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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1899.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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eighteen hundred and ninety-five, chapter four hundred and fifty-six of the private and special laws for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven are hereby extended for two years additional; and the persons named in said acts, their associates and successors, shall have all the rights, powers and privileges that were granted them by said acts, to be exercised for the same purposes as specified in said acts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 11, 1899.

Chapter 134.

An Act to authorize the Castine Water Company to engage in the business of electric lighting and furnishing electric power.

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

Section 1. The Castine Water Company, a corporation duly existing by law, and having a place of business at Castine, in the county of Hancock, state of Maine, is hereby authorized and empowered to carry on the business of making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying electricity for lighting, heating, manufacturing or mechanical purposes, in said town of Castine.

Castine Water Company authorized to furnish electric light and power.

Section 2. For the purposes mentioned in section one of this act, said company is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the inhabitants of said town, with the United States and with the state of Maine.

May make contracts to furnish light and power.

Section 3. For the purposes contained in section one of this act, the inhabitants of said town are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract with said company whenever a majority of the legal voters of said town may determine so to do at any annual meeting of said inhabitants, or at a special meeting duly called for said purpose; provided, however, that no more than four special meetings of said inhabitants shall be called during one year for the purpose of voting upon any contract herein authorized.

Towns may make contract with company.

—meetings called for such purposes.

Section 4. Said company may lease, purchase and hold such real estate and personal property as may be necessary or convenient to enable it to carry out the provisions of this act, may erect its poles in and upon the public ways and places in said town, and may affix its wires and lights to said poles, or extend its wires in and over the public lands in said town, and may maintain, remove, repair or replace any or all of its poles, lights

May hold real and personal estate.

—powers and privileges.

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or wires as may be necessary and proper in the transaction of its business; provided, however, that in all such work, said company shall be subject to the same restrictions as are imposed upon corporations of like kind, formed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five; and provided further, that whenever it shall be necessary to trim fruit or ornamental shade trees for the purposes of erecting poles or placing wires, if the owner of the land upon which such trees may stand cannot agree with said company as to the amount of trimming necessary, then the municipal officers shall determine the same, and their determination shall be final.

Location of poles, how determined.

Section 5. The location of poles in the public ways and places in said town shall be determined in the same manner and under the same restrictions as the location of poles is determined, by the provisions of chapter one hundred and two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

Section 6. To carry out the provisions of this act, said Castine Water Company may issue its bonds to an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, on such time, in such denomination, and at such rate of interest as it may determine, and secure the payment of said bonds and interest thereon by a mortgage or trust deed of its electric light property and franchise. Said bonds shall be designated as Castine Water Company Electric Light Bonds.

Liable to town of Castine, for damages.

Section 7. Said company shall repay the said town of Castine any sum of money which said 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 negligence of said company, or any judgment for damages caused by the neglect of said company in the erecting and maintaining poles, wires or appurtenances connected with the said business; provided said company shall have had notice in writing of any suit wherein such damages are claimed, and shall have been allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

Shall not obstruct the use of any telephone or telegraph.

Section 8. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private telephone or telegraph wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the direction of any private wire in such a manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner of such private wire for any injury occasioned thereby in an action on the case.

Section 9. This act shall take effect when approved.