

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

No. 162.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Clinton Water and Electric Company.

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

SECTION 1. A. Rowell, S. P. Felker, B. P. Porter, 2 George Leonard and W. T. Harris, and such persons as 3 they may associate with themselves in the enterprise, are 4 hereby incorporated into a corporation by the name of 5 the Clinton Water and Electric Light Company, for the 6 purpose of supplying the village of Clinton, in the town 7 of Clinton, in Kennebec county, and the vicinity of said 8 village, with pure water for domestic, sanitary and muni-9 cipal purposes; also for supplying said village and vicinity 10 with electric lights and power.

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SECT. 2. Said company for said purposes may detain, 2 take, store and distribute water from any stream, lake, 3 spring, or pond situated in said town of Clinton, in the 4 county of Kennebec, and may locate, construct and main-5 tain dams, reservoirs, sluices, aqueducts and pipes there-6 for. Such aqueducts and pipes may be located and con-7 structed along and across any highway or townway in said 8 town of Clinton, in such manner as the municipal officers 9 of said town may approve.

SECT. 3. Said company may occupy any lands neces-2 sary for its dams, reservoirs and other necessary build-3 ings, and may locate and lay and maintain pipes in and 4 through any lands for said purposes, and excavate in and 5 through such lands for such location, construction and 6 maintenance of said pipes, dams and reservoirs. It may 7 enter upon such lands to make surveys and locations, and 8 shall file in the registry of deeds in said county of Kenne-9 bec, plans of such location and lands, and within thirty 10 days thereafter publish notice thereof in some newspaper 11 in said county, such publication to be continued three 12 weeks successively. Not more than two rods in width of 13 land shall be occupied by any pipe or aqueduct, and not 14 more than two acres by any reservoir.

SECT. 4. Should the said company and the owner of 2 such land be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid 3 for such location and occupation and construction, the 4 land owner may within twelve months after filing of plans 5 of location, apply to the commissioner of said county and 6 have such damages assessed by a committee or jury, as in 7 the case of petitions for increase of damages for land 8 taken for highways. If said company shall fail to pay

9 such land owner, or deposit for his use with the clerk of 10 the county commissioner, such sum as may be finally 11 awarded, as damages, with costs, within sixty days after 12 notice of final judgment shall have been received by the 13 clerk of courts of said county, the said location shall be 14 thereby invalid, and the company forfeit all rights under 15 the same. If such land owner recovers more damages 16 than were tendered by said company, he shall recover 17 costs, otherwise the company shall recover costs against 18 said land owner. Failure to apply for damages within 19 said twelve months, shall be held to be a waiver of the No action shall be brought against said company **2**0 same. 21 for such taking and occupation, until after such failure to 22 pay or deposit as aforesaid. Damages caused by flowage 23 are to be ascertained and paid in the same manner.

SECT. 5. Any person suffering damage by the taking 2 of water by said company, as provided by this act, may 3 have his damages ascertained in the manner provided by 4 the preceding section, and payment therefor shall be made 5 in the same manner and with the same effect. No action 6 shall be brought for the same until after the expiration of 7 the time of payment.

SECT. 6. The capital stock of said company shall be the 2 amount fixed by said company at its first meeting, but said 3 capital stock may at any regular or special meeting of said 4 company called for the purpose, by vote of the majority of 5 the stockholders, be increased, but the capital stock shall 6 not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 7. Said company may issue its bonds for the 2 construction of its works, of any and all kinds upon such 3 rates and times as it may deem expedient, not exceeding 4 the amount of capital stock subscribed for and secure the

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5 same by mortgage of the franchise, income and property of 6 said company.

SECT. 8. The first meeting of said company may be 2 called by a written notice thereof, signed by any one incor-3 porator herein named, served upon each of the other 4 incorporators by giving him the same in hand, or by leav-5 ing the same at his last usual place of abode seven days 6 before the time of meeting.

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House of Representatives, February 20, 1895.

Reported by Mr. HAINES of Waterville, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under House rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.

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