

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 200

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Light and Power Company.

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

Section I. George Ingraham, Joseph A. Browne, Clarence 2 H. Pearce, John Watson, Don A. H. Powers, Ransford W. 3 Shaw, Charles D. Merritt, John B. Madigan, Hudson T. 4 Frisbie, Willard S. Lewin, Leland O. Ludwig, Frank M. 5 Hume, James Archibald and Martin Lawlis, their associates, 6 successors and assigns, are hereby made and constituted **a** 7 body corporate by the name of the Meduxnekeag Electric 8 Light and Power Company, with all the rights, powers and 9 privileges and subject to all the duties and obligations con-10 ferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as other-11 wise provided herein.

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Said company is hereby authorized and empowered Sect. 2. 2 to furnish power for manufacturing and mechanical pur-3 poses; and to generate, make, sell, distribute and supply 4 electricity and electrical power for lighting, heating, manu-5 facturing, mechanical and transportation purposes, in the 6 towns of Monticello, Littleton, Houlton, Hodgdon, Linneus, 7 New Limerick, Oakfield and Ludlow, in the county of Aroos-8 took; and may transport and sell the same in Carleton county, 9 New Brunswick, and may build and operate manufactories 10 and works for the providing and supplying of electricity and II light and power and may lease, purchase and hold real and 12 personal estate for the proper object of the corporation to 13 the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and 14 to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire and 15 other material for the transmission of electricity, under 16 ground, upon, under and along and over any and all streets 17 and ways in said towns under the direction of the municipal 18 officers of said towns; and in public places in such a manner 19 as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, and to 20 establish and maintain, under directions of said municipal 21 officers all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurte-22 nances as may be necessary, and terminating at such places 23 in said towns as may be expedient.

Sect. 3. For the erecting of said wires above ground and
2 for laying same or pipes thereof under ground, or for taking
3 up. replacing and repairing the same, said company shall first
4 obtain the consent of the municipal officers of said towns and
5 perform all said acts as directed by said municipal officers. Sect. 4. Damages for any land or easement taken for the
2 purposes of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot
3 agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of
4 lands taken for railroads.

Sect. 5. Nothing contained in this act will be construed 2 to affect or diminish the liability of said corporation for any 3 injury to private property, by depreciating the value thereof 4 or otherwise, but any legal remedies existing shall continue.

Sect. 6. The municipal officers of the various towns 2 through which said company's lines may pass, or property be 3 found shall at all times have the power to regulate and con-4 trol the acts and doings of said corporation, which may in 5 any manner affect the health and safety of the public or 6 become a nuisance to the said towns.

Sect. 7. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed 2 one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and shall be divided 3 into shares of ten dollars each.

Sect. 8. Said company is hereby authorized to take and 2 hold by purchase any electric light plant or power station 3 now within the limits of said towns, and hold and use said 4 property, for the purpose herein mentioned.

Sect. 9. Said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds 2 for the construction of its works upon such rates and such 3 amounts as may be deemed necessary, not to exceed one hun-4 dred and fifty thousand dollars in all, and not exceed the 5 amount of the capital stock subscribed for, and to secure the 6 same by mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchises and 7 property.

Sect. 10. Any two of the corporators named in this act 2 may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a 3 written notice signed by both, postage paid, to each of the 4 corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meet-5 ing, naming the time and place and purpose of said meeting; 6 a president, secretary and directors and other necessary offi-7 cers may be chosen, by-laws adopted and any corporate busi-8 ness transacted.

Sect. 11. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting2 of the corporation by a majority of the members present.Sect. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUGUSTA, February 26, 1903.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.