

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1876.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 198.

An act to authorize the union of the Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library, and to empower the conversion of the same into a Free Public Library.

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

SECT. 1. The Portland Athenæum and the Portland Institute and Public Library are hereby authorized and empowered to unite and consolidate so as to be one corporation, under the name and title of the Portland Institute and Public Library, with all the corporate rights and privileges heretofore conferred upon said corporations, but if it shall appear that there are any conflicting provisions in the charters of said respective corporations, those contained in the charter of the Portland Institute and Public Library shall prevail.

Portland Athenæum and Portland Institute, &c. consolidated into a public library.

Rights and privileges.

SECT. 2. The union and consolidation of said corporations, authorized by the preceding section, shall be accomplished and perfected by the acceptance of this act by the proprietors of the Portland Athenæum and by the corporators of the Portland Institute and Public Library, and by filing in the office of the secretary of state an attested copy of the records of such acceptances.

Consolidation, how perfected.

SECT. 3. Upon the acceptance and filing in the office of the secretary of state provided for in section two, all the estate and property of the Portland Athenæum shall, without further transfer, assignment or conveyance, vest in and become the property of the Portland Institute and Public Library; and each person holding at the time this act is accepted a share in the said Portland Athenæum shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and

Estate to vest in Portland Institute and Public Library.

CHAP. 199. immunities of a life membership of the Portland Institute and Public Library, to be enjoyed and used by the shareholder, or such person living at the time this act is accepted as he shall nominate and appoint; but the then existing officers and by-laws of the Portland Institute and Public Library shall continue to be the officers and by-laws of the consolidated corporation till duly changed.

Officers.

Portland Athenæum to have a separate existence.

SECT. 4. Nothing herein contained shall impair or defeat any lien, claim or demand of any person or persons now existing against said Portland Athenæum or any of its property; and for the purpose of the enforcement of such liens, claims and demands, and for no other purpose, the Portland Athenæum shall be held to have a continued separate existence, and the officers of the consolidated corporation for such purposes shall be held and taken to be its separate officers.

Corporation may be taken for a free library.

SECT. 5. The city of Portland may at any time take the property and rights of said consolidated corporation, to be used and maintained for the purpose of a free public library, under such regulations needful and proper for the management, preservation and protection of the material of such a library as said city may from time to time establish, and whenever the said city shall determine to take the same it shall be held only to pay and discharge any existing debts and liabilities of said corporation.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 20, 1876.

Chapter 199.

An act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Albert P. Gould, Owen W. Davis, junior, Edwin Smith, Joseph E. Moore and John O. Robinson, with their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Katahdin Iron Company, with all the rights, powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities provided in the laws of this state concerning manufacturing corporations; and said corporation is authorized to purchase, lease, or in any legal mode acquire and hold, and to sell, and convey real and personal estate and property to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars at any one time; and to make all necessary by-laws for the furtherance of

Corporate name.

Rights, powers and privileges.

May purchase and hold real and personal estate not exceeding \$500,000.

By-laws.