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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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and sell at public sale, so many thereof as shall be necessary to pay such toll and costs and charges, notice of the time and place of such sale, ten days before such sale, being first given in some newspaper printed at Bangor and Dover, and when said corporation shall from tolls be reimbursed for its expenditures, and eight per cent interest thereon, the tolls shall cease.

Waters of Wilson stream, shall not be held back unnecessarily.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall not hold back and retain any of the water of said Wilson stream, except during such times as may be necessary for driving logs and lumber, as provided for in this act.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 22, 1893.

Chapter 550.

An Act to divide the towns of Poland and Minot and incorporate the town of Mechanic Falls.

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

Territory and limits.

SECT. 1. That part of the town of Minot lying westerly of the following described line: beginning at the mouth of Bog brook, so called, thence up said brook to Gardner brook, so called, thence up said Gardner brook to the Oxford town line; and all that part of the town of Poland lying northerly and easterly of the following described line: beginning at the point where the Oxford town line crosses Winter brook, so called, thence up said brook to the outlet of Tripp pond, so called, thence easterly in a straight line to the forks of the road north of A. D. Garland's dwelling house, thence by the southerly side of the road leading to Mechanic Falls to the Cousins brook, thence down said brook to the Waterhouse brook, thence easterly in a straight line to the southerly corner of the Alanson Briggs farm, thence northeasterly by the lot line to Little Androscoggin river; together with the inhabitants thereof, is incorporated into a separate town by the name of Mechanic Falls; and said town of Mechanic Falls is hereby invested with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and obligations, incident to other towns of the state.

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SECT. 2. The several inhabitants of the town of Mechanic Falls shall be holden to pay all taxes which have been legally assessed upon them by the several towns of Poland and Minot, and the several collectors of taxes for said towns of Poland and Minot are hereby authorized and required to collect and pay all taxes to them already committed under their respective warrants. All moneys now in the treasury of each of said towns of Poland and Minot, and all sums which shall hereafter be received from taxes heretofore assessed, shall be applied to the several purposes for which they were raised, and in case of any excess shall be applied by the treasurers of each of said towns to the payment of the indebtedness of their several towns.

Town holden, to pay all taxes assessed by the towns of Poland and Minot.

—all moneys in treasuries and all taxes received, shall be applied to purpose for which raised.

SECT. 3. The existing liabilities of the town of Poland shall be divided as follows: the town debt, funded and floating, shall be borne by said town of Poland and said town of Mechanic Falls as follows: the town of Mechanic Falls shall pay to said town of Poland the sum of seven thousand dollars in full as its proportion of the existing liabilities of said town of Poland, and the town of Poland shall pay all the balance and remainder of said existing liabilities. The existing liabilities of the town of Minot shall be divided as follows: the town debt, funded and floating, shall be borne by said town of Minot and said town of Mechanic Falls as follows: the town of Minot shall be held to pay the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, in full of its part of the existing debts and liabilities of said Minot, and the town of Mechanic Falls shall be held to pay the balance of said existing liabilities of the town of Minot. After division, all paupers now supported by the aid of the town of Poland shall be maintained and supported by the town in whose territory they reside at the time of the passage of this act, except that the town of Mechanic Falls shall be held in addition, to support all paupers of said town of Poland who resided within the limits of said town of Mechanic Falls at the time they became paupers, and also of all paupers of said town of Poland who resided within the limits of said town of Mechanic Falls at the time they last received assistance as paupers from said town of Poland. And except also, that in case either of said towns of Poland and Mechanic Falls is dissatisfied with such division of said paupers, it may at any time within one year after the passage of this act, by its municipal officers

How existing liabilities of Poland, shall be divided.

—how existing liabilities of Minot shall be divided.

—division of pauper liabilities.

if either town is dissatisfied, it may petition to supreme judicial court for appointment of commission to make equitable division.

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petition to any judge of the supreme judicial court at a term of said court held in Androscoggin county, who shall appoint a commission of three disinterested men, who shall make an equitable division of the paupers between said towns and determine what paupers heretofore supported by said town of Poland, off its town farm, shall thereafter be supported by each of said towns, and their determination shall be final and binding upon each of said towns. The town of Minot shall assume the support of all paupers now on its town farm, also of the Mark Goodwin family, now supported off the farm. The town of Mechanic Falls shall assume the support of the George Chandler family and Wilson P. Berry family, also of John Bicknell and Emma Trundy. Each town shall henceforth bear all expenses for the care and maintenance of all roads and bridges within its respective limits.

Division of
public property.

