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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

*1913*

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# PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-sixth Legislature

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## Chapter 1.

An Act to Incorporate the Van Buren Bridge Company.

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

Section 1. Allan E. Hammond, Henry A. Gagnon, Charles L. Cyr, Willie F. Paradis, Joseph F. Theriault, all of Van Buren, Hershel D. Collins of Caribou, Arthur P. Libby of Fort Fairfield, all in the county of Aroostook, and Charles E. Oak of Bangor in the county of Penobscot, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate and politic under the name of Van Buren Bridge Company, with all the powers and privileges, and with all the duties and liabilities of corporations under the laws of the state.

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tors.

CHAP. 1 Section 2. Said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors or assigns, may construct and maintain a bridge, with all necessary approaches, piers, abutments, and appurtenances, and use and operate the same across the St. John River from the Town of Van Buren in the county of Aroostook in the State of Maine, into the parish of Saint Leonards in the county of Madawaska in the province of New Brunswick on the opposite side of said river; provided that the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced until the consent of the Congress of the United States, and of the proper authorities in the Dominion of Canada for the erection of the structure shall have been obtained; and may lay and equip tracks on said bridge for the passage of locomotive engines, cars, and railroad trains; with all the necessary approaches, tracks, sidings, equipment, machinery and appliances required to enable said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to use and operate said bridge; and may own, lease, and operate such bridge and such engines, cars and trains; and may purchase, or acquire, by eminent domain as for public uses, hold and use such real estate, including land for sidings, approaches, abutments and other such like accommodations, required for the convenient working of the traffic to, from and over the said bridge, as may be necessary therefor; and shall have the right to take, remove and use for the construction or repair of said bridge, piers, abutments, approaches, sidings, and appurtenances any earth, sand, gravel, stone or other materials on or from the land so taken, provided that in all cases said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall pay for such lands, estate, earth, sand, gravel, stone or other materials so taken and used, such price as said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and the respective owner or owners thereof may agree upon, and in case said parties shall not so agree, the damages to be paid by said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, for the lands, estate, earth, sand, gravel, stone or other materials authorized to be taken and used by this act, shall be ascertained and determined in the manner and under the conditions and limitations as are by law provided for in the case of damages for the taking of real estate for railroad purposes.

May maintain bridge.

—proviso.

—consent of United States and of Dominion of Canada necessary.

—may lay tracks for locomotives.

—may lease said bridge.

—eminent domain.

—may take earth, gravel, stone, etc.

—damages, how determined.

May unite with the Restigouche and Western Railway Company.

Section 3. For all purposes herein mentioned, and all others incidental thereto, said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is authorized to unite with the Restigouche and Western Railway Company whatever its present name may be, a corporation incorporated by chapter

eighty-two of the private and special laws of the Province of New Brunswick of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, under authority subsequently conferred upon it by chapter seventy-eight of the laws of the parliament of the Dominion of Canada of the 63-64 of Victoria, assented to June fourteenth, nineteen hundred, and with any other corporation that now is or may hereafter be incorporated or organized for similar purposes under or by virtue of the laws of said province or of the said parliament, in constructing the bridge and its approaches, sidings, piers, abutments and appurtenances, and equipping, working, operating, managing and using the same; and may enter into any agreement with such corporation or corporations respecting the construction, maintenance, management, equipment, operation and use of said bridge, approaches, sidings, appurtenances and equipment.

Section 4. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and it, and they may charge and collect from freight, passengers, mails, express, and all other traffic on and over said bridge, approaches, and sidings, such reasonable rates and tolls as the directors may from time to time prescribe or approve; subject, however, to the laws of the United States governing the same, and may enter into traffic and trackage contracts for the use of said bridge, approaches and sidings.

Section 5. Said bridge shall be constructed at a sufficient height from the water, and with suitable and sufficient passageways for the passage of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

Section 6. The authorized capital stock of said Van Buren Bridge Company shall be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, which capital may be increased to such amount, from time to time, as its stockholders may determine, at any meeting duly called therefor; and for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, equipping and maintaining said bridge, approaches, piers, abutments, sidings, equipment and appurtenances, said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, may issue bonds or other securities from time to time, of such denominations and on such terms and rate of interest, and to such amount as its stockholders may at a meeting duly called therefor, by vote determine, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of its authorized capital stock at the time said bonds or other securities are issued; and may secure the same by a mortgage upon all and singular its property, real and personal, including its railroad bridge, approaches, sidings,

CHAP. 1

—and with certain other corporations.

—in construction of bridge, etc.

Tolls established.

—tolls subject to laws of the United States.

Bridge shall allow passageways for boats, etc.

Capital stock.

—may be increased.

—may issue bonds.

CHAP. 1 equipment, appurtenances, rights, privileges, franchises, easements and tolls as it may deem best.

May enter into contracts with any railroad corporations.

Section 7. Said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, may enter into contracts and agreements with any railroad corporation organized under the laws of the state, to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds, and other securities as said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, may legally issue, and any such railroad corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, and other securities upon such terms and conditions as said parties may agree, and may purchase, own, hold and dispose of said bonds and other securities.

Any railroad corporation may acquire capital stock of this company.

Section 8. Any railroad corporation organized under the laws of the state, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own and dispose of any part or all of the capital stock of said Van Buren Bridge Company.

May lease, sell and convey its property, etc.

Section 9. Said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized and empowered to lease, sell and convey all of its property, real and personal, franchises, easements, rights to charge and collect tolls and all other property, to any railroad corporation organized and operating under the laws of the state, and any such railroad corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire of said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, by lease or purchase, and to use and operate said property, franchises, easements and rights to charge and collect tolls upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between said company and said corporation or their directors; and said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and said railroad corporation, may consolidate, or merge upon such terms and conditions as they or their directors may determine.

—this company may consolidate with any railroad corporation.

First meeting, how called.

Section 10. Any three of the persons named in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation intended to be formed under the provisions hereof, by giving in hand to each of the corporators, or by mailing to him a notice of the time and place of the meeting for the purpose of organizing said corporation at least seven days before the day of the meeting.

Approved January 30, 1913.