

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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SENATE.

No. 238.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Oxford Central Telephone and
Telegraph Company.

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

SECTION 1. Henry M. Bearce, George A. Wilson, John P.
2 Swasey, E. L. Tibbets, Waldo Pettengill, O. H. Hersey,
3 A. E. Herrick and George C. Wing, their associates, suc-
4 cessors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate,
5 by the name of the Oxford Central Telephone and Tele-
6 graph Company, with all the rights and privileges, and
7 subject to all the duties provided by the general laws of
8 this State relating to corporations, with power by that
9 name to carry on the business of practical telephonic and
10 telegraphic communication, within the territory herein-
11 after described, by proper methods; and, in the prose-

12 cution of said business, to locate, construct, maintain and
13 operate, molecular, acoustic, magnetic and electric, tele-
14 phone and telegraph lines ; to sue and to be sued, to have
15 a common seal, to pass by-laws and regulations for the
16 management of their affairs, not inconsistent with the laws
17 of the State of Maine, to do and perform any and all other
18 lawful acts incident to corporations of a similar character.
19 Said company shall have the right to locate and construct
20 its lines upon and along any public highway, bridge or
21 private land, or along and upon the line of any railroad,
22 and carry on said business, in, through and about, all the
23 towns in Oxford county, in such manner as not to incom-
24 mode or endanger the customary public use thereof; and
25 the company may cut down any trees standing within the
26 limits of any highway except ornamental, fruit or shade
27 trees, when necessary for the erection, use or safety, of
28 its lines.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to con-
2 struct, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines
3 throughout the length and breadth of Oxford county with
4 as many wires and branches as they may see fit, com-
5 mencing and terminating at such point or points, as they
6 may select hereafter, within the limits aforesaid, and sub-
7 ject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and
8 seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and
9 eighty-five and with the power to establish and collect
10 tolls.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any
3 other telephone or telegraph company or corporation, to
4 sell or lease its line or lines and other property in whole

5 or in part, either before or after completion, to any person
6 or persons, or to any other telephone or telegraph com-
7 pany or corporation, upon such terms as may be agreed
8 upon by the contracting parties; and may purchase or
9 lease any other line or lines of telephone or telegraph
10 upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon
11 by the parties thereto.

SECT. 4. Any person or corporation purchasing from
2 the corporation hereby created, the right to use its tele-
3 phone for any part or parts of the county of Oxford, is
4 hereby invested with all the powers and privileges by this
5 act conferred upon the Oxford Central Telephone & Tele-
6 graph Company, subject to all duties and liabilities hereby
7 imposed in said part or parts of said county of Oxford;
8 and the said corporation is hereby authorized to assign
9 and transfer so much of the franchise hereby granted, as
10 may be necessary for the purpose of this section.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall have the right to erect
2 and construct the posts, piers, abutments and other fix-
3 tures necessary, to sustain the wires of its lines upon,
4 along and across any public way, road, street, bridge or
5 private land, or along, upon and across the line of any
6 railroad, in such manner as not to incommode or endanger
7 the customary public use thereof; first having obtained
8 the consent of the municipal officers of any city or town
9 where these lines are to be built, and subject to the pro-
10 visions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the
11 public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 6. The municipal officers of a place in which the
2 said posts, piers, abutments and fixtures, are to be erected
3 shall, on written application, specify where the same may
4 be located.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said company shall be of
2 such an amount as the stockholders may determine, not
3 exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and it may purchase,
4 hold and dispose of, such real and personal estate, as may
5 be necessary for the corporate purposes, not exceeding fifty
6 thousand dollars, and shall have power by agreement with
7 other persons or bodies corporate, to connect its lines with
8 other telephone or telegraph line, within or without the
9 State.

SECT. 8. If the land of any individual or corporation is
2 taken under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the
3 damages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated,
4 secured and paid, in the manner provided in case of land
5 taken for railroads.

SECT. 9. Any one of the corporators named in this act,
2 may call the first meeting of the corporation, for organiza-
3 tion, by mailing a written notice, signed by him, to each of
4 the other corporators, seven days at least, before the day
5 of the meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of
6 such meeting; and at such meeting by-laws may be adopted,
7 the amount of capital stock fixed and any other corporate
8 business transacted.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 27, 1891.

Reported in the House, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and
Expresses, and passed to be engrossed.

In Senate, laid on table to be printed on motion by Mr. SWANTON of
Sagadahoc.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*