawes, Lemuel Lane, 4 Abner L. Hawkes, Charles B. Woodman, their 5 associates and successors are hereby constituted a 6 corporation by the name of the Westbrook and 7 Deering Street Railway Company with authority 8 to contract, maintain and use a railway to be oper-9 ated by electrical or animal power, with convenient 10 single or double tracks, side-tracks, switches, turn-11 outs, with any necessary and convenient lines of

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12 poles, wires, appliances and appurtenances, from 13 such point in Saccarappa village in the town of 14 Westbrook to such point or points in the town of 15 Deering and upon and over such streets in said 16 towns and upon such conditions as shall, from time 17 to time, be fixed and determined by the municipal 18 officers of said towns and assented to in writing 19 by said corporation; and over land of private owners 20 where consent is obtained and damages are paid or The location of said railway so fixed 21 released. 22 and determined by the municipal officers and 23 assented to by the corporation shall be filed with 24 the clerks of each of said towns and shall be 25 deemed the true location thereof, and shall not be 26 afterwards changed in either town except with the 27 mutual consent of the municipal officers of such 28 town and said corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have power, from 2 time to time, to fix such rates of compensation for 3 transportation as may be found expedient; to issue 4 bonds secured by mortgage of its property and 5 franchise; and, in general, shall have all the powers 6 and be subject to all the liabilities set forth in 7 the forty-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes. SECT. 3. The capital stock of said corporation 2 shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars, 3 and shall be divided into shares of one hundred 4 dollars each. The corporation may commence 5 business without the whole of its capital stock 6 being subscribed for. No officer or stockholder 7 of the corporation shall be liable for its debts in 8 his person or separate estate, unless he shall have 9 rendered himself liable for the same by becoming 10 surety therefor in writing.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall have power to 2 purchase, lease, hold, acquire and transfer such 3 real estate and other property as may be necessary 4 or convenient for the use and management of said 5 railway.

SECT. 5. If any person shall wilfully and ma-2 liciously obstruct said corporation in the use of its 3 road, tracks, wires, appliances or appurtenances, 4 or the running of cars upon its tracks, such person, 5 and any person who shall aid and abet therein, 6 shall be punished by fine not exceeding two 7 hundred dollars, or may be imprisoned in the 8 county jail for a period not exceeding sixty days.

SECT. 6. This act shall be void if at least one 2 mile of said railway shall not be built and ready 3 for cars within three years from its approval.

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SECT. 7. If the tracks of said corporation's road 2 cross any other street railroad, and a dispute arises 3 as to the manner of such crossing, the municipal 4 officers of the town in which such crossing is 5 located shall, upon hearing, determine and direct 6 in writing in what manner the crossing shall be 7 made, and it shall be constructed accordingly.

SECT. 8. If for any cause said corporation shall 2 abandon the regular use of any portion of its track 3 for the term of one year, than at the request of the 4 municipal officers of the town where such track is 5 located, the corporation shall remove the track so 6 abandoned, leaving the streets in good order and 7 safe and convenient for ordinary use; and if after 8 request of the municipal officers so to remove its 9 track, said corporation shall neglect or refuse to 10 remove the same for the space of thirty days, said 11 municipal officers may cause the same to be re-12 moved, and said corporation shall be liable to the 13 town where said track was located for the expense 14 of removing the same and making the streets safe 15 and convenient for ordinary use, to be recovered 16 in a special action on the case.

SECT. 9. The first meeting of the corporation 2 for the purpose of accepting the charter and for 3 the business usually transacted at the first meetings 4 of corporations may be called by any two of the 5 persons named as corporators, by written notice to 6 the others, mailed ten days, at least, before the time 7 appointed for such meeting.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when ap-2 proved.

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#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1889.

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.