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OF THE

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## Chapter 232.

CHAP. 232

An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Steam Ferry Company.

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

SECT. 1. Joseph G. Densmore, Joseph W. Spaulding, William T. Hall, A. C. Spaulding, T. J. Southard, A. K. P. Walker, William H. Whitney, George B. Randlette, Charles W. Bickford, Samuel R. Goodwin, Thomas R. Carlton, Louis H. Bickford, Orrin McFadden, Joseph W. Sheldon, Charles E. Allen, their associates, successors and assigns, be and hereby are created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Kennebec Steam Ferry Company, with power by that name to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, and the same at pleasure to change, to ordain and establish suitable by-laws and regulations for the proper management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and to exercise and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporations. The capital stock of said company shall consist of not more than two hundred shares at fifty dollars per share, or ten thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to establish, set up and maintain a ferry across the Kennebec river, between the towns of Richmond and Dresden, Dresden and Perkins, and Richmond and Perkins, with boat or boats to be propelled by steam power; and such other boats as may be found necessary for the accommodation of the public, in the night time, or when the river is obstructed by ice. The season for running said ferry shall be from the opening of the river in the spring to the closing of the same by ice.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the use of said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot passenger, five cents; for each buggy, wagon, chaise, carryall, or other vehicle carrying less than one thousand pounds, with one horse and driver, fifteen cents; each additional horse or person, five cents; each cart, wagon, or other vehicle carrying one thousand pounds or over, with driver, twenty cents; each additional horse with load, ten cents; each wagon, cart, or other vehicle, with one yoke of oxen and driver, twenty-five cents; each neat animal, six cents; each horse without a load eight cents; each sheep or swine, two cents; each horse and rider, thirteen cents; such

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers and privileges.

Capital stock.

Corporation to establish and maintain steam ferry.

Season for running ferry.

Tolls.

CHAP. 232 rates may be modified from time to time by vote of the company, provided that the rates established by this section shall be regarded as the maximum.

Shall at all times keep boats.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall at all times keep at the ferry established by this act, a boat or boats in good repair, suitable and convenient for the accommodation of travelers, their horses, carriages, carts, teams and cattle, and cause ready and due attendance on passengers to be given on all occasions. The hours for running the ferry shall be from six o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock in the evening, after which hours double the above rates may be charged, provided that the company may determine the hours for crossing by steam, and by row boats, respectively. Some boat suitable for the passage of passengers and teams, shall be run on Sundays at convenient hours.

Hours for running ferry.

Boat shall run on Sundays.

May build piers, wharves, etc.

SECT. 5. Said corporation may build, erect, and maintain any piers, wharves, buildings, or other conveniences necessary or useful for said ferry on the shores and landing-places in said towns of Richmond, Dresden and Perkins, at the landings now established by the county commissioners of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties, or at any other places deemed suitable for such landing, and agreed upon by the corporation aforesaid, *provided* that any landings so fixed upon shall be subject to the approval of the aforesaid county commissioners of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties, *provided, also*, that the said corporation shall pay to the owners of the land or privileges so occupied, such damages as the said county commissioners shall assess; either party having the right to appeal as in cases of land taken for highways.

Land damages, how assessed.

Authorized to purchase Parks's ferry.

SECT. 6. That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase of the proprietors of Parks's Ferry, so called, upon written request of said proprietors, all the property, rights and privileges pertaining to said proprietors, at such sum as may be agreed upon by this corporation and said proprietors; and said corporation shall have all the rights, powers and privileges heretofore enjoyed by said proprietors, by the laws of this state; and in case of disagreement as to the price to be paid for said property, rights and privileges, then said price shall be determined by appraisal by the county commissioners of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties, either party having the right to appeal as provided

Price to be determined by county commissioners of Lincoln and Sagadahoc, in case of disagreement.

in section five of this act. All expenses attending such appraisal shall be paid equally by the parties. CHAP. 233

SECT. 7. The towns of Richmond, Dresden and Perkins are hereby jointly or severally authorized to take stock in, furnish aid for, or purchase said ferry and operate the same, with all the powers and privileges conferred on said corporation by this act; and to raise money therefor, by loan, taxation or otherwise.

Certain towns authorized to take stock, etc.

May raise money therefor.

SECT. 8. Any three of the persons named in the first section of this act are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the proprietors, by giving notice thereof in the Richmond Bee, seven days before the time of said meeting.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 9. If the said corporation shall not have been organized, and the said ferry established, according to the provisions of this act, within two years from the time when this act shall be approved, then this act shall be void.

Act void if ferry is not established within two years.

SECT. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 17, 1883.

### Chapter 233.

An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic Pond, and its outlet, in the town of Alfred.

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

SECT. 1. All persons are forbidden to take fish of any kind, through the ice, from Messabesic pond, sometimes called Shaker pond, and its outlet as far down stream as the mill-dam of Littlefield Brothers, in the town of Alfred, county of York.

Taking of fish from Messabesic pond, through the ice, forbidden.

SECT. 2. All persons are forbidden to take fish of any kind from said pond and outlet, in any other way than by hook and line.

Taking other than by hook, forbidden.

SECT. 3. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this act shall pay the sum of five dollars for each fish taken, to be recovered on complaint before any trial justice in said

Penalty for violation of this act.