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and thereafterwards the state treasurer shall pay over to the said corporation each year during the term of said contract the amount provided in this section.

Section 17. Said corporation may issue its bonds from time to time upon such rates and times as may be deemed expedient, and in such amounts as may be required for the purposes of this act, and secure the same by appropriate mortgages upon its franchises and property.

May issue
bonds.

Section 18. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by any corporator within named by notice thereof in writing signed by said corporator and given in hand or mailed to each of the other corporators, at least seven days before said meeting, and any corporator may act at said meeting, by written proxy.

First meeting,
how called.

Section 19. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting the rights as now provided by law for minority stockholders in any company or corporation to be affected hereby.

Rights of
minority
stockholders.

Section 20. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 11, 1903.

Chapter 160.

An Act to incorporate the Houlton and Woodstock Electric Railroad Company.

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

Section 1. George Ingraham, Joseph A. Browne, Clarence H. Pearce, John Watson, Don A. H. Powers, Ransford W. Shaw, Charles D. Merritt, John B. Madigan, Leland O. Ludwig, Frank M. Hume, Hudson T. Frisbie, Willard S. Lewin, James Archibald and Harry M. Briggs, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Houlton and Woodstock Electric Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a street railroad, to be operated by horse power or electricity with convenient single and double tracks, side tracks, switches or turnouts, with any necessary or convenient line of poles, wires, appliances, appurtenances or conduits, from the east line of the town of Houlton westward across the town of Houlton to and into the towns of Hodgdon, Linneus, New Limerick, Littleton and Ludlow, in the county of Aroostook, and from and to such other points and upon and over such other streets and ways, in the towns of Houlton, Hodgdon, Linneus, New Limerick, Littleton and Ludlow, as shall from

Corporators.

—corporate
name.

location of
route.

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time to time be fixed and determined by the municipal officers of said towns, and assented to in writing by said corporation, and shall also have authority to construct, maintain and use said railroad over and upon any lands where the land damages have been mutually settled by said corporation and the owners thereof; provided, however, that all tracks of said railroad shall be laid at such distances from the sidewalk in any of said towns as the municipal officers thereof shall, in their order fixing the routes and locations of said railroad, determine to be for public safety and convenience. The written assent of said corporation to any vote of the municipal officers of either of said towns, prescribing from time to time, the routes of said railroad therein, shall be filed with the clerk of said town, and shall be taken and deemed to be the location thereof. Said corporation shall have power, from time to time, to fix such rates of compensation for transporting persons and property as it may think expedient, and 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.

—proviso.

Municipal officers may regulate rate of speed, removal of snow, etc.

Section 2. The municipal officers of said towns shall have power, at all times, to make all regulations as to the rate of speed, the removal of snow and ice from the streets, roads and ways by said company at its expense, and the manner of use of tracks of said railroad within each of said towns as public convenience and safety may require.

Repairs on portions of streets occupied.

Section 3. Said corporation shall keep and maintain in repair such portions of the streets and ways as shall be occupied by the tracks of said railroad, and shall make all other repairs of said streets, roads and ways within either of said towns which in the opinion of the municipal officers of said towns may be rendered necessary by the occupation of the same by said railroad and if not repaired upon reasonable notice, such repairs may be made by said towns at the expense of said corporation.

Obstruction of tracks, how punished.

Section 4. If any person shall wilfully or maliciously obstruct said corporation in the use of its roads or tracks or the passing of the cars or carriages of said corporation thereon, such person and all who shall aid or abet therein, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or with imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding sixty days.

Capital stock.

Section 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

May hold real and personal estate.

Section 6. Said corporation shall have the power to lease, purchase or hold such real or personal estate as may be necessary and convenient for the purpose of management of said road.

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Section 7. Said railroad shall be constructed and maintained in each of said towns, in such form and manner and upon such grade and with such rails as the municipal officers of said town shall direct, and whenever in the judgment of the said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any street or way, said alteration may be made at the sole expense of said corporation, provided, the same shall be assented to by the municipal officers of the town wherein said grade so sought to be changed is located. If the tracks of said corporation's railroad cross any other railroad, and a dispute arises in any way in regard to the manner of crossing, the board of railroad commissioners of this state shall, upon hearing, decide and determine in writing in what manner the crossing shall be made, and it shall be constructed accordingly.

Construction shall be in form designated by municipal officers.

—altering grade.

Section 8. Said corporation may change the location of said railroad at any time by first obtaining the written consent of the municipal officers of the town in which the change is so sought to be made, and to make additional locations subject to the foregoing provisions and conditions.

Location of, how changed.

Section 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the proper authorities of either of said towns from entering upon and taking up any of the streets or ways in either of said towns, occupied by said railroad for any purpose for which they may lawfully take up the same.

Mutual rights of towns to take up streets.

Section 10. No other person or corporation shall be permitted to construct or maintain any railroad for similar purposes over the same streets or ways that may be lawfully occupied by this corporation, but any person or corporation lawfully operating any horse or electric railroad to any point to which this corporation's tracks extend, may enter upon, connect with and use the same on such terms and in such manner as may be agreed upon between the parties, or if they shall not agree, to be determined by the railroad commissioners for the state of Maine.

Charter made exclusive.

—connecting lines may enter upon and use.

Section 11. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds in such amount, and on such time as may from time to time be determined, in aid of the purposes specified in this act, and to secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises and property. It is also hereby authorized to lease all of its property and franchise upon such terms as it may determine.

May issue bonds.

—may lease its property.

Section 12. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by any two of said corporators giving actual notice in writing to their several associates, and said corporation may make such by-laws as are proper and not contrary to the laws of the state.

First meeting, how called.

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When charter shall be void.

Section 13. This charter shall be null and void unless operations for building said railway shall have been actually commenced within two years from the passage of this act.

Section 14. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 12, 1903.

Chapter 161.

An Act to incorporate the Millinocket Trust Company.

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

Corporators.

Section 1. Garret Schenck, A. Ledyard Smith, George H. Parks, George W. Stearns, James F. Kimball and S. J. Gonya 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 Millinocket Trust Company, and as such shall be possessed of all powers, privileges and immunities and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed by law on similar corporations.

—corporate name.

Location.

Section 2. The corporation hereby created shall be located at Millinocket, Penobscot county, Maine.

Purposes.

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 may provide; second, to borrow money, to loan money on credits, or real estate, or personal or collateral security, and to negotiate loans and sales for others; third, to erect, construct, own, maintain and operate 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 to receive on deposit for safe keeping, property of any kind entrusted to it for that purpose; fourth, to hold and enjoy all such estate, 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 and dispose of; fifth, to act as agent for issuing, registering and counter-signing certificates, bonds, stocks, and all evidences of debt or ownership in property; sixth, to hold by grant, assignment,

—may own safe deposit vaults.

—may act as agent.