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Chapter 85.

An Act granting to Arthur S. McAvey the right to establish and maintain a ferry in the harbor of Stockton Springs.

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

Section 1. Arthur S. McAvey of Searsport and his assigns are hereby authorized to establish and maintain a ferry for the space of ten years in the harbor of Stockton Springs, between the Cape Jellison Docks of the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company in the town of Stockton Springs, the Kidder's Point Docks of said railroad company and the village of Stockton Springs; with the right to keep and maintain suitable boats to be propelled by oars, sails, cable, naphtha, gasoline, steam or similar motive power, for the prompt and safe conveyance and transportation of passengers, baggage and freight.

Arthur S. McAvey authorized to establish ferry.

Section 2. The following rates of toll are hereby established; for each passenger between either of said stations the sum of ten cents, and said McAvey is hereby required to transport freight and baggage to and from said points for a proper and reasonable consideration.

Rates of toll.

Section 3. Said ferry shall be operated when the weather permits from six o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the afternoon, between the dates of May fifteen and September fifteen in each year, and from sunrise until half past five o'clock in the afternoon between the dates of September fifteen and May fifteen inclusive in each year. For any unreasonable neglect or delay in transporting passengers or freight during the hours thus named, the said McAvey or his assigns, shall be liable in an action on the case to the party injured for his damages.

Shall be operated from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M.

—liable for delay.

Section 4. Any person who keeps a ferry contrary to the provisions of this act, or who transports passengers or freight between said points, namely, Cape Jellison Docks, Kidder's wharf and the village of Stockton Springs, for hire, or who furnishes for hire a boat or other craft for such purpose, forfeits four dollars for each day such ferry is kept, or for each time of transportation, the same to be recovered by said McAvey or his assigns to his or their use, in an action on the case.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 5. Said McAvey or his assigns shall give bond to the treasurer of Waldo county in such sum as the county commissioners of Waldo county shall require, and with two sureties approved by said commissioners, for the faithful performance of the provisions of this act. Any one injured in person or property by the negligence of the person or persons operating

Shall give bond.

—liable for damages.

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said ferry, or their employees, may commence a suit on such bond in which the proceedings shall be similar to those in actions on the bonds of sheriffs, or instead may sue the persons operating said ferry in an action on the case.

County commissioners shall have supervision.

Section 6. The county commissioners of Waldo county shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to all apparatus used in operating said ferry and service at the same, and, upon petition and hearing, may order the same to be improved, and if said order shall not be complied with to their satisfaction, may revoke all the privileges granted in this act; and may, after petition, notice and hearing at any time, revoke the same, when in their judgment the public interests demand it. When at any hearing they find the person operating said ferry to be at fault, the latter shall pay costs of hearing, not including counsel fees; otherwise said costs shall be paid by the petitioner. If said commissioners shall under the foregoing provisions revoke the privileges granted by this act, they shall thereupon appraise the boats, apparatus and other personal property used in running said ferry at its fair value, and any person who may be appointed to run said ferry by said commissioners under the statutes of Maine, shall purchase said property at said appraisal, if the owner thereof assents thereto.

—may revoke privileges.

May transfer privileges.

Section 7. Said McAvey or his assigns may transfer, by assignment in writing, the privileges granted by this act, and either may so transfer his rights hereunder, and the party so transferring said rights shall be wholly relieved from all obligations imposed by this act.

Section 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 19, 1907.

Chapter 86.

An Act to extend the charter of the Aroostook Valley Railroad Company.

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

Charter extended.

Section 1. The time within which the Aroostook Valley Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state and by virtue of chapter two hundred and ninety-three of the special laws for nineteen hundred and three, shall actually commence business under its existing charter is hereby extended to two years from the approval hereof.

Company may lease its property.

Section 2. The Aroostook Valley Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to lease all or any part of its