

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1887.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1887.

Chapter 213.

An Act to amend section one of chapter four hundred and sixty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relative to throwing refuse into Meduxnekeag Stream.

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

Section one of chapter four hundred and sixty of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said section, after the word "tributaries," and before the word "any," the words 'or into the Johnson brook in the town of Littleton,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 1, ch. 460,
Private Laws,
1885, amended.

SECT. 1. No person or persons shall throw or put into that part of the Meduxnekeag stream, running through and above Houlton, or its tributaries, or into the Johnson brook, in the town of Littleton, any waste material coming from the manufacture of shingles, or any slabs or edgings coming from the manufacture of laths or lumber of any kind.'

Throwing of
refuse into
Meduxnekeag
Stream, for-
bidden.

Approved March 10, 1887.

Chapter 214.

An Act to incorporate the Bath Electric Light and Power Company.

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

SECT. 1. Thomas W. Hyde, William T. Donnell, Edwin M. Fuller, Walter G. Webber, Albert H. Shaw, William E. Hogan, Fritz H. Twitchell, Randall D. Bibber, Frank H. Percy, A. Nathan Williams, Frank Brown, William H. Fogg, Charles E. Hyde, Albert G. Page, Junior, James M. Taylor, J. Frank Hayden, Charles R. Donnell, Charles H. Greenleaf, James W. Wakefield, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Bath Electric Light and Power Company, and generally it shall have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities of corporations, as provided in chapter forty-six of the revised statutes, and other laws of this state relating to corporations, so far as applicable, and subject to the provisions of this act.

Corporators.

Corporate nam

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SECT. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to carry on the business of lighting by electricity, such public streets of the city of Bath, and the several towns in the county of Sagadahoc, and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said corporation and the owners or those having control of such places to be lighted; and may furnish motive power by electricity within said city and towns and limits; and may build and operate manufactories and works for the providing and supplying of electricity and light and power, and may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for the proper objects of the corporation, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars; and to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity, sub-marine, under ground, upon, under and along and over any and all streets and ways, under the direction of the municipal officers of said city and towns respectively; and in public places in such a manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, and to establish and maintain, under direction of said municipal officers, all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurtenances, and terminating at such points as may be expedient.

Authorized to furnish light.

—power.

—hold real estate.

—to lay, etc., wires.

Must first obtain consent of municipal officers to erect or lay wires.

SECT. 3. For the erecting said wires above ground and for laying the same, or pipes therefor, sub-marine or underground, and for taking up, replacing and repairing the same, said company shall first obtain the consent of the municipal officers of said city or towns, and perform all said acts as directed by said municipal officers; and said company shall repay to any city or town any sum which such city or town may have been compelled to pay on any judgment for any damages caused by a defect or want of repair in the streets thereof, due to the neglect of said company, or on any judgment for damages caused by the negligence of said company in the erecting and maintaining of any posts, wires or appurtenances connected with said business.

Liability for damages to streets.

Shall not obstruct streets.

SECT. 4. Said company, at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any street, made in erecting or laying the lines for such purposes, and cause earth or pavements disturbed to be properly replaced. It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain, or gas pipe, or sewer, telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or, when neces-

Shall not impair the use of public or private drains.

sary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

SECT. 5. Damages for any land taken for the purposes of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands taken for railroads.

Damages for land taken, how estimated.

SECT. 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect or diminish the liability of said corporation for any injury to private property, by depreciating the value thereof or otherwise, but any legal remedies existing shall continue.

Act not to affect liability for injury to private property.

SECT. 7. The municipal authorities of the city and the selectmen of said towns, for the time being, shall, at all times, have the power to regulate and control the acts and doings of said corporation, which may in any manner affect the health or safety, or becomes a nuisance to the inhabitants of said city or towns.

Municipal authorities shall have power to regulate acts of corporation.

SECT. 8. The capital stock of said company shall not be less than ten thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which may, by vote of said company, be increased to fifty thousand dollars.

Capital stock.

SECT. 9. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds for the construction of its works, upon such rates and time as it may deem expedient, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, and to secure the same by mortgage or deed of trust of the franchise, property and estate of said corporation.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

SECT. 10. The first meeting of said company may be called by either corporator giving five days' written notice, by mail, to his associates, stating the time and place thereof, or by publication of such notice at least once in a newspaper published in said Bath, said publication to be at least five days before the time of said meeting.

First meeting, how called.

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

Approved March 10, 1887.