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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 50

In Senate, Jan. 21, 1913.

*Presented by Senator Burleigh of Aroostook, and on motion
by Senator Stearns of Oxford, laid on the table for printing,
pending reference to a committee.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

ACT to incorporate the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Maine as follows:

Section 1. Arthur R. Gould, Charles F. Daggett, Walter
2 M. Seeley, R. H. McDonald and Horace N. Crandall of
3 Presque Isle, Maine; H. D. Collins of Caribou, Maine, and
4 Herbert T. Powers of Fort Fairfield, Maine, and their
5 associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body
6 corporate under the name of Quebec Extension Railway
7 Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges incident
8 to a street railway corporation.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered at any time to acquire by appropriate transfer, the interest, rights, powers, privileges and franchise of the Aroostook Valley Railroad Company acquired by said company under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter one hundred sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of Maine, enacted in the year nineteen hundred and eleven or any amendment, revival or extension of said chapter, however or whenever made.

Sect. 3. The said Aroostook Valley Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered, at any time, to sell, convey and transfer to the said Quebec Extension Railway Company, the interest, rights, powers, privileges and franchise acquired by said Aroostook Valley Railroad Company, under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of Maine enacted in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, or any amendment, revival or extension of said chapter, however or whenever made.

Sect. 4. In the event of said transfer, said Quebec Extension Railway Company upon compliance with the provisions of section seven of chapter fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and fifty-seven of the Public Laws of 1911, so far as applicable to this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, equip, maintain and operate by electricity or compressed air, a street railway, with convenient single or double tracks, side

9 tracks or turn outs, with all necessary or convenient line
10 of poles, wires, appliances, appurtenances and conduits,
11 commencing at some point on the line of the Aroostook
12 Valley Railroad Company in Washburn, where the same
13 is now in operation; thence through Washburn to Wade
14 plantation, through Wade plantation, thence by a general
15 westerly direction to the western boundary of the State;
16 by a line which shall not be north of the north line of town-
17 ship thirteen (13), range five (5); township thirteen (13),
18 range six (6), (otherwise called Portage Lake), township
19 thirteen (13), range seven (7), township thirteen (13),
20 range eight (8), township thirteen (13), range nine (9),
21 township thirteen (13), range ten (10), township thirteen
22 (13), range eleven (11), township thirteen (13), range
23 twelve (12), township thirteen (13) range thirteen (13),
24 township thirteen (13), range fourteen (14), township
25 thirteen (13), range fifteen (15), and township thirteen
26 (13), range sixteen (16), or south of the south line of
27 township 12 (12), range six (6), (otherwise called Nash-
28 ville planation), township twelve (12), range seven (7),
29 township eleven (11), range eight (8), township eleven
30 (11), range nine (9), township eleven (11), range ten
31 (10), township eleven (11), range twelve (12), township
32 eleven (11), range thirteen (13), township eleven (11),
33 range fourteen (14), township eleven (11), range fifteen
34 (15), township eleven (11), range sixteen (16) and town-
35 ship eleven (11), range seventeen (17), either on streets,

36 roads or ways, or on private property, or partly on one and
37 partly on the other, as the directors may deem best for
38 public convenience. All locations upon streets, roads or
39 ways shall be approved by the municipal officers, as pro-
40 vided by the statutes of Maine. In their doings under sec-
41 tion seven of chapter fifty-three of the Revised Statutes as
42 amended by chapter one hundred seventy-seven of the Pub-
43 lic Laws of 1911, the Railroad Commissioners shall not be
44 required to determine that public convenience requires the
45 construction of such road, but the locations must be ap-
46 proved by them, as by said section required, before said
47 road is constructed.

