

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 31

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to authorize the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad Company to connect with the Sandy River Railroad and the Maine Central Railroad at Farmington.

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

Section 1. The Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington
2 Railroad Company, successor to the franchises of the Frank-
3 lin, Somerset and Kennebec Railway Company, is hereby
4 authorized, subject to the provisions of this act, to extend
5 its line in Farmington from the south line of the station
6 grounds, or yard, of the Maine Central Railroad into or
7 through said station grounds or yard and also, if in the judg-
8 ment of the railroad commissioners it is necessary so to do,
9 thence north of said station grounds, or yard, to some con-
10 venient point in or upon the location or station grounds of

11 the Sandy River Railroad Company, all for the purpose of
12 making such a connection between the rails of the said Wis-
13 casset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad Company, the
14 Sandy River Railroad Company and the Maine Central Rail-
15 road Company as will secure for the public a convenient
16 interchange of through cars and through freight between
17 the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad Com-
18 pany and the Sandy River Railroad Company, the transfer
19 of freight between the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington
20 Railroad Company and the Maine Central Railroad Company,
21 and such mutual facilities for the interchange of freight,
22 passengers, baggage, mail and express severally between the
23 aforesaid three companies as the public convenience may
24 require. If, however, the railroad commissioners acting
25 hereunder find that the purposes of this section can be
26 properly accomplished without such extension of the line of
27 the said Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad
28 Company they may in their decrees hereunder, in lieu thereof,
29 provide for such running rights in and through such station
30 grounds or yards, as will, in their judgment, properly meet
31 the requirements of the public convenience and accomplish
32 said purposes.

Sect. 2. Upon the petition of either of said companies, the
2 railroad commissioners shall, after notice and hearing, make
3 such decrees as they deem best for the public good to accom-
4 plish the purposes of section 1, having due regard to the
5 convenience and interests of the corporations and of the
6 public. As incident thereto, they may order new tracks of
7 any gauge to be laid in said station grounds, require build-
8 ings therein to be altered or moved and order changes in the
9 arrangement and use of tracks therein. They may impose
10 such terms and conditions and establish such regulations as
11 they may deem proper. They shall determine how the
12 expense connected therewith shall be borne and may require

13 security for its payment as one of said conditions. They may
14 impose an annual rental to be paid for the privileges here-
15 under with such conditions as to its payment as they deem
16 equitable.

Sect. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as
2 authorizing the said Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington
3 Railroad Company to acquire any title whatever to any part
4 of the station grounds or lands aforesaid but all its rights
5 and privileges therein shall be only such as shall be defined
6 in the decrees of the railroad commissioners.

Sect. 4. The said commissioners, in their decrees here-
2 under, may, as a part thereof, order the said Wiscasset,
3 Waterville and Farmington Railroad Company to purchase
4 or take, as for public uses, so much land to the south of and
5 adjoining the said station grounds, or yard, of the Maine
6 Central Railroad Company as the said commissioners in such
7 decree adjudge necessary to fully accomplish the purposes
8 of section one and, as a part of such decree, they may make
9 such order as to the joint use by said three corporations of
10 the land so acquired as they adjudge proper in the premises
11 for the better accomplishment of all the purposes of section
12 one. In that event, the said Wiscasset, Waterville and Farm-
13 ington Railroad Company is hereby authorized to take such
14 land as for public uses in the manner provided in sections
15 sixteen and seventeen or chapter fifty-one of the Revised
16 Statutes and the damages therefor shall be estimated and
17 paid as in said chapter fifty-one provided.

Sect. 5. All decrees made hereunder by the railroad com-
2 missioners may be by them changed from time to time, after
3 notice and hearing, as the public interests may require.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, January 30, 1903.

Tabled pending reference to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs
and Expresses, by Mr. DREW of Portland, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*