

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 627

House of representatives, March 21, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to authorize the Town of Caribou to Acquire Property of the Caribou Water, Light and Power Company and to Construct and Maintain for Itself and for Persons and Corporations a System of Water Works Within said Town.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Caribou in the County of Aroostook, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, and the Caribou Water, Light and Power Company is hereby authorized to sell and convey to said town of Caribou, all the property of said Company, or any part thereof connected with its system of water, light and power in said town of Caribou, together with all of the rights and privileges

8 connected therewith, subject, however, to any mortgage
9 thereon, given to secure the payment of bonds not due at
10 the time of such sale and conveyance. Said town of Cari-
11 bou, by its municipal officers, when duly authorized by a
12 vote of the inhabitants of said town and said company, are
13 hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a mutual
14 written agreement for the purchase and sale of said prop-
15 erty upon such terms as may be agreed upon by said town
16 and said company.

Sect. 2. After said town has acquired by purchase the
2 property named in the foregoing section, said town of Cari-
3 bou is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, main-
4 tain and operate a system of water works of sufficient ca-
5 pacity to supply to said town, to its inhabitants, to corpora-
6 tions located in said town, to public buildings now erected
7 or which may be hereafter erected in said town, pure water
8 for municipal, domestic and other lawful purposes, includ-
9 ing the extinguishment of fires, with all the rights and privi-
10 leges and subject to all the liabilities and obligations con-
11 ferred and incumbent upon water companies by the general
12 laws of the state.

Sect. 3. Said town is hereby authorized and empowered
2 to acquire by purchase, or by exercise of the right of emi-
3 nent domain, which right is hereby expressly delegated to
4 said town for said purpose, any real or personal estate oth-
5 er than that acquired from said company necessary and con-
6 venient for the purposes aforesaid.

Sect. 4. For the purposes aforesaid, said town is hereby
2 authorized to take, detain and use the waters of any river,
3 pond, stream or spring in said town of Caribou, to conduct
4 and distribute the same into and through said town, and
5 is also authorized to dig, drive, drill and maintain wells,
6 and to conduct and distribute the water from the same into
7 and through said town, to survey for, locate, lay, erect and
8 maintain suitable dams, reservoirs, machinery, pipes, acque-
9 ducts and fixtures; to carry its pipes and aqueducts under
10 or over any water course, bridge, street, highway or other
11 way; and said town is further authorized to enter upon and
12 excavate any highway or other way in such manner as least
13 to obstruct the same, to enter, pass over and excavate any
14 land and to take and to acquire, by purchase or by the exer-
15 cise of the right of eminent domain, any rights of way or of
16 water, and in general to do any acts necessary, convenient
17 or proper for carrying out any of the purposes hereinbefore
18 specified. And said town is further authorized, for the pur-
19 pose of making all needed repairs, or service connections,
20 to lay its pipes through any public or private lands and ways,
21 with the right to enter upon and dig therein. Said town
22 is also hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain its
23 pipes across the location of any railroad, and all work
24 within the limits of the railroad locations shall be done
25 under the supervision and to the reasonable satisfaction of
26 the chief engineer of the railroad company.

Sect. 5. Said town shall be held liable to pay all dam-

2 ages that shall be sustained by any person or by the taking
3 of any land or other property, or by flowing or by excavat-
4 ing through the same, the same to be taken and the dam-
5 ages assessed therefor in the manner provided by law.

Sect. 6. Said town is hereby authorized to lay down and
2 maintain in and through the streets and ways of said town,
3 all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary
4 for the purposes hereinbefore specified.

Sect. 7. Said town is hereby authorized to contract with
2 the United States, the State of Maine, and all persons and
3 corporations to supply the same with water for all purposes
4 upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed
5 upon, and to establish written regulations for the use of said
6 water.

Sect. 8. Said town shall have full power to erect poles
2 and extend wires, for maintaining present electric lines or
3 their extension when necessary, becoming liable whenever
4 there is damage to private property.

Sect. 9. For the purpose of raising the money to carry
2 out the provisions of this act, the town of Caribou may is-
3 sue its bonds, with interest coupons, said bonds to be signed
4 by the municipal officers and treasurer of said town, when
5 authorized by a vote of said town, to an amount which, tak-
6 en in connection with the other indebtedness of the town,
7 will not exceed the amount limited by the constitution of
8 Maine. Said coupons need not be signed as the bonds, but
9 shall have printed or lithographed thereon the signature of
10 the town treasurer.

Sect. 10. The provisions of Sections two, three, four, five,
2 six, seven and eight of this act shall not become effective
3 until said town of Caribou has acquired by purchase the
4 property described in Section one of this act.