In approving so much of said location as is upon private
49 property or outside of the limits of streets, roads or ways,
50 or any subsequent change thereof, the Railroad Commis-
51 sioners shall not be required to find that it is impracticable
52 to locate said railroad within the limits of streets, roads or
53 ways, but they shall approve such location so upon private
54 property, upon finding after notices and hearing, that the
55 public service of said corporation would be thereby better
56 performed, and upon such finding, the said Quebec Exten-
57 sion Railway Company shall have all the powers otherwise
58 given by the general laws of the State, necessary to take,
59 hold and pay for so much of its location as the Railroad
60 Commissioners may so approve.

Sect. 5. Said Quebec Extension Railway Company may
2 also maintain and operate said railroad upon and over any

3 lands where land damages have been mutually settled by
4 the corporation and owners thereof.

Sect. 6. Said Quebec Extension Railway Company may
2 by its servants and agents and teams lawfully enter upon
3 any land for the purpose of making any and all necessary
4 surveys in order to determine where on the face of the
5 earth it will definitely locate the line of its railroad. And
6 while making any such survey, it may lawfully erect and
7 maintain camps for the shelter of its servants, agents and
8 teams, but it shall be liable to the land owner for all dam-
9 ages done by its servants, agents and teams and caused by
10 making its surveys and the erection of camps.

Sect. 7. Said Quebec Extension Railway Company is
2 authorized to carry on the business of an express company
3 and to maintain telephone and telegraph lines for its own
4 use and for public use, along its location and to its various
5 offices in towns, plantations and townships.

Sect. 8. Said Quebec Extension Railway Company shall
2 have the power to make, retain and establish all necessary
3 by-laws and regulations consistent with the statutes and
4 laws of the State of Maine, for its government and for the
5 due and orderly conduct of its affairs and the management
6 of its property.

Sect. 9. The officers of said corporation shall be a Board
2 of Directors, a President, a Clerk, a Treasurer and such
3 other officers as may be provided by the by-laws. The pow-

4 ers and duties of such officers shall be prescribed in the by-
5 laws.

Sect. 10. The capital stock of said Quebec Extension
2 Railway Company shall be fixed at the first meeting of said
3 Corporation, with the right to increase the same up to four
4 million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hun-
5 dred dollars each.

Sect. 11. Said Quebec Extension Railway Company may
2 make contracts with persons or corporations to supply it
3 with power for all purposes, and shall have the power to
4 lease, purchase, hold and transfer such real and personal
5 estate and motive power, as may be necessary and con-
6 venient for its purposes, and may develop water power for
7 the generation of electricity for the operation of its busi-
8 ness.

Sect. 12. A toll is hereby granted for the benefit of said
2 Quebec Extension Railway Company upon all passengers
3 and freight which may be conveyed and transported on or
4 over its railroad, at such rates as may be established by its
5 directors, and on such business as it may do over its tele-
6 phone and telegraph lines, and through its express facilities,
7 subject to such general laws relative thereto as are or may
8 from time to time be established by the Legislature.

Sect. 13. Said Quebec Extension Railway Company is
2 authorized from time to time to issue its interest bearing
3 bonds upon such rates and times, and to such amounts as
4 may be expedient, secured by mortgage of its property,

5 franchise, leasehold or other interests, for any purpose
6 deemed necessary by it in the location, construction, com-
7 pletion, improvement, enlargement or operation of its rail-
8 road and appendages, or in the transaction of its business.

Sect. 14. Except as modified by this act, the said Quebec
2 Extension Railway Company shall have all the power, au-
3 thority, rights and privileges given by chapter fifty-three of
4 the Revised Statutes of Maine and all acts additional there-
5 to or amendatory thereof, and shall also be subject to all
6 the duties prescribed by said chapter fifty-three and acts
7 additional thereto or amendatory thereof.

Sect. 15. The first meeting of said Quebec Extension
2 Railway Company may be called by any three of the cor-
3 porators above named, by notice thereof in writing, signed
4 by said three corporators and given in hand or mailed to
5 each of the other corporators at least seven days before said
6 meeting, and any corporator may act at such meeting by
7 written proxy.

Sect. 16. This charter is granted inasmuch as the objects
2 thereof cannot be attained under the general laws of the
3 State of Maine.