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to be paid therefor, either party on petition to the county commissioners of Somerset county may have said damage assessed by them; and subsequent proceedings and rights of appeal thereon shall be had in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways.

—damages,
and
subsequent
proceedings.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1903.

Chapter 116.

An Act relative to the Clinton Electric Light and Power Company.

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

Section 1. The Clinton Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state of Maine, is hereby authorized to make, generate, sell, distribute and supply gas and electricity for lighting, heating, manufacturing and mechanical purposes in the town of Clinton.

Clinton
Electric Light
and Power
Company
authorized to
supply gas
and elec-
tricity in
town of
Clinton.

Section 2. The inhabitants of the town of Clinton are hereby authorized to contract with said company for lighting said town for such time and upon such terms as they may by vote determine.

Inhabitants
may contract
for lighting
town.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1903.

Chapter 117.

An Act to incorporate the Saint John River Toll Bridge Company.

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

Section 1. Allen E. Hammond, Peter C. Keegan, Charles A. Milliken, Arthur W. Brown, Thomas Malcolm, Thomas J. Cochran, John M. Stevens, Henry A. Gagnon and Earle H. Gowling, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of the Saint John River Toll Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge across the Saint John river between the town of Van Buren, in the county of Aroostook, in the state

Corporators.

—corporate
name.

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—may unite
with a similar
corporation.

of Maine, and the parish of Saint Leonards, in the county of Madawaska, in the province of New Brunswick, and for said purpose and all others herein mentioned or incidental thereto, may consolidate or unite with any corporation organized for a similar purpose, acting in behalf of, or under, or by virtue of an act or authority granted by the legislature of the province of New Brunswick, or the parliament of the dominion of Canada, and all of the authority which may be conferred by such act of the legislature or parliament aforesaid, is likewise authorized and granted by this act, to the corporation formed by such consolidation, even though not specifically mentioned herein; and said corporation, or the corporation formed by such consolidation, shall have power to purchase and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary for the use and purposes of said corporation, and the more advantageous carrying on of its business and accomplishment of its objects; may prosecute and defend suits at law, may have and use a common seal, may make by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and shall enjoy all the other powers and privileges incident to or usually granted to similar corporations.

—may
purchase and
hold real
estate.

Location of
bridge.

—manner of
construction.

Section 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Saint John river opposite Van Buren village, in the town of Van Buren, in the most practicable place, shall be constructed of good materials, of a suitable height from the water, and not less than twenty-four feet wide, with suitable and sufficient coverings and railings for the safety of passengers, and sufficient passage ways shall be left for the passage of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

Toll
established.

—rate of toll.

Section 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of this corporation or the corporation formed by such consolidation, according to the rates following, namely: For every foot passenger five cents, for each horse and rider eight cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise, chair or sulky drawn by one beast ten cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by two beasts fifteen cents, for each additional horse or beast beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons five cents, for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules and asses, three cents, for sheep and swine two cents each, and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of the vehicles above named, but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll, and said tolls may be commuted by this corporation or such corporation formed by the union or consolidation as aforesaid, by taking of him or them a smaller sum for the season, or for tickets sold in quantities.

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Section 4. At the place of collecting tolls, this corporation, or the corporation formed by such union or consolidation, shall keep constantly exposed to the public view a board or sign upon which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll house, the gates shall be left open and the bridge toll free, and said toll shall commence on the day when the bridge is first opened for passengers.

Rates of toll shall be kept exposed to public view.

Section 5. If this corporation or a corporation formed by the union or consolidation of this corporation as provided for in this act, shall fail to begin the erection of such bridge within four years from the approval of this act, and to have the same ready for use by the first of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, then this act shall be void and of no effect.

Time of commencement of erection, and of completion of bridge, fixed.

Section 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be forty thousand dollars, which may be increased to fifty thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and said company may issue bonds to an amount not exceeding the amount of its capital stock, for the construction of its bridge, to be secured by mortgage on its real and personal estate and franchise.

Capital stock.

—may issue bonds secured by mortgage.

Section 7. Any three of the persons named in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation intended to be formed under the provisions of this act, by giving in hand to each of the corporators, or by mailing to him a notice of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of organizing, seven days before the day of meeting.

First meeting, how called.

Section 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1903.

Chapter 118.

An Act to amend Chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

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

Section nine of chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby amended as follows: the word "eight" in the first line of said section is stricken out and the word 'ten' inserted so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 9 of chapter 154 of the special laws of 1895, amended.