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upon real or personal property conveyed to it in trust, to secure the payment of such bonds or obligations and the interest thereon; third, to hold for safe keeping all kinds of personal or mixed property, and to act as agents for the owners thereof, and of real estate for the collection of income on the same, and for the sale of the same, and to act as agent for issuing, registering and countersigning certificates, bonds, stocks and all evidences of debt or ownership in property; fourth, to hold by grant, assignment, transfer, devise or bequest any real or personal property or trusts duly created, and to execute trusts of every description; fifth, to act as assignee, receiver, executor, and no surety shall be necessary upon the bond of the corporation, unless the court or officer approving such bond shall require it; sixth, to hold and enjoy all such estates, real, personal and mixed, as may be obtained by the investment of its capital stock or any other moneys and funds that may come into its possession in the course of its business and dealings, and the same sell, grant, mortgage and dispose of except as provided in section ten; seventh, to do in general all the business that may lawfully be done by a trust or banking company; eighth, to erect, construct, own, maintain and operate safety deposit and storage vaults for the safe keeping of valuables, and to rent and hire boxes, safes and space in the same, to purchase, lease, acquire, hold, sell, and dispose of real estate and all other property, and to do all and every act incident to said business, and to guarantee titles to real estates, and the legality and regularity of corporate stocks and bonds.'

Section 2. The said corporation may establish branches at Winthrop in the county of Kennebec and Bingham in the county of Somerset.

Authorized  
to establish  
branches.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1899.

## Chapter 139.

An Act creating the Dixfield Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The land in the town of Dixfield, embraced within the following limits: Commencing at a point in the center of Webb's river at the northwest corner of the homestead lot now occupied by Ernest L. Holt and known as the Wallace E. Hutchinson place, thence easterly by the northerly line of said Hutchinson place to the county road leading from Dixfield vil-

Boundaries.

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—corporate  
name.

Authorized  
to raise  
money.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with the power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money for the following purposes; to create and maintain a fire department, with all necessary engines, equipments, appliances and apparatus for the prevention and extinguishment of fires; to light its streets; for the location, construction and repairs of reservoirs and aqueducts; for the procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for handling and distributing the same, and to procure water for fire and municipal purposes, and said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with any individual, firm or corporation to furnish lights and water, either or both, for the purposes aforesaid; for building, repairing and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing and maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and caring for shade trees; for the purchasing or renting real estate for any of the above purposes, and may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for any of the above purposes.

How money  
shall be  
raised and  
assessed.

Section 3. All moneys which shall be raised for the purposes aforesaid, or for any other purposes for which the corporation may lawfully raise money, shall be assessed upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the limits of the corporation by the assessors thereof, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town and county taxes, and said assessors may copy and adopt the last valuation of the property within said corporation as made by the assessors of said town of Dixfield, and assess the tax thereon, or they may correct said

valuation, or may make a new one thereof, and assess the tax on that valuation, and may make abatements of taxes in the same manner as assessors of towns may do, and the tax on polls shall be one dollar. The whole tax assessed on the property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the last valuation as made or adopted by the assessors of said corporation, provided, however, said corporation shall have the right to raise money by loan for the location, construction, and repairs of reservoirs and aqueducts, for the procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for handling and distributing the same, and for purchasing real estate for said purposes, at a legal meeting called therefor, but the total indebtedness incurred thereby, shall at no time exceed five per cent of the valuation aforesaid.

—rate and valuation.

—may raise money by loan for certain purposes.

Section 4. The officers of said corporation shall be a clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector and three fire wardens, who shall be chosen by ballot, and such other officers as the by-laws of said corporation may require. Said corporation is empowered to adopt, at any legal meeting, called for that purpose, a code of by-laws for the government of the same, and for the management of its fire department aforesaid, and for the proper management of its prudential affairs and other purposes connected therewith, provided said by-laws are not repugnant to the laws of the state. The officers aforesaid shall be sworn by the clerk or a justice of the peace, and the collector and treasurer shall each give bond to the inhabitants of said corporation, in such sum as the assessors may direct, which bond shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

Officers.

