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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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the special laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled, "An Act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland."

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 20, 1903.

Chapter 222.

An Act to authorize extensions of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, in Aroostook, Piscataquis and Penobscot counties.

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

Section 1. For and during a period of ten years from and after this passage of this act, the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to build in one or more of the counties of Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook but only in that part of said counties west of that part of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad which runs from Brownville to Van Buren and north of that part of the Canadian Pacific Railroad which extends from the west line of the state to said part of said Bangor and Aroostook Railroad extensions of its railroad, and extensions of any line of railroad the franchise of which it may, under legislative authority acquire, and extensions of such extensions and branches to connect with its said railroad, and branches to connect with any railroad which it may acquire as aforesaid or with any such extension by complying with the provisions of this act.

Bangor and
Aroostook
R. R. Co.
authorized
to build
extensions.

Section 2. Whenever said company shall desire to build any such extensions or any such branch, it may present to the railroad commissioners a petition setting forth its said desire, accompanied with a map of the proposed route as near as may be of such extension, or such branch as the case may be, on an appropriate scale.

Proceedings
when
extensions
are desired.

The board of railroad commissioners shall, on presentation of such petition, appoint a day for a hearing thereon and the petitioner shall give such notice thereof as said board shall order, in order that all persons interested may have an opportunity to appear and be heard thereon.

If the board of railroad commissioners after such notice and hearing shall find that public convenience or necessity requires the construction of such railroad, said board shall file with the secretary of state a certificate of that fact, together with a copy

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of said petition, and shall furnish said railroad company with a like certificate, and thereupon said railroad company shall be and become possessed of the right to build, equip and operate such branch or extension.

Provisions relating to increase of capital stock.

Section 3. The provisions of chapter one hundred eighty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred ninety-seven, and any acts amendatory thereof shall not apply to the issuance of an increase of the capital stock of said company to an amount in the aggregate of not more than six thousand dollars per mile for each mile of any extension or branch which said company may be authorized to build pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Provisions of Section 6 of chapter 51, R. S., to be complied with.

Before commencing the construction of any such extension or branch the provisions of section six of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes so far as they may be applicable shall be complied with and thereafter all the provisions of the general railroad law, except as the same are modified by this act, shall be applicable to every such extension and branch.

Provisions of section 1 of chapter 122, as amended, shall apply to Fish River R. R.

Section 4. The provisions of section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the private and special laws of the year eighteen hundred ninety-one, as amended by chapter three hundred and sixty-two of the private and special laws of the year eighteen hundred ninety-three, shall apply to the Fish River Railroad, provided the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company shall with legislative consent acquire said railroad and the franchise thereof, and shall apply to any extensions and any branches which may be built under the authority given in this act.

—proviso.

May enter into agreements with state of Maine, amending contract.

Section 5. Said Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company is hereby authorized to enter into agreements from time to time with the state of Maine amending the contract between said parties heretofore executed pursuant to section four of chapter one hundred twenty-two of the private and special laws of the year eighteen hundred ninety-one so as to include in said contract the present railroad owned by said company, the Fish River Railroad, whenever said company shall, pursuant to legislative authority, acquire said Fish River Railroad and the franchise thereof, and so as to include from time to time all extensions and branches which may be built by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company under the authority given in this act.

Whenever any such agreement shall be executed by said company and be approved by vote of its board of directors and shall be presented to the treasurer of the state it shall be his duty to execute said contract in behalf of the state and there-

after he shall carry out the provisions of said contract as at the time amended during the term of said contract.

Section 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 20, 1903.

Chapter 223.

An Act to establish an additional Normal School to be located at Presque Isle, in the county of Aroostook.

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

Section 1. Another normal school, to be known as Aroostook County Normal School, is hereby created and established, upon such plan as the board of trustees of normal schools may direct.

Aroostook
County
Normal
School,
established.

Section 2. Said normal school shall be located at Presque Isle, in the county of Aroostook, provided and upon condition that the inhabitants of said town of Presque Isle, shall, within six months after the date of the approval of this act, donate and cause to be conveyed to the state, for the use and purposes of such school, the lot of land and buildings thereon, in the village portion of said Presque Isle, now owned by said inhabitants, and which was conveyed to said inhabitants by Robert Codman as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Maine, by deed dated April ninth, nineteen hundred and two, and recorded in the Aroostook registry of deeds, southern district, volume one hundred ninety-two, page three hundred twenty-four, containing five acres more or less. Said inhabitants of said town of Presque Isle, at any legal meeting of said inhabitants called and held within said six months, are hereby authorized and empowered, by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting, to donate said lot of land and buildings thereon to said state for the use and purposes aforesaid, and to instruct and direct the selectmen of said town, to make, execute and deliver, for and in behalf of said inhabitants, a proper deed conveying said lot of land and buildings thereon to the state, for the use and purpose aforesaid. Said deed shall be delivered to the board of trustees of normal schools, who are hereby authorized and empowered to accept and receive the same for and in behalf of said state, and when so delivered, it shall be conclusive evidence of the legality of the meeting of said inhabitants to be held as aforesaid and of all the proceedings at such meeting, and the title to said lot of land and all buildings thereon, shall be forever vested in said state for the

Location.

—proviso.