

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 142

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Union Gas Company.

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

Section 1. Fred A. Alden, H. L. Robbins, F. E.
2 Burkett, and their associates and assigns, are hereby con-
3 stituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the
4 Union Gas Company, for the purpose of supplying light,
5 heat and power by the manufacture of gas acetylene in the
6 town of Union with all the privileges and subject to all the
7 duties, restrictions and liabilities by law incident to cor-
8 porations of a similar nature.

Sect. 2. Said company shall be located in the town of Union, in Knox county and is authorized and empowered to carry on the business of lighting by acetylene such public streets in said town and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said corporation and the owners or those having control of said buildings and places to be lighted, and may furnish motive power by acetylene within said town, and may build and operate manufactories and works for providing and supplying acetylene, light and power and may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for the purposes of the corporation to the amount of its capital stock, and to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of pipe for the transmission of acetylene, underground, under and along any and all streets and ways, under the direction of the municipal officers of said town.

Sect. 3. The said company shall be liable in all cases to repay to the town all sums of money that said town may be obliged to pay on any indictment or judgment recovered against said town occasioned by any obstruction or taking up, or displacement of any way, highway, railroad or street by said company in said town; provided, however, that said company shall have notice whenever such damages are claimed by said town from the municipal officers and shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

Sect. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain or sewer, but may cross the same, being responsible to the owners or other person for any injury occasioned thereby in an action on the case.

Sect. 5. The town of Union, by its municipal officers, 2 is hereby authorized to contract with said company from 3 time to time as is deemed expedient for the supply of light, 4 heat and power for said town.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said company shall not 2 exceed ten thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares 3 of fifty dollars each.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue 2 its bonds in such amount and on such time as it may from 3 time to time determine, not exceeding the amount of capi- 4 tal stock subscribed for, in aid of the purpose specified in 5 this act and to secure the same by a mortgage of its fran- 6 chises and property. It is also hereby authorized to lease 7 all of its property and franchises upon such terms as it may 8 determine.

Sect. 8. The first meeting of said corporation may be 2 called by the first incorporator, but failing to do so, either 3 of the other incorporators may by a written notice signed 4 by him, stating the time and place thereof, and sent by mail 5 to his associates five days before said meeting.

Sect. 9. This charter shall be null and void unless 2 operations shall actually commence hereunder within two 3 years from the date of the passage of this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 18, 1903.

Reported by Mr. OAKES of Auburn, from Committee on Legal Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*