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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
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Powers and duties.

Section 5. The said board shall have and exercise all the powers conferred and discharge all the duties imposed by law of the superintending school committee.

Board may appoint superintendent of schools.

Section 6. The said board may appoint a superintendent of schools for a term not exceeding three years and fix his annual compensation. The duties of the superintendent of schools shall be those prescribed by law for superintendents of schools of towns. The superintendent of schools may be removed at the pleasure of the board.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 22, 1911.

### Chapter 173.

An Act relating to the Readfield Light and Power Company.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Company authorized to make and generate gas and electricity, and sell the same.

Section 1. The Readfield Light and Power Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state of Maine, is hereby authorized to make, generate, sell, distribute and supply gas and electricity for lighting, heating, manufacturing and mechanical purposes in the towns of Readfield, Mount Vernon and Vienna.

May supply water to towns of Readfield and Mount Vernon.

Section 2. The said corporation is hereby authorized to supply the inhabitants of the towns of Readfield and Mount Vernon with suitable water for business, industrial, manufacturing, domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, including the extinguishment of fire; with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities and obligations of similar corporations under the laws of this state.

Sources of water supply.

Section 3. For any of the purposes enumerated in section two the said corporation is hereby authorized to take and use water from any spring, pond, brook or other waters in the town of Readfield or in the town of Mount Vernon excepting Echo lake and Parker's pond and their tributaries, and to conduct and distribute the same into and through said towns of Readfield and Mount Vernon; and to survey for, locate, construct and maintain suitable and convenient dams, reservoirs, buildings, machinery, lines of pipe, aqueducts, structures and appurtenances.

—may maintain dams, reservoirs, etc.

May lay pipes along streets and ways, and take up and repair same, subject

Section 4. The said corporation is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain in, under, through, along, over and across the highways, ways, streets, railroads and bridges in the said towns of Readfield and Mount Vernon, and to take up, re-

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place and repair all such aqueducts, pipes, hydrants and other structures and fixtures as may be necessary and convenient for the said purposes of said corporation; subject to the approval of the municipal officers of said towns and the said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to said towns and to all corporations, persons and property, occasioned by such use of the said highways, ways and streets. Whenever the said corporation shall lay down or construct any fixtures in any highway, way or street, it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and shall at its own expense without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and pavement then removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

to approval of municipal officers.

—shall be responsible for all damages.

—shall not obstruct public travel.

Section 5. The said corporation is hereby authorized to take and hold by purchase or otherwise, any lands necessary for flowage, and also for its dams, reservoirs, gates, hydrants, buildings and other necessary structure, and may locate, erect, lay and maintain aqueducts, lines of pipe, hydrants and other necessary structures or fixtures in, over and through any land for the said purposes, and excavate in and through such land for such location, construction and erection. And in general to do any acts necessary, convenient or proper for carrying out any of the said purposes of incorporation. It may enter upon such lands to make surveys and locations, and shall file in the registry of deeds for the county of Kennebec plans of such locations and lands, showing the property taken, and within thirty days thereafter publish notice of such filing in some newspaper in said county, such publication to be continued three weeks successively. Not more than two rods in width of land shall be occupied by any one line of pipe or aqueduct.

May take and hold necessary lands for dams, etc.

—lay pipes, aqueducts, etc., over and through lands.

—may enter lands to make surveys, and shall file plans of locations and property taken.

Section 6. Should the said corporation and the owner of any land required for the said purposes of incorporation, be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid for such location, taking, holding and construction, the land owner may within twelve months after the said filing of plans and location, apply to the commissioners of said county of Kennebec, and cause such damages to be assessed in the same manner and under the same conditions, as are prescribed by law in the case of damages by the laying out of railroads. If the said corporation shall fail to pay such land owner, or deposit for his use with the clerk of the county commissioners aforesaid, such sums as may be finally awarded as damages with costs when recovered by him within ninety days after notice of final judgment shall have been received by the clerk of courts of the said county, the said location shall be thereby invalid, and the said corporation shall

How damages shall be assessed, if parties cannot agree.

—rights forfeited in ninety days.

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—corporation make tender for damages.

—corporation may be required to give bond to land owner.

May contract for supplying water and power.

Powers and privileges, how construed.

forfeit all rights under the same, as against the owner of the land. The said corporation may make a tender to any land owner damaged under the provisions of this act, and if such land owner recovers more damages than was tendered him by the said corporation he shall recover cost, otherwise the said corporation shall recover cost. In case the said corporation shall begin to occupy such land before the rendition of final judgment, the land owner may require the said corporation to file its bond to him with the said county commissioners, in such sum and with such sureties as they may approve, conditioned for the payment of the damages that may be awarded. No action shall be brought against the said corporation for such taking, holding and occupation until after such failure to pay or deposit as aforesaid. Failure to apply for damages within the said twelve months, shall be held to be a waiver to the same.

Section 7. The said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with the United States, the state of Maine, the county of Kennebec, the towns of Readfield and Mt. Vernon, and with the inhabitants thereof or any corporation doing business therein for the supply of water and power for the purposes contemplated in this act; and the said towns and corporations by their proper officers are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the said corporation for a supply of water for any and all purposes mentioned in this act, and for such exemption from public burdens as the said town and the said corporation may agree upon, which when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

Section 8. The various powers and privileges conferred on said Readfield Light and Power Company by this act shall be construed as in furtherance and not in limitation of the powers and privileges conferred on said corporation by the general law.

Approved March 22, 1911.

**Chapter 174.**

An Act to confirm the organization of the Farmington Power Company and amend its charter extending its corporate Powers and Purposes.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Organization made valid.

Section 1. The proceedings of the incorporation and organization of the Farmington Power Company are hereby confirmed and made valid.

Corporation authorized to acquire cer-

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to acquire by contract and conveyance, from C. O. Sturtevant all the prop-