

Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 160.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Phillips and Rangeley Railroad Company.

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

SECTION 1. Calvin Putnam, Henry P. Closson, Waldo 2 A. Rich, A. M. Spear, Samuel Farmer, F. E. Timberlake 3 and Joel H. Byran, their associates and assigns, are hereby 4 made and constituted a body corporate and politic by the 5 name of the Phillips and Rangeley Railroad Company, with 6 all the powers, rights, privileges, and subject to all the 7 duties, restrictions and obligations conferred and imposed 8 on railroad corporations by the laws of the State.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and 2 empowered to survey, locate, construct, operate, maintain, 3 alter and keep in repair a railroad commencing at and

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4 connecting with the Sandy river railroad at some con-5 venient point in the town of Phillips, in the county of 6 Franklin, and extending thence northerly through the 7 town of Madrid, Township No. 1, R. 2, W. B. K. P., and 8 thence westerly through No. 2, R. 2 (Dallas Plantation) to 9 some point in the town of Rangeley, in the county of 10 Franklin.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby granted the power 2 to build all necessary bridges on the route that may be 3 selected, and shall have the right to take or purchase and 4 hold, or assign and convey, so much of the land or other 5 real estate of private individuals or corporations (except 6 the property of other railroads, which may be taken as 7 hereinafter provided) as may be necessary or convenient 8 for the location, or construction, and convenient for 9 operation of said railroad, and shall also have the right to 10 take and remove, and use for the construction and repair 11 of said railroad and its appurtenances, any earth, gravel, 12 stone, timber, or other materials on or from the land so 13 taken, provided, however, the land so taken shall not 14 exceed four rods in width, except when greater width is 15 necessary for purpose of excavation or embankments, and 16 for side tracks and buildings as provided by law; and 17 provided, also, that in all cases said corporation shall pay 18 for such lands, estates, or materials such prices as they 19 and the owner or owners thereof may mutually agree 20 upon; and in case such parties shall not agree upon such 21 price, then said corporation shall pay, in each case, such 22 damages as shall be ascertained and determined by the 23 county commissioners of the county in which such lands, 24 estates or materials may be situated, in the same manner

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25 and under same conditions as they are or may be made 26 under the general laws of the State relating thereto. 27 The lands so taken shall be held by said corporation in 28 the manner now provided by law, and in case said road 29 shall pass through any woodlands or forests, said corpo-30 ration shall have the right to remove or fell any standing 31 trees within four rods of such road, which by their liability 32 to be blown down or from their natural falling might 33 obstruct or injure said road, or be liable to catch fire 34 from any passing train, by paying a just compensation 35 therefor to be determined and recovered in the same 36 manner as other damages provided for by this act; 37 provided that nothing contained therein shall authorize 38 said corporation to take the land of any other railroad 39 corporation within the limits of their actual way location, 40 acquired by purchase or otherwise, or their necessary 41 depot grounds, without the written consent of said 42 corporation except in case of crossing and connection 43 with said roads, as provided by the general laws of the 44 State.

SECT. 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall 2 consist of not less than twenty-five hundred shares, of 3 one hundred dollars each, and the amount of capital stock 4 and number of shares may be increased from time to 5 time, by the direction of the stockholders, with the 6 approval of the railroad commissioners to an amount not 7 exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, in shares of 8 one hundred dollars each; and said corporation is hereby 9 authorized and empowered to issue its bonds to an amount 10 not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars and secure 11 the same by a mortgage of its road, franchise and property, 12 or in any other way or manuer it may deem proper.

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SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation may be elected 1 annually, the powers and the duties of the officers and the 2 number constituting the board of directors shall be such 3 as may be required or prescribed in the by-laws of the 4 corporation.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized and em-2 powered to connect its railroad with the railroad of any 3 other company or corporation; to sell or lease its railroad 4 or property, or any part thereof, either before or after 4 its completion, to any other railroad or other company or 5 corporation; to amalgamate its stock with the stock of 6 any other company or corporation, upon such terms as 7 may be mutually agreed upon, which sale, lease or amal-8 gamation shall be binding upon the parties thereto.

SECT. 7. A toll is hereby granted for the benefit of 2 said corporation upon all passengers and property which 3 may be conveyed or transported on or over its railroad at 4 such rates as may be established subject to the laws of the 5 State.

SECT. 8. This corporation shall commence construction 2 on or before January one, in the year of our Lord one 3 thousand eight hundred and nine-two.

SECT. 9. This charter is granted because the object 2 cannot be attained under the general laws.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

## STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 14, 1889.

Tabled, pending third reading, and ordered printed on motion of Mr. SPOFFORD of Bucksport.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.