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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Incorporate the Town of Lucerne.**

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

**Sec. 1. Incorporation.** That so much of the town of Dedham in the county of Hancock as is contained within the territorial limits of Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation as described in section 1 of chapter 43 of the private and special laws of 1927, be and the same is hereby set off from said Dedham and incorporated, together with the inhabitants thereof, into a town and body politic to be known by the name of Lucerne.

**Sec. 2. Rights, powers and privileges.** Said Lucerne shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations provided for herein or otherwise pertaining to or incumbent upon said town as a municipal corporation, or pertaining to or incumbent upon the inhabitants or officers thereof; and may enact by-laws, ordinances and regulations for municipal purposes, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the state of Maine.

**Sec. 3. Payment of taxes in arrears.** The inhabitants, with the estates so set off, shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes which have been legally assessed upon them, together with their proportion of all corporate

debts, owed by said town of Dedham at the time this act takes effect; said proportion to be ascertained by the valuation of said town of Dedham for the year 1940.

**Sec. 4. Money may be raised.** Said Lucerne is hereby authorized and vested with the power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money for any of the purposes authorized under the general laws of this state and for any or all of the purposes heretofore authorized to Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation by section 2, of chapter 43 of the private and special laws of 1927.

**Sec. 5. Purchase of real estate.** Lucerne is hereby authorized to purchase, take title to in fee or in trust, lease or otherwise acquire real estate or any interest therein within the limits of said Lucerne, and to hold, manage, improve and control the same for the benefit of said Lucerne.

**Sec. 6. Support of paupers.** All paupers now chargeable to the town of Dedham shall be supported by said towns of Lucerne and Dedham so long as such persons continue to be paupers, in proportion to their respective taxable property, as shown by the assessors' books of said town of Dedham for the year 1940.

**Sec. 7. Officers.** Any justice of the peace within said county is hereby empowered to notify the inhabitants of said Lucerne to meet, as soon as may be after this act takes effect, at such time and place as he shall appoint, to choose such officers and to take such action as other towns are empowered to do at their annual meeting.

**Sec. 8. Collection of taxes.** The collectors of taxes for the town of Dedham shall collect and pay over to the treasurer of said Lucerne upon his qualification in office, all taxes they shall have been or may be directed to pay to the treasurer of Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation and committed or to be committed to said collectors or any of them for collection, under the provisions of law in effect prior to the effective date of this act, and not then collected and paid over to the treasurer of said Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation.

**Sec. 9. Conveyance of property.** All the property, both real and personal, owned by said Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation at the time this act takes effect, is hereby conveyed to and becomes the property of said Lucerne, and the various officers and other persons in whatsoever capacity shall deliver over to the proper officers of said Lucerne upon their election and qualification in office, all moneys, records, books, papers and other documents belonging to said Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation as heretofore constituted.

**Sec. 10. Representative district to remain.** Until a new apportionment of the state shall be made, the town of Dedham and the town of Lucerne shall remain in the same representative district with which the town of Dedham is now classed.

**Sec. 11. Records and papers.** The records and papers of the town of Dedham shall hereafter be retained by said town of Dedham and each town shall have access to the same.

**Sec. 12. Certain corporate powers to survive.** Chapter 43 of the private and special laws of 1927 is hereby repealed, provided, however, that the corporate powers, duties and liabilities of said Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation shall survive for the purpose of prosecuting and defending suits and causes of suits to which said Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation is or may be a party and all needful process growing out of the same, including provisions for the payment of all or any judgments which may be or has been rendered against said Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation, or outstanding debts which may exist in favor of any creditor.