

# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

### SENATE.

No. 118

# STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate Fort Kent Light and Power Company.

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

Section I. James T. Bradbury, Bruce R. Ward and George 2 C. Bradbury, their associates, successors and assigns, are 3 hereby made a body corporate by the name of Fort Kent 4 Light and Power Company, with all the powers, rights and 5 privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations con-6 ferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as other-7 wise provided herein.

Sect. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to 2 carry on the business of lighting by electricity such public 3 streets of the town of Fort Kent, and such buildings and 4 places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by 5 said corporation and the owners or those having control of 6 such places to be lighted; and may furnish motive power by

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7 electricity within the limits of said town of Fort Kent; and 8 may build and operate manufactories and works for the pro-9 viding and supplying of electricity and light and power, and 10 may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for the 11 proper objects of the corporation, and to construct, lay, main-12 tain and operate lines of wire or other material for the trans-13 mission of electricity, submarine, under ground, upon, under 14 and along and over any and all streets and ways under the 15 direction of the municipal officers of said Fort Kent; and in 16 public places in such a manner as not to endanger the appro-17 priate public use thereof, and to establish and maintain, under 18 direction of said municipal officers, all necessary posts, pipes, 19 supports and appurtenances, and terminating at such points 20 as may be expedient.

Sect. 3. For the erecting said wires above ground and for 2 laying the same, or pipes thereof, submarine or under ground, 3 and for taking up, replacing and repairing the same, said 4 company shall first obtain the consent of the municipal offi-5 cers of said town, and perform all said acts as directed by 6 said municipal officers; and said company shall repay to said 7 Fort Kent any sum which said town may have been com-8 pelled to pay on any judgment for any damages caused by 9 a defect or want of repair in the streets or ways thereof, due 10 to the neglect of said company, or on any judgment for dam-11 ages caused by the negligence of said company in the erect-12 ing and maintaining of any posts, wires or appurtenances 13 connected with said business.

Sect. 4. Said company, at its own expense, without unnec2 essary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any
3 street or way, made in erecting or laying the lines for such
4 purposes, and cause earth disturbed to be properly replaced
5 It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use ef any
6 public or private drain, or gas pipe, or sewer, telegraph or

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7 telephone wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the 8 direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such 9 manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being 10 responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occa-11 sioned thereby, in an action on the case.

Sect. 5. Damages for any land taken for the purposes of 2 erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree, shall 3 be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands taken 4 for highways.

Sect. 6. Nothing contained in this act shall 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. 5 The selectmen of said Fort Kent, for the time being, shall at 6 all times have the power to regulate and control the acts and 7 doings of said corporation, which may in any manner affect 8 the health and safety, or become a nuisance to the inhabitants 9 of said town.

Sect. 7. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed 2 twenty thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty dol-3 lars each.

Sect. 8. Said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds
2 for the construction of its works upon such rates and time,
3 and to such amount as it may deem necessary, not to exceed
4 twenty thousand dollars in all, and not to exceed the amount
5 of capital stock subscribed for, and to secure the same by
6 mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchise and property.

Sect. 9. Manufactories and other business corporations 2 doing business in said Fort Kent are hereby authorized to 3 subscribe for and hold stock in said company.

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-

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5 ing, naming the time, place and purpose of said meeting; a

6 president, secretary and directors may be chosen, by-laws 7 adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

Sect. 11. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting 2 of said association by a majority of the members present.

Sect. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN SENATE, February 24, 1905.

Reported by Mr. PIERCE from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.