—by-laws.

—officers shall be sworn and collector and treasurer give bond.

Section 5. Said assessors shall be the general municipal officers of said corporation and shall have general charge of its affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein, except so far as the same may be committed to other officers or persons.

Assessors shall have charge of affairs.

Section 6. The fire wardens shall have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire wardens have, or may have, chosen by towns in town meeting. The compensation of all the officers herein provided for shall be fixed by the corporation.

Powers of fire wardens.

—compensation.

Section 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation, by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money voted to be raised by taxation, at any meeting, for any of the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of persons residing within said corporation, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver the lists of the assessments so made to the collector,

Assessment of taxes.

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—duty of collector and treasurer.

whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by collectors for towns. And said collector shall pay over all moneys collected by him to the treasurer of said corporation, whenever the assessors shall so direct. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of said corporation to receive all money belonging to the corporation, and to pay it out only upon the written order or direction of the assessors, and to keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and to exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested. And said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes. And said collector shall have the same rights and powers to recover any taxes committed to him by suit, that town collectors have by law, to recover any taxes committed to them, and the corporation shall have the same rights that towns have by law to recover taxes by suit.

—mode of collecting taxes.

—power of collector.

Eligibility of voters.

Section 8. All persons residing within the limits of said corporation who would be legal voters in the town of Dixfield, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

First meeting, how called.

Section 9. Newton S. Stowell, Don A. Gates or Willis W. Wait, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public and conspicuous places within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until after a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the said corporation, a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

How subsequent meetings shall be called.

Section 10. The assessors shall call all subsequent meetings of the corporation by posting up notices thereof at two public and conspicuous places within the limits of said corporation, stating the time, place and object of each meeting, seven days at least before the time appointed for the meeting. The annual meetings for the election of officers of said corporation after the first, shall be held in the month of March in each year. In case the assessors of said corporation unreasonably refuse to call a meeting, any justice of the peace may call a meeting of the corporation, on petition of ten legal voters, by posting notice in the manner hereinbefore provided.

—meetings for election of officers.

Acceptance of charter.

Section 11. At any first meeting of said corporation, called agreeable to section nine of this act, at any time prior to the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and one, the legal voters within said territory shall by ballot, vote

on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of the voters present and voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then this act shall take effect, and the corporation shall then proceed to organize and choose its officers.

Section 12. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor, so far as to empower the calling of said first meeting and if its charter shall be accepted, as provided in section eleven of this act, then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts.

When act shall take effect.

Approved March 15, 1899.

## Chapter 140.

An Act to incorporate the Houlton Trust Company.

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

Section 1. Joseph A. Browne, Leland O. Ludwig, Frederick A. Powers, Silas T. Plummer, Don A. H. Powers and Simon Friedman, or such of them as may by vote accept this charter, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate and politic to be known as the Houlton Trust Company, and as such shall be possessed of all the powers, privileges and immunities and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred on corporations by law.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

Section 2. The corporation hereby created shall be located at Houlton, Aroostook county, Maine.

Location.

Section 3. The purposes of said corporation and the business which it may perform, are; first, to receive on deposit, money, coin, bank notes, evidences of debt, accounts of individuals, companies, corporations, municipalities and states, allowing interest thereon, if agreed, or as the by-laws of said corporation shall provide; second, to borrow money, to loan money on credits, or real estate, or personal security, and to negotiate loans and sales for others; third, to own and maintain safe deposit vaults, with boxes, safes and other facilities therein, to be rented to other parties for the safe keeping of moneys, securities, stocks, jewelry, plate, valuable papers and documents, and other property susceptible of being deposited therein, and may receive on deposit for safe keeping, property of any kind entrusted to it for that purpose; fourth, to act as agent for issuing, registering and countersigning certificates, bonds, stocks, and all evidences of debt or ownership in property; fifth, to hold by grant, assignment, transfer, devise or bequest, any

Purposes.