

# Seventy-first Legislature.

### HOUSE.

No. 75

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway.

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

Section I. The Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway, 2 originally incorporated by the name of the Lewiston, Win-3 throp & Augusta Street Railway, is hereby authorized to sell 4 or lease its property and franchises or any part thereof to any 5 street railroad company whose lines as constructed or char-6 tered would form connecting or continuous lines with the 7 lines of the said Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway as 8 constructed or chartered, and in such case the corporation 9 so purchasing or leasing said property and franchises shall be 10 entitled to all the privileges and be subject to all appropriate 11 conditions and limitations contained in the charter and fran-12 chises of such Augusta, Winthrop and Gardiner Railway.

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13 Any street railroad company whose lines as constructed or
14 chartered would form connecting or continuous lines with the
15 lines of the said Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway as
16 constructed or chartered is hereby authorized to so purchase
17 or lease the property and franchises of the said Augusta,
18 Winthrop & Gardiner Railway.

Sect. 2. The said Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway 2 is further authorized to consolidate with or to acquire by 3 lease, purchase or otherwise the lines, property and franchises 4 of any street railroad or street railroads whose lines as con-5 structed or chartered would form connecting or continuous 6 lines with the lines of the said Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner 7 Railway as constructed or chartered, and in such case the 8 Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway shall be entitled to o all the privileges and be subject to all appropriate conditions 10 and limitations contained in the charters and franchises thus II united with or acquired. Any street railroad company whose 12 lines as constructed or chartered would form connecting or 13 continuous lines with the lines of the said Augusta, Winthrop 14 & Gardiner Railway as constructed or chartered is hereby 15 authorized to consolidate with or to lease or to sell its lines, 16 property and franchises as in this section authorized.

Sect. 3. All proceedings, suits at law or in equity which 2 may be pending at the time of any such transfer to which the 3 corporation making such transfer may be a party may be 4 prosecuted or defended by the corporation so acquiring the 5 same in like manner and with like effect as if such transfer 6 had not been made. All claims, contracts, rights and causes 7 of action of or against any corporation making any such 8 transfer, at law or in equity, may be enforced by suit or action 9 to be begun or prosecuted by or against the corporation so 10 acquiring property and franchises hereunder.

Sect. 4. Any transfer authorized by this act when carried 2 out and fully completed the corporation so acquiring any

3 property thereunder shall be liable for the then legally exist-4 ing debts and obligations of any corporation so making such 5 transfer.

Sect. 5. Any corporation acquiring property and franchises 2 hereunder may issue its stock therefor and also its bonds, 3 secured by appropriate mortgages upon its franchises and 4 property in such amounts as may be required for the pur-5 poses of this act, and thereupon may issue such stock and 6 bonds in payment and exchange for the stock, bonds, fran-7 chises and property of the corporation making any transfer 8 authorized by this act in such manner and in such amounts 9 as may be agreed upon.

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

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUGUSTA, February 5, 1903.

Reported by Mr. KIMBALL of Rockland, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.