

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 472

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Northern Railway of Maine.

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

Section 1. Vincent M. Theriault of Fort Kent, Patrick
2 Theriault of Grand Isle, Eloi R. Michaud of Frenchville, in
3 the county of Aroostook, Edson E. Goodrich of Waterville
4 in the county of Kennebec, in the State of Maine, and
5 Arthur H. Lewis of the City of Chicago in the state of
6 Illinois, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby
7 made and constituted a body corporate and politic by the
8 name of the Northern Railway of Maine, with all the powers
9 rights and privileges and subject to all duties, restrictions

10 and obligations conferred and imposed on railway corpora-
11 tions by the laws of the State.

Sect. 2. The said corporation is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to survey, locate, construct, equip, maintain, alter
3 and keep in repair a railway by electricity, steam, animal,
4 water or other power, for passenger and freight transporta-
5 tion with such single or double tracks, side tracks, switches,
6 turnouts, stations and appurtenances and with such poles,
7 wires, appliances and appurtenances as may seem advisable
8 and desirable to the said corporation between some conven-
9 ient point on the line near the terminus of the Bangor and
10 Aroostook Railroad in the town of Fort Kent, in the county
11 of Aroostook thence in a western direction across the Fish
12 river through the said town of Fort Kent, and the planta-
13 tions of St. John and St. Francis the distance of sixteen
14 miles more or less to a point in said plantation of St. Francis
15 nearly opposite the mouth of the St. Francis River, or some
16 other convenient point in said St. Francis plantation as may
17 seem to said corporation desirable. Also between said first
18 mentioned point on the line of the Bangor and Aroostook
19 railroad in the said town of Fort Kent, thence in a northerly
20 and easterly direction through the said town of Fort Kent
21 and the towns of Frenchville, Madawaska, Grand Isle and
22 Van Buren the distance of forty-five miles more or less to
23 some convenient point near the terminus of the said Bangor
24 and Aroostook railroad in said town of Van Buren.

Sect. 3. The said corporation is hereby authorized to cross
2 the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad in said town of Fort

3 Kent, make connections with said railroad at Van Buren,
4 also make connections with any other railroads or railways
5 on such terms as may mutually be agreed upon, and to sell
6 its road and property either before or after it shall have
7 been completed to any corporation, provided said "Northern
8 Railway of Maine" should deem it advisable, and on such
9 terms as it may determine, subject to the approval of the
10 stock holders in each corporation.

Sect. 4. The said corporation is hereby authorized to pur-
2 chase or lease the property and franchise of any other rail-
3 road or railway corporation of the same gauge, or to pur-
4 chase and hold the stock and bonds of any such corporation
5 which have acquired or may hereafter acquire charters,
6 authorizing them to make such leases or sales and all such
7 property, franchise, stock and bonds so acquired may be
8 pledged or mortgaged to secure the bonds hereinafter
9 authorized.

Sect. 5. The corporation to have the right and privilege
2 to acquire by subscription or otherwise stocks, shares,
3 debentures or debenture stock, or other interests in any
4 company operating or carrying on any kinds of business
5 which the corporation is hereby authorized to carry on and
6 may sell or otherwise dispose of the same.

Sect. 6. The corporation may receive from any town,
2 plantation, or from any person or persons, or body corporate,
3 municipal or politic aid towards the construction, equipment
4 or maintenance of the railway line, or objects contemplated

5 by this act, or by way of gifts, subsidies or bonuses in lands,
6 money or securities, or by loans or by way of guarantee or
7 by providing rights of way for such line or any part thereof,
8 or objects free of expense to the corporation upon such
9 terms or condition as may be agreed upon.

Sect. 7. Generally the corporation to have the authority,
2 right and privilege to take, hold and enjoy real estate and
3 personal property of every description, and may sell, ex-
4 change, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of the same as
5 it may deem advisable in the interests of the corporation,
6 and the corporation may do these and all such other things
7 not contrary to the laws for the time being in force in the
8 State as are incidental or conducive to the foregoing objects
9 or any of them.

Sect. 8. Said corporation is hereby empowered to erect
2 and maintain a bridge across the Fish river in the said town
3 of Fort Kent, and to build and operate side tracks to any
4 mills on the St. John river in any of the towns named in this
5 act, and is hereby further authorized to carry on the busi-
6 ness of an express company and to build and maintain tele-
7 phone, telegraph and pipe lines for public use.

Sect. 9. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue its
2 bonds from time to time to such an amount as may be
3 required for the purposes as the directors may deem advis-
4 able and to secure the same by mortgage of its road, fran-
5 chises and property or in any other manner.

Sect. 10. The capital stock of the said corporation shall
2 be five hundred thousand dollars divided into shares of one

3 hundred dollars each and the said corporation to have power
4 from time to time to raise and increase its capital stock to
5 such an amount as may be approved by the railroad commis-
6 sioners of the State.

Sect. 11. The officers of said corporation may be elected
2 annually, the power and duties of the officers and the number
3 constituting the board of directors shall be such as may be
4 required or prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

Sect. 12. The first meeting of the said corporation may be
2 called by two of the corporators and by giving in hand or
3 mailing to each of the other corporators a written notice at
4 least ten days before said meeting and any incorporator may
5 act at such meeting by written proxy.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. SPEAR from Committee on Railroads and
Expresses and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*