

# Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

#### SENATE.

#### No. 9.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT authorizing the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company to issue mortgage bonds, and extend its plant.

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

SECT. 1. The Rumford Falls Light and Water Com-2 pany, a corporation duly organized and existing under the 3 laws of the State of Maine, which organization is hereby 4 ratified, confirmed, and declared to be legal and valid, is 5 hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds, 6 secured by mortgage of its property and franchises or any 7 part thereof, from time to time and in such amounts as it 8 may deem necessary, provided that the aggregate of such 9 issues shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

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SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the 2 purpose of its organization, to take and hoid, by purchase 3 or otherwise any lands or real estate necessary therefor, 4 and may enter upon or excavate through any lands when 5 necessary for said purposes in the towns of Mexico and 6 Peru in the County of Oxford, or either of them.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all 2 damages that shall be sustained by any person or corpora-3 tion by the taking of any land or other property, or by 4 flowage, or by entering upon or excavating through any 5 land for the purpose of erecting poles or laying down 6 pipes and aqueducts, building dams and reservoirs, and also damages for any other injuries resulting from said 7 8 acts; and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid, and said corporation cannot mutually agree upon the sum 9 10 to be paid therefor, either party may cause the damages 11 to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same 12 conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law 13 prescribed in the case of damages, by the laying out of 14 railroads.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to erect 2 and lay down in and through the streets and highways in 3 the towns of Rumford, Mexico and Peru, in the County 4 of Oxford, and to take up, replace and repair any poles, 5 pipes, aqueducts and fixtures which may be necessary or 6 proper for the purposes of their organization, under such 7 reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the select-8 men of said towns, or either of them, and said corporation

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9 shall be responsible for all damages to persons and pro10 perty occasioned by the use of such streets and highways
11 and shall further be liable to pay to said town or towns
12 all sums recovered against said town or towns for damages
13 for obstructions caused by said corporation, and for all
14 expenses, including reasonable council fees, incurred in
15 defending such suits with interest on the same.

SECT. 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with other corporations, individuals, towns and school districts for the purposes of supplying water, light and power as contemplated by the purposes of its organization, and said towns of Rumford, Mexico and Peru, or either of them, by their or its selectmen, and any of said corporations by its duly authorized officers, is and are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the supply of water, light and power as said town or towns and other corporations may agree upon, which, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall have power to cross 2 any water course or river, or public or private sewer, 3 when necessary for the purposes of its incorporation, but 4 in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use 5 thereof; and said corporation shall be liable for any 6 injury caused thereby. Whenever said corporation shall 7 erect any pole or poles or lay down any pipe or pipes in 8 any street or streets, or make any alterations or repairs 9 in any street or highway, it shall cause the same to be

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10 done with as little obstruction to public travel as may be

11 practicable, and shall at its own expense, without unnec-

12 essary delay, cause the earth and pavements removed by

13 it to be replaced in proper condition.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN SENATE, January 27, 1893.

Reported by Mr. HERSEY from Committee on Legal Aflairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.

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