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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Chapter 647.

An Act to authorize the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company to use electricity as well as steam for a motive power.

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

The Maine Shore Line Railroad Company, a body corporate existing under an act of the legislature of Maine entitled "An Act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company," approved March four in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred eighty-one, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, is hereby expressly authorized to use electricity as well as steam for a motive power in the operation of its railroad.

Company authorized to use electric, as well as steam power.

Approved March 29, 1893.

Chapter 648.

An Act to incorporate the Oxford Light and Power Company.

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

SECT. 1. Freeland Howe, George L. Beal, H. M. Bearce, George A. Wilson, Oscar H. Hersey, George E. Macomber, Orville D. Baker, J. Manchester Haynes, John F. Hill and H. L. Shepherd, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Oxford Light and Power Company with authority to manufacture and supply light, heat and power, through gas or electricity, or both, throughout the towns of Paris and Norway, in the county of Oxford, for all public, private and municipal purposes, and to purchase, lease, hold and sell real and personal estate for the several objects aforesaid to the amount of their capital stock ; and generally said corporation shall have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities of corporations as set forth in the forty-sixth chapter of the revised statutes.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

—purposes.

SECT. 2. The said company is hereby authorized to lay down and maintain in, under, through, along and across the highways, ways, streets, railroads and bridges in the towns of Paris and Norway, and to take up and replace all such pipes and fixtures ; and to erect and maintain therein such

Authorize to lay pipes along highways.

—erects posts and wires.

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—may enter any street, under restrictions imposed by municipal officers.

posts, wires and fixtures as may be necessary for the objects of its incorporation; and may enter upon and dig up any road, street or way in the said towns, for the objects aforesaid; under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the selectmen of said towns, and in general, may do any other acts and things necessary, convenient or proper to be done for the complete establishment and maintenance of its works and plant; provided, always, that the said company shall at its own expense and to the satisfaction of the selectmen of said towns, without unnecessary delay, repair the said highways, streets and ways in every part where they shall be so entered upon and dug up, and restore the covering, pavement and sidewalks thereof respectively.

Liability for damage to streets.

SECT. 3. The said company shall be liable in all cases to repay to said towns all sums of money that said towns, or either of them, may be obliged to pay on any judgment recovered against them, for damages occasioned by any obstruction, taking up or displacement of any street or road by said company, together with counsel fees and other expenses necessarily incurred in defending the same; provided, that said company shall have notice of any suit wherein such damages shall be claimed and shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

May cross any private or public sewer.

SECT. 4. The said company shall have power to cross any water course, private or public sewer, or to change the direction thereof, where necessary for the purposes of its incorporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof; and said company shall be liable for any damage caused thereby.

—damages.

May contract to supply light, heat and power.

SECT. 5. The said company is hereby authorized to make contracts with the United States, the state, and with corporations and inhabitants of any city or town in said county, for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power, as contemplated by this act and by the purposes of said corporation; and the said towns or either of them, through their selectmen, or any city, through its city council, are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for such purposes from time to time, as they may deem expedient.

—towns may contract for same.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds in such amounts and on such times and terms as it may from time to time determine, for any money which it may borrow for any purpose sanctioned by law in aid of the pur-

poses specified in this act, and secure the same by a mortgage of all franchises and property hereby conferred or hereafter acquired by it through lease or consolidation. All bonds which shall be issued by said company shall be binding and collectible in law, notwithstanding such bonds may be negotiated and sold by said corporation or its agents, at less than their par value.

SECT. 7. Whenever it is practicable to use the existing poles of any electric light, telephone or telegraph company, or any tree or structure of any kind, for any of the wires of said corporation, and the owners thereof consent to the free use of the same, or at a price satisfactory to said corporation, the said corporation shall make use of the same; and the decision as to the practicability of such use shall be left to three persons skilled in the science of electricity, one to be chosen by said corporation, one by the municipal officers, and the third by the two so chosen; the decision of the majority of said board shall be final, and the expense of said tribunal shall be borne by said corporation. In the erection and maintenance of its poles, posts and wires, the said corporation shall be subject to the general laws of the state, regulating the erection of posts and lines for the purposes of electricity.

May us existing poles, etc.

Practicability to use, how decided.

SECT. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to consolidate with, or to acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise, all franchises, property, capital stock, rights, privileges and immunities of any or all corporations now existing and doing business within said towns of Paris and Norway, under charters conferring powers similar to those of this corporation, also of any corporation hereafter formed by special charter or under the general law for the purpose of operating any street railway, including within its limits said towns of Paris and Norway, and in such case of such consolidation, lease or purchase, this corporation shall be entitled to all the privileges, and be subject to all appropriate conditions and limitations contained in the charters thus united with or acquired.

May consolidate with, or lease rights of other companies.

SECT. 9. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

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First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 10. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called in the manner provided in the revised statutes, chapter forty-six, section three.

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

Approved March 29, 1893.

Chapter 649.

An Act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

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

Act of appro-
priation for
1893.

SECT. 1. In order to provide for the several acts and resolves of the legislature, requiring the payment of money from the treasury, and also provide for the necessary expenditures of government for the current fiscal year of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the following sums are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, and the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is authorized, at any time prior to the first day of January next, to draw his warrant on the treasurer for the same:

Salaries of public officers, eighty thousand dollars,	80,000 00
Governor's private secretary, one thousand two hundred dollars,	1,200 00
Clerks in secretary of state's office, three thousand two hundred dollars,	3,200 00
Clerks in the treasurer's office, three thousand three hundred dollars,	3,300 00
Clerk in the adjutant general's office, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Clerk in superintendent of school's office, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Clerk in insurance commissioner's office, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Pension clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars,	1,200 00
Stenographer to chief justice of supreme judicial court, one thousand five hundred dollars,	1,500 00
Messenger to governor and council, five hundred dollars,	500 00