SECT. 4. The town house and lot and the town farms of the town of Poland, together with all personal property thereon, shall be held and owned by said town of Poland; all the other property, real and personal, of the town of Poland shall be held and owned by the towns of Poland and Mechanic Falls respectively, according to the town where said property is located; and neither of said towns shall be held to pay the other any compensation therefor. The town farm in the town of Minot together with all personal property thereon; one road machine, and the safe now in the office of the treasurer of said town, shall be held and owned by said town of Minot. All the other existing property in the town of Minot shall be held and owned by the town of Mechanic Falls, and neither of said towns shall be held to pay to the other any compensation therefor.

School District
No. 1 in Minot,
authorized to
convey school
property to
Mechanic Falls.

SECT. 5. School district Number One, in the town of Minot, is hereby authorized at a meeting duly called for the purpose, to vote to convey all its school property to the town of Mechanic Falls. Scholars from the towns of Minot and Poland, shall be admitted without payment of tuition to the high school of Mechanic Falls on the same terms and subject to the same regulations as scholars residing in the town of Mechanic Falls, provided, however, that should said high school become over crowded by reason of such attendance, the superintending school committee may exclude such scholars not residing in said town of Mechanic Falls as it may deem for the best interest of said school.

Scholars of
Minot and
Poland, shall be
admitted to high
school of
Mechanic Falls.

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SECT. 6. The records and papers of the towns of Poland and Minot respectively, shall be hereafter retained by said towns respectively, but said town of Mechanic Falls shall have access to the same.

Records, how disposed of.

SECT. 7. Said town of Mechanic Falls, by its committee for that purpose duly chosen, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with any duly organized company for furnishing municipal lighting and for the supply of water for domestic, sanitary, municipal, commercial and fire purposes, and for such exemption from public burden as may be agreed upon, and such contract, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto. And said town is hereby authorized to own, hold, maintain and operate either by purchase or construction, such a system of water works or municipal lighting in its corporate capacity, and may issue its bonds therefor upon such rates and times as it may deem expedient, not exceeding in amount the cost of said works, and secure the same by mortgage on said works.

May contract for light and water supply.

—authorized to own water and light plants.

SECT. 8. Until a new apportionment of the state shall be made, that part of the town of Mechanic Falls now in the town of Poland shall remain in the same representative district in which the town of Poland is now classed; and that part of Mechanic Falls now in the town of Minot shall remain in the same representative district in which the town of Minot is now classed; and at all state elections, until a new state representative apportionment is made, the inhabitants of that part of Mechanic Falls now in the town of Minot, shall vote in Minot, and the inhabitants of that part of Mechanic Falls now in the town of Poland shall vote in Poland; and said inhabitants of Mechanic Falls shall, at all such elections, have all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the provisions of law regulating voting at state elections, in the towns of Minot and Poland, respectively, precisely the same as if the town of Mechanic Falls had not been incorporated, and the legal voters of Mechanic Falls shall have place upon the check lists of Minot and Poland respectively used at state elections, until such new state representative apportionment aforesaid.

Representative districts.

—where inhabitants shall vote in state elections.

—rights of inhabitants of Mechanic Falls, at all elections.

SECT. 9. Any justice of the peace in the county of Androscoggin may issue his warrant to any legal voter of the town of Mechanic Falls, directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof to meet at a time and place specified in said warrant,

Notice for choice of town officers, how called.

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giving at least seven days' notice therefor, for the choice of town officers, and to transact such business as towns are authorized to do.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 22, 1893.

Chapter 551.

An Act to enable the County of Washington to aid in the construction of the Maine Shore Line Railroad.

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

County of Wash-
ington, author-
ized to loan its
credit to Maine
Shore Line
Railroad.

SECT. 1. The county of Washington is hereby authorized to lend its credit for the purpose of aiding the construction of the Maine Shore Line Railroad to the extent of three hundred thousand dollars hereinafter provided.

Authorized to
subscribe for
preferred stock.

SECT. 2. The said county of Washington is hereby authorized to subscribe three hundred thousand dollars to the preferred stock of said railroad company and to pay for the said stock by delivering to said railroad companies, three hundred thousand dollars of the bonds of said county or pay three hundred thousand dollars as hereinafter provided. Said preferred stock shall be guaranteed to receive dividends at the rate of five per cent per annum for each year that stock dividends are earned by said railroad before any dividends shall be declared or paid upon the common stock of said railroad company, but at no time shall the dividends on the common stock be greater than the dividends on the preferred stock.

—payment of
dividends,
guaranteed.

Propositions, to
be submitted to
the voters in the
county.

SECT. 3. Immediately upon written application of a majority of the directors of said railroad, after the passage of this act, the county commissioners shall issue warrants to aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and the assessors of plantations, commanding them to warn and notify the voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations, to meet upon the day named in the warrant of said county commissioners at the places and in the manner provided by law for holding city, town and plantation meetings, and to then and there give in their votes upon the following question: 'Shall the county commissioners and county treasurer in the name and