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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 296

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Lisbon Falls Gas and Electric Company.

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

Section 1. F. C. Whitehouse, Wm. H. Newell, W. E.

- 2 Plummer, and H. E. Plummer, their associates, successors,
- 3 and assigns, are hereby incorporated under the name of the
- 4 Lisbon Falls Gas and Electric Company, for the purpose of
- 5 manufacturing, generating, selling, distributing, and sup-
- 6 plying gas and electricity for lighting, heating, traction, trans-
- 7 portation, manufacturing, or mechanical purposes, in the
- 8 towns of Lisbon and Durham, or for any or either of such
- 9 purposes, with all the rights, powers and privileges, and

10 subject to all the restrictions and liabilities by law incident 11 to similar corporations; also for the purpose of buying, leas12 ing, and operating, the property, capital stock, bonds, rights, 13 privileges, immunities, and franchises of any individuals, 14 firms, or corporations doing a similar business in the towns 15 of Lisbon and Durham.

- Sect. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be fifty 2 thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars 3 each. Said company may hold all real and personal estate 4 necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid.
- Sect. 3. Said company is hereby authorized to make, manu-2 facture, distribute, sell, and dispose of gas and electricity in 3 the towns of Lisbon and Durham and to lay down gas pipe in 4 and through the streets and ways of said municipalities, and 5 to take up, replace and repair the same, and to build, con-6 struct, and maintain all fixtures, reservoirs, gas holders, and 7 other things requisite, proper, and convenient for the manu-8 facture, distribution, and sale of gas and electricity in said 9 municipalities. And said company is further authorized to 10 set poles and extend wires, both above and under ground, in II and through said streets and ways, and to erect, repair, and 12 maintain, all poles, posts, wires and fixtures, necessary for 13 the purposes of its incorporation, all subject to the permis-14 sion of the municipal officers of said municipalities, under 15 such reasonable restrictions as they may lawfully impose, 16 and subject to the general laws of the state relative thereto. 17 Provided, however, that said company shall not engage in

18 the manufacturing, generating, selling, distributing, or sup-19 plying of gas for any of the said purposes until said com-20 pany, hereby created, shall have acquired control, by lease, 21 purchase, or otherwise, of the Lisbon Falls Acetylene Gas 22 Company.

Sect. 4. Said company shall repay to any city or town any 2 sum of money which said city or town may have been com-3 pelled to pay on any judgment for any damages caused by 4 a defect or want of repair in the streets thereof due to the 5 neglect of said company, or on any judgment for damages 6 caused by the negligence of said company in the erecting 7 and maintaining or in the taking up or repairing, of any 8 posts, wires, pipes, or appurtenances connected with its said 9 business. Said company, at its own expense, without unnec-10 essary delay, shall remove any obstruction in any street, II made in erecting or laying the lines or pipes for such pur-12 poses, and cause earth or pavements disturbed to be properly 13 replaced. It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the 14 use of any public or private drain or gas pipe or sewer, tele-15 graph or telephone wire, but may cross, or, when necessary, 16 change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or 17 sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use 18 thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for 19 any injury occasioned thereby in an action on the case.

Sect. 5. Said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds 2 for the construction of its works upon such rates and time,

- 3 and to such amounts as it may deem necessary, not to exceed4 twenty-five thousand dollars in all.
- Sect. 6. Manufacturies and other business corporations 2 doing business in said Lisbon and Durham are hereby 3 authorized to subscribe and hold stock in said company.
- Sect. 7. 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 meeting, 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. 8. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting 2 of said association by a majority of the members present.
 - Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, Augusta, February 25, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.