

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 192.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Oxford Light and Power Com-
pany.

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

SECTION 1. Freeland Howe, Geo. L. Beale, H. M.
2 Bearce, Geo. A. Wilson, Oscar H. Hersey, Geo. E.
3 Macomber, Orville D. Baker, J. Manchester Haynes,
4 John F. Hill and H. L. Shepherd, their associates, suc-
5 cessors and assigns are hereby constituted a corporation
6 by the name of the Oxford Light and Power Company
7 with authority to manufacture and supply light and heat
8 and power, through gas or electricity, or both, through-
9 out the towns of Paris and Norway, in the county of

10 Oxford, for all public, private and municipal purposes,
11 and to purchase, lease, hold and sell real and personal
12 estate for the several objects aforesaid to the amount of
13 their capital stock; and generally said corporation shall
14 have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities of
15 corporations as set forth in the forty-sixth chapter of the
16 Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. The said company is hereby authorized to
2 lay down and maintain in, under, through, along and
3 across the highways, ways, streets, railroads and bridges
4 in the towns of Paris and Norway, and to take up and
5 replace, all such pipes and fixtures, and to erect and
6 maintain therein such posts, wires and fixtures as may
7 be necessary for the objects of its incorporation; and
8 may enter upon and dig up any road, street or way in the
9 said towns, for the objects aforesaid; and in general may
10 do any other acts and things necessary, convenient or
11 proper to be done for the complete establishment and
12 maintenance of its works and plant; provided, always,
13 that the said company shall at its own expense and to the
14 satisfaction of the selectmen of said towns, without unne-
15 cessary delay, repair the said highways, streets and ways
16 in every part where they shall be so entered upon and
17 dug up, and restore the covering, pavement and sidewalks
18 thereof respectively.

SECT. 3. The said company shall be liable in all cases to
2 repay to said towns all sums of money that said towns, or
3 either of them, may be obliged to pay on any judgment
4 recovered against them, for damages occasioned by any
5 obstruction, taking up or displacement of any street or road
6 by said company, together with counsel fees and other ex-

7 penses necessarily incurred in defending the same ; pro-
8 vided, that said company shall have notice of any suit
9 wherein such damages shall be claimed, and shall be
10 allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

SECT. 4. The said company shall have power to cross
2 any water-course, private or public sewer, or to change
3 the direction thereof, where necessary for the purposes
4 of its incorporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct
5 or impair the use thereof; and said company shall be
6 liable for any damage caused thereby.

SECT. 5. The said company is hereby authorized to
2 make contracts with the United States, the State, and
3 with corporations and inhabitants of any city or town in
4 said county, for the purpose of supplying light, heat and
5 power, as contemplated by this act and by the purposes
6 of said corporation ; and the said towns or either of them,
7 through their selectmen, or any city, through its city
8 council, are hereby authorized to enter into contracts
9 with said company for such purposes from time to time,
10 as they may deem expedient.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue
2 bonds in such amounts and on such times and terms as it
3 may from time to time determine, for any money which
4 it may borrow for any purpose sanctioned by law in aid
5 of the purposes specified in this act, and secure the same
6 by a mortgage of all franchises and property hereby con-
7 ferred or hereafter acquired by it through lease or con-
8 solidation. All bonds which shall be issued by said
9 company, shall be binding and collectible in law, not-
10 withstanding such bonds may be negotiated and sold by
11 said corporation or its agents, at less than their par value.

SECT. 7. Whenever it is practicable to use the existing
2 poles of any electric light, telephone or telegraph com-
3 pany, or any tree or structure of any kind, for any of the
4 wires of said corporation, and the owners thereof consent
5 to the free use of the same, or at a price satisfactory to
6 said corporation, the said corporation shall make use of
7 the same; and the decision as to the practicability of
8 such use shall be left to three persons skilled in the
9 science of electricity, one to be chosen by said corpora-
10 tion, one by the municipal officers, and the third by the
11 two so chosen, the decision of the majority of said board
12 shall be final and the expense of said tribunal shall be
13 borne by said corporation. In the erection and mainte-
14 nance of its poles, posts and wires, the said corporation
15 shall be subject to the general laws of the State, regulat-
16 ing the erection of posts and lines for the purposes of
17 electricity.

SECT. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to con-
2 solidate with, or to acquire by lease, purchase or other-
3 wise, all franchises, property, capital stock, rights, priv-
4 ileges and immunities of any or all corporations now
5 existing and doing business within said towns of Paris
6 and Norway, under charters conferring powers similar to
7 those of this corporation, also if any corporation here-
8 after formed by special charter or under the general law
9 for the purpose of operating any street railway, including
10 within its limits said towns of Paris and Norway, and in
11 such case of such consolidation, lease or purchase, this
12 corporation shall be entitled to all the privileges and be
13 subject to all appropriate conditions and limitations con-
14 tained in the charters thus united with or acquired.

SECT. 9. The capital stock of said corporation shall
2 not exceed two hundred thousand dollars to be divided
3 into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SECT. 10. The first meeting of said corporation shall
2 be called in the manner provided in the Revised Statutes,
3 chapter forty-six, section three.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 23, 1893.

Reported by Mr. WATERHOUSE, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.