

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 77.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Mexico Bridge Company.

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

SECTION 1. Henry W. Park, William M. Hall, Clark
2 Houston, George A. Stevens, L. H. Harlow, Hosea
3 Whitman and F. C. Richards, with their associates and
4 successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the
5 name of the Mexico Bridge Company, for the purpose of
6 erecting and keeping in repair a bridge over the Andros-
7 coggin river, within the limits of the town of Peru on one
8 side and the town of Mexico on the other, at such place
9 as said corporation may deem most practicable and con-
10 venient; and the said corporation shall have power to
11 purchase and hold such real and personal estate as may

12 be necessary to carry into effect said object, to prosecute
13 and defend suits at law, to have and use a common seal,
14 to make by-laws for the management of their concerns
15 not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to have and
16 enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to or usually
17 granted to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Andros-
2 coggin river within the limits aforesaid, shall be constructed
3 of good materials, of a suitable height from the water, and
4 not less than eighteen feet wide, with a suitable and suffi-
5 cient covering or railing for the safety of passengers, and
6 sufficient passage ways shall be left for the passage of
7 boats, rafts, logs and timber.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for
2 the benefit of said corporation, according to the rates fol-
3 lowing, to wit: for every foot passenger, two cents; for
4 each horse and rider, six cents; for each sleigh, sled,
5 cart, wagon, chaise or sulky, drawn by one beast, ten
6 cents, or when drawn by two beasts, fifteen cents; and
7 for each additional horse or beast beyond two, two cents;
8 for each coach, chariot, cabriolet, drawn by more than
9 two horses or beasts, twenty-five cents; for droves of
10 neat cattle and horses, three cents each; for sheep and
11 swine, ten cents a dozen; and no additional toll shall be
12 charged for persons actually travelling in said vehicles,
13 but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in to
14 avoid toll; and only one person as a driver to each team
15 shall be allowed to pass free of toll; and said tolls may

16 be commuted by this corporation with any person or cor-
17 poration, by taking of him or them a sum certain for a
18 specified time instead thereof. Persons going or return-
19 ing from military duty, or to or from funerals shall be
20 allowed to pass free of toll, or to and from public worship
21 on Sundays.

SECT. 4. At the place of collecting tolls, said corpora-
2 tion shall constantly expose to view a board or sign, upon
3 which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid;
4 and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the
5 toll-house, the gates shall be left open and the bridge toll-
6 free, and the toll shall commence when the bridge is first
7 opened to passengers.

SECT. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse for
2 the term of four years from the passage of this act, to
3 build and complete said bridge, this act shall be null and
4 void.

SECT. 6. Any three persons named in section one,
2 may call the first meeting of the corporation, by posting
3 notice of the time, place, and purpose of meeting, in two
4 public and conspicuous places in said towns of Mexico and
5 Peru, fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

SECT. 7. The towns of Mexico and Peru, in the county
2 of Oxford, or either of them, are hereby empowered to
3 take stock in the Mexico Bridge Company, to the amount
4 of two thousand dollars each, provided the inhabitants of
5 said town or towns, shall, by a majority vote of those pre-

6 sent at a legal meeting, called for the purpose, authorize
7 the same.

SECT. 8. This corporation shall have the right to erect
2 and maintain piers in said river to protect said bridge
3 from ice or other floating substance, or to rest the spans
4 of said bridge upon.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 22, 1893.

Reported by Mr. AMES, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*