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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

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**Chapter 387.**

An Act in relation to the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, in the Town of Oakfield, in Aroostook County.

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

Treasurer  
and collector  
may be same  
person.

Section 1. That the treasurer and collector of taxes in the town of Oakfield, in Aroostook county, may be one and the same person.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

**Chapter 388.**

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

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

Corporators.

—corporate  
name.

—route.

Section 1. Veazie E. Price, Joseph A. Brown, John Watson, Clarence H. Pierce, Don A. H. Powers, Ransford W. Shaw, Charles D. Merritt, John B. Madigan, Hudson T. Frisbie, Willard S. Lewin, James Archibald and Frank W. Titcomb, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Houlton and Danforth Electric Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a street railroad, for the purpose of carrying passengers, freight and mail, to be operated by electricity or any other motive power, with convenient single or double tracks, side tracks, switches or turnouts, with any necessary or convenient line of poles, wires, appliances, appurtenances or conduits, from Houlton in the county of Aroostook, upon and over any public highway leading from said Houlton to and through the towns of Hodgdon, Cary plantation, Amity, Orient and Weston in the county of Aroostook, to and through Danforth, in the county of Washington, as shall from time to time be fixed and determined by the municipal officers of said towns, and assented to in writing by said corporation and the owners thereof, providing, however, that all tracks of said railroad shall be laid at such distance from the sidewalks in any of said towns as the municipal officers thereof shall in their order fixing the routes and locations of said railroad, determined to be for public safety and convenience.

—location to  
be filed with  
town clerks

The written assent of said corporation to any vote of the municipal officers of either of said towns, prescribed from time

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to time, the routes of said railroad therein shall be fixed 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 shall be subject to all the liabilities of corporations as set forth in the forty-sixth chapter of the revised statutes, not inconsistent with the express provisions of this act.

—corporation may fix rates of transportation.

Section 2. Said corporation shall also have authority to construct, maintain and use said railroad over and upon lands outside of the limits of streets and highways where the land damages have been mutually settled by said corporation and the owners thereof.

May construct road outside street limits.

Section 3. 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.

Municipal officers may regulate speed, removal of snow and ice, etc.

Section 4. Said corporation shall keep and maintain in repair such portion of the streets and ways as shall be occupied by the tracks of said railroad, and shall make all other repairs of said street, 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.

Shall repair portions of streets occupied by tracks.

Section 5. 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 persons 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 of not exceeding sixty days.

Penalty for obstruction of tracks.

Section 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock

Section 7. Said corporation shall have the power to lease, purchase or hold real or personal estate as may be necessary and convenient for the purpose of constructing, equipping, operating and managing said road.

May hold real and personal estate.

Section 8. 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 towns shall direct, and whenever, in the judgment of the said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of any street

Municipal officers may control manner of construction.

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—manner of  
crossing  
location of  
railroad,  
by whom  
determined.

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.

Location, how  
changed.

Section 9. 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 provision and conditions.

Town  
authorities  
may occupy  
streets.

Section 10. 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.

Exclusive  
franchise.

Section 11. 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.

May issue  
bonds.

Section 12. 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 purpose specified in this act and to secure the same by mortgage of its franchises and property. It is also hereby authorized to lease all of its property and franchises upon such terms as it may determine.

First meeting,  
how called.

Section 13. 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.

Shall  
commence  
construction  
within four  
years.

Section 14. This charter shall be null and void unless operations for building said railway shall have been actually commenced within four years from the passage of this act.

Section 15. Said corporation shall not be required to run cars upon their road during the winter season nor when the convenience or wants of the public do not require it.

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Shall not be required to operate road in winter.

Section 16. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

**Chapter 389.**

An Act to authorize the Skowhegan and Norridgewock Railway and Power Company to extend its line to and into the town of Smithfield.

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

Section 1. The Skowhegan and Norridgewock Railway and Power Company is hereby authorized to extend its street railroad from or near its present terminus in the town of Norridgewock, to and into the town of Smithfield over streets, roads and ways to be determined by the selectmen of said towns, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities incident to street railroad corporations except as modified by this act.

Authorized to extend line of its road.

Section 2. All proceedings for the extension of said railroad shall be had under the general laws of this state regulating similar extensions, except, however, that the petition to the railroad commissioners for approval of location shall omit the prayer for such commissioners to determine whether public convenience requires the construction of such road.

Proceedings.

Section 3. Said company may discontinue the running of its cars during such portion of the winter months as it may find expedient.

May discontinue service in winter.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

**Chapter 390.**

An Act to incorporate the Lumbermen's Electric Railway Company.

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

Section 1. E. B. Curtis, O. M. Vose, A. R. Gilson, A. D. McFaul, C. Sullivan, E. P. Grimes, W. E. Tupper, W. F. Pope, S. N. Tobey, C. Hollis White and F. L. Shaw, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby constituted a cor-

Corporators.