

Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 183.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company.

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

SECTION 1. Peleg O. Vickery, John W. Chase, Elias 2 Milliken, George E. Macomber, Horace H. Hamlen, M. 3 V. B. Chase, James W. North, William H. Williams and 4 Frank E. Southard, their associates, successors and 5 assigns, are hereby made a body corporate to be known 6 as the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company, 7 with power to locate, construct, keep in repair and equip 8 a railroad from some point in the city of Lewiston or of 9 Auburn in the county of Androscoggin, pursuing the most 10 direct and feasible route through said cities and the towns

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11 of Webster, Wales, Bowdoin, Litchfield, West Gardiner, 12 Farmingdale, the cities of Gardiner, Hallowell and 13 Augusta, the towns of Windsor, China, Somerville, 14 Palermo, Liberty, Appleton, Union, Hope, Washington 15 Camden, or such of said cities and towns as the stock-16 holders of said corporation shall determine, to a point in 17 said town of Camden, on Penobscot Bay. And said cor-18 poration shall have all the powers, privileges and immuni-19 ties and be subject to all the duties and liabilities provided 20 by the statutes of this State applicable to railroads.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of this corporation shall 2 not exceed one million dollars and shall be divided into 3 shares of one hundred dollars each; the immediate admin-4 istration of its affairs shall be vested in a board of not less 5 than five or more than nine directors who shall be chosen 6 by the stockholders of this corporation by ballot, each of 7 said stockholders to be entitled to one vote for each share 8 of stock held by him; said directors shall hold their 9 offices until others are chosen and qualified in their stead; 10 a majority shall constitute a quorum; they shall elect one 11 of their number to be president of the board and he shall 12 also be president of the corporation; they shall choose a 13 clerk and a treasurer and such other officers and agents of 14 the corporation as they shall deem advisable; the directors, 15 clerk and treasurer shall be sworn to faithfully discharge 16 their duties and the directors shall require the treasurer 17 to give bond to the corporation, in such sum and with 18 such sureties as they shall approve, for the faithful dis-19 charge of his trust.

SECT. 3. 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 by its directors, subject to
5 such general laws in relation to railroad companies as are,
6 or may be from time to time established by the legislature.

SECT. 4. This corporation is authorized to make con-2 nections with any other railroad or railroads on such terms 3 as may be mutually agreed upon, and to lease its road and 4 property, or any part thereof at such times and upon such 5 terms as the stockholders may determine.

SECT. 5. Before proceeding to construct any part of 2 its railroad, in any county, the corporation shall file with 3 the county commissioners thereof, plans showing its loca-4 tion, courses and distances therein, and unless operations 5 for building this railroad shall have been actually com-6 menced prior to January 1, 1894, this charter shall be null 7 and void.

SECT. 6. This corporation may issue its bonds in such 2 denominations as the directors, and in such an amount not 3 exceeding one million dollars as the stockholders may deem 4 advisable, and may secure the same by a mortgage on its 5 road, franchise and property, or any part thereof, or in 6 any other lawful manner.

SECT. 7. This corporation may make by-laws not incon-2 sistent with law for the government of any of its affairs.

SECT. 8. A majority of the corporators named in this 2 act, at a meeting held for that purpose, on seven days' 3 notice, in writing given by any three of such corporators 4 to each of the others, may accept this charter and organ-5 ize this corporation.

SECT. 9. The place of crossing the Kennebec river shall 2 be at some point north of the highway bridge across the same

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3 at Augusta; and its particular location shall be fixed after 4 hearing by the Railroad Commissioners, upon application 5 of said corporation. Before fixing said location said com 6 missioners shall give at least ten days' notice of the time 7 and place of said hearing, by publication in the State 8 paper. The location of said railroad shall not be within 9 one mile of the treasurer's house, at the National Home 10 for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in Chelsea; and this 11 charter shall not be construed as giving the corporation 12 the right to build a line of railroad between Augusta and 13 said Home only.

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

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House of Representatives, February 28, 1891.

Tabled pending first reading by Mr. HILL of Augusta, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.