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the state of Maine and Megantic in the province of Quebec, of which the railroad of said railroad company is a part, and any such other railroad corporation is hereby authorized to make such lease or sale upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

Section 3. Said Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company is also authorized and empowered to sell or lease the whole or any part of its railroad, property, or franchises, including those acquired by lease or otherwise, to any other railroad corporation, and any such other railroad corporation may acquire any of the same by lease or purchase, or may acquire any stock, bonds, or other securities issued by the said Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

May sell or lease the whole or any part of its property.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 19, 1907.

Chapter 297.

An Act creating the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. So much of the territory of the town of Fort Kent as is bounded on the westerly side by the highway, leading from the main road or street, in said Fort Kent, to the so called 'Violette settlement;' on the easterly side by the division line between townships number eighteen, range six, and number eighteen, range seven; on the northerly side by the Saint John river, and on the southerly side extending as far, on the so-called Ashland road as the northerly line of the so called James Dee farm and as far on the Caribou road, as the south line of the Delia Austin lot or premises, and comprising the territory upon which is situated Fort Kent village, so called, in the town of Fort Kent, together with the inhabitants thereon residing, be and the same are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

Corporate limits defined.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to purchase, repair and maintain one or more fire engines, fire hose and all other necessary apparatus, for the extinguishment of fires, to build, repair, and maintain engine and hose houses, to construct reservoirs, to contract with individuals or corporations for the supply of water under pressure

Fire department.

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for the extinguishment of fire and to maintain within said limits an efficient fire department; to defray the expenses of a night watch, a police force and all other necessary measures for the better security of life and property, and the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits.

—may generate and sell electricity.

Said corporation is also hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to generate, distribute and sell electricity, for heat and lighting purposes within said limits, and to contract with individuals or corporations for the supply of water under pressure for household and family purposes, and the right to do any or all of the above things wholly by said corporation, such as building, repairing, maintaining and supplying water for fire protection and family use.

—contract for supply of water.

How money shall be raised.

Section 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes; and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Fort Kent, and assess the tax thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed, at any one assessment, the sum of one dollar to any one person in any one year.

—valuation.

Assessment and collection of taxes.

Section 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessors to certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns, and said corporation shall have power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Corporate officers, powers and duties of.

Section 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, assessors, treasurer, collector, fire wardens, board of police officers, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation; the said fire wardens to have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire wardens have or may have, chosen by towns at town meeting; the said board of police officers to consist of such number as the corporation may decide who shall be duly sworn, and have power to execute all warrants,

and have the same power to prevent public disturbances and preserve public peace within said corporation, as is given by the laws of this state to constables, and to restrain all infractions of, and carry into effect such by-laws as said corporation shall adopt in pursuance of this act.

Section 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof, called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state and the United States, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government and regulation of the municipal affairs within said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted, shall extend to said corporation as fully, to all intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only to alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

May adopt
by-laws, etc.

Section 7. All meetings of said corporation after the first, shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices of which shall be posted in three public places within its limits, seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting shall at any time be called on the written application of seven legal voters to said assessors stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

Meeting,
how called.

Section 8. This charter may be accepted at any time within five years from its approval by the governor, and its rejection in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance in any later calendar year during the time aforesaid; but only one meeting to vote thereon, shall be held in any one calendar year. Felix R. Morneault, A. G. Fenlason, Henry W. Nadeau, W. H. Culliffe, F. D. Goud, F. W. Mallett or any one of them may call all meetings of the inhabitants of said territory previous to the acceptance of this charter, by posting a notice, stating the time, place and objects of said meeting, in at least three public and conspicuous places in said territory, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting, and all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified by the assessors of said corporation as town meetings are called and notified, unless said corporation shall otherwise define the manner of calling and notifying its meetings in its by-laws.

Acceptance
of charter.

Section 9. Every person residing within the limits of said corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and representatives, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of said corporation, provided that at any meeting for the adoption of this charter, any person twenty-one years of age, not an alien, own-

Who may
vote at
meetings.

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ing real estate within the limits of this corporation, and residing therein, shall have the right to vote.

Shall elect
moderator
and clerk.

Section 10. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of this act, the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk, both of whom shall be sworn by some justice of the peace, for the faithful discharge of their duties, and thereupon said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of all the legal voters present and voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and said corporation may immediately after said vote is declared, proceed to the adoption of by-laws and the election of officers as provided in sections five and six of this act.

Section 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 20, 1907.

Chapter 298.

An Act to authorize Somerset Railway Company to issue additional stock.

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

Somerset
Railway Co.
may issue
additional
stock.

Section 1. For the purpose of paying its floating debt, providing additional equipment, and for the general improvement of its railway, the Somerset Railway Company is hereby authorized and empowered to issue stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars in addition to the amount of capital stock authorized by chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and three. Said stock may be given preference in dividends and issued under such provisions as the stockholders and directors shall determine.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 20, 1907.