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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1846.

Chapter 363.

An Act respecting juvenile offenders in the city of Portland.

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

City council authorized to erect a house of reformation.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Portland are hereby authorized to erect a house of reformation in said city, for the reception, employment and reformation of such juvenile offenders as are hereafter named, or to use for these purposes such buildings now erected on the city farm, or such other buildings belonging to the city, as the city council may assign therefor.

—to be under the control of a board of directors.

How appointed.

SECT. 2. Such house of reformation or other buildings appropriated for that purpose, shall be under the control of a board of directors, not exceeding seven, to be annually appointed by the city council, as other subordinate officers of said city are appointed or elected, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duty, and shall have power to make all necessary regulations for the proper management of such house of reformation, and for the custody and employment of the inmates thereof.

Municipal court required to sentence any child residing in said city convicted of living a disorderly life, to said house of reformation.

SECT. 3. The municipal court for the city of Portland upon the complaint, under oath, of the city marshal, or any other police officer, or of any overseer of the poor, director of the house of reformation, or member of the school committee, that any minor child, belonging to the city, or residing therein, lives a disorderly or dissolute life, whose parents are dead, or if living neglect to provide suitable employment for, or to exercise salutary control over such child, or that any child belonging to the city or residing therein, is guilty of such incorrigible obstinacy and bad conduct that he cannot prudently be retained in any public school of the city, shall have power and is hereby required, upon conviction thereof, to sentence such child to the house of reformation herein provided, for a term of time not exceeding six months; saving in all cases the right of appeal from such sentence to the district court under the restrictions now provided by law, in cases of a criminal nature cognizable by the said municipal court. And all the costs and expenses of the proceeding on any such complaint shall be paid by said city.

For a term not exceeding six months.

Right of appeal.

Costs paid by the city.

Right of the city to recover of father, master or guardian.

SECT. 4. The city of Portland shall have the right to recover in an action on the case of the father, master or guardian of any child sentenced as aforesaid, all costs paid and expenses incurred for support under and by virtue of this act, after allowing a reasonable sum for the earnings of such child from any employment in said house of reformation.

SECT. 5. The municipal court aforesaid may discharge from the house of reformation any child sentenced thereto, as herein provided, whenever the directors shall make application for that purpose.

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Any child may be discharged therefrom upon application of the directors to said court.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved July 30, 1846.]

Chapter 364.

An Act to incorporate the Saint Croix River Canal Company.

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

SECTION 1. George Downes, Nehemiah Marks, Anson G. Chandler, William Porter, Seth Emerson, George M. Porter, William P. Trott, Noah Smith, jr., Levi L. Lowell, Ferdinand Tinker, Japheth H. McAllister, William Todd, jr., Abner Hill, Daniel Hill, Gilman D. King, Ninian Lindsay, David Upton, William Eaton, William Pike, Frederick A. Pike, John Stickney, Abner Sawyer, Ephraim C. Gates, Elijah D. Green, William H. C. Stearns, Francis Swan, Jeremiah Bradbury, James S. Pike, Edward Clough, Ansel Dailey, Columbus Bacon, Rendol Whidden, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Saint Croix River Canal Company, with all the rights, liabilities, powers and privileges incident to corporations by the common law and by the seventy-sixth chapter of the laws of Maine, for the purpose of opening and perfecting a water communication by means of a canal and other improvements, from such points on the head waters or streams of said river, and also of the western branch thereof, as said company may deem advisable; and thence down along said river and the western branch thereof, and their lakes, to the tide way at the lower bridge across the same.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges and liabilities.

SECT. 2. Said company shall have the right, privilege and power to improve said river, western branch, streams and lakes, within the points named, by flowage and by removing obstructions, by making excavations and embankments thereon; and to make, excavate, build, construct and erect a canal and sections of slack-water therein and upon their borders; and for this purpose may make all necessary excavations, embankments, locks, gates, dams, pathways, booms, piers, inclined planes, wharves, sluices, and all other things which they may deem necessary and expedient for the

Right to improve said river by flowage, &c.

—to construct a canal.