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OF THE

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STATE OF MAINE

1913

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property hereinbefore mentioned, said corporation shall have the right to sell said pledged property or otherwise enforce its claim thereon, and apply the proceeds thereof, in accordance with the terms and conditions made and signed as a part of said note, subject to the provisions of law. The net surplus, if any there be, after payment of said note with interest and charges, as provided by the terms thereof, shall be held by said corporation for one year for the benefit of the owner. If not then called for, the same shall become the property of said corporation.

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—Surplus after payment of note, how disposed of.

Section 10. The stockholders of said corporation may establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for conducting the business of said corporation as they shall deem necessary, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter or the laws of this state.

Stockholders may establish rules, etc.

Section 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof signed by any two corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same in hand or leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, seven days at least before the time of the meeting.

First meeting, how called.

Approved April 7, 1913.

Chapter 228.

An Act to Enable the County of Sagadahoc to Rebuild Merrymeeting Bay Bridge.

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

Section 1. The county of Sagadahoc, by and through its county commissioners, is hereby authorized and empowered, under the supervision of the state commissioner of highways, to rebuild, construct, maintain and operate a bridge over and across Merrymeeting bay, connecting the highway in Topsham with the highway in Bath, and thereby forming a continuous highway from said Topsham to said Bath, as hereinafter provided.

County of Sagadahoc authorized to rebuild and maintain bridge across Merry-meeting bay.

Section 2. Said bridge, if and when constructed and opened to public travel, shall be a toll bridge, built of iron, steel or concrete, on substantial piers and abutments of concrete or masonry, and of sufficient width to properly accommodate the public travel and traffic.

Bridge shall be a toll bridge.

—how built.

Section 3. The county commissioners of said county shall regulate and establish, from time to time, such rates of toll as shall in their judgment be just and proper, and give public notice thereof. They shall employ a suitable person, at a stipu-

County commissioners shall regulate tolls.

—shall employ a superintendent of the bridge.

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—duties of the bridge superintendent.

—salary, how paid.

lated salary, to superintend the bridge and collect the tolls, who shall render to the county commissioners, on the first day of each month, a statement, under oath, of the amount of tolls collected during the preceding month, and pay the same to the county treasurer, and who shall receive his salary from the county treasurer, on the written order of the county commissioners, and not otherwise; and any excess of moneys so received into the county treasury, over and above what is required for necessary expenses, repairs and maintenance, shall be paid into the sinking fund, hereinafter provided, for the payment of such bonds, notes or other obligations as said county may issue under and by virtue of this act.

State appropriation for rebuilding the bridge.

Section 4. For the purpose of aiding in the rebuilding and construction of said bridge, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, to be paid fifteen thousand dollars in the year nineteen hundred thirteen, and fifteen thousand dollars in the year nineteen hundred fourteen, is hereby appropriated from any unexpended moneys in the state treasury.

Bath, Topsham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond shall raise \$10,000.

Provided: That the sum of ten thousand dollars is raised by the city of Bath and the towns of Topsham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond, in the respective proportions which the last valuation of each by the board of state assessors bears to said sum of ten thousand dollars; and

—proviso relating to state appropriation.

Provided, further, that any balance of the appropriation hereinbefore made from the state treasury, which may remain unexpended at the end of the year nineteen hundred thirteen, shall be added to the appropriation for, and be available for use in, the year nineteen hundred fourteen; and

Proviso relating to appropriation by Sagadahoc county.

Provided, further, that the county commissioners of said county of Sagadahoc shall provide, by the issue of the bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of said county, a sum sufficient, together with the forty thousand dollars hereinbefore authorized, to defray the entire cost of erecting and constructing said bridge, piers and abutments. Said bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, shall be payable in not more than forty years from their date, with interest not to exceed four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, signed by the county treasurer, and countersigned by said county commissioners and bearing their seal; said bonds to be of such denominations as said county commissioners shall deem advisable; and

Bridge shall be erected subject to regulations of war department of the U. S.

Provided, further, that any bridge erected under and by virtue of the authority of this act, shall be erected subject to all the conditions and limitations imposed by the act of the congress

of the United States, of March third, eighteen hundred ninety-nine, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, and of the rules and regulations of the war department of the United States made in pursuance thereof; and the authority hereby granted for the erection of said bridge, is expressly granted subject to all the conditions, limitations, rules and regulations aforesaid.

Section 5. From and after the acceptance of this act, as herein provided, the county commissioners of said county shall include in their annual estimates of county taxes the sums necessary for the maintenance of said bridge, together with a sum equal to two per centum of the county bonds or notes issued in virtue of this act, which sum shall be set aside yearly, until with its past and prospective accretions, it shall be sufficient to provide for the payment of said bonds or notes at maturity, and said sums and accretions shall constitute a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds or notes, and shall be invested in such interest bearing securities as said commissioners shall approve or in such bonds, but shall not in any other manner be loaned to said county.

Section 6. No part of this act shall take effect unless and until it is accepted by the legal voters of Sagadahoc county by a majority vote at meetings of the several towns and municipalities in said county, duly notified and warned, to be held on the first Monday in September next for the purpose of accepting or rejecting this act, at which meeting the vote shall be by ballot as follows: For rebuilding Merrymeeting Bay bridge, and operating the same as a toll bridge, "yes," "no."

Section 7. The ballots shall be received, sorted and declared as votes for town officers are, and shall be recorded by the town and city clerks, and true copies thereof sealed and attested, shall be transmitted to the county commissioners of the county of Sagadahoc within six days thereafter. The commissioners shall open and declare the votes so returned by publishing the same in the Bath Daily Times and the Bath Independent in two issues of these papers. If errors appear in the returns, they shall be corrected by the commissioners upon proper evidence, and if a majority of the ballots returned have "yes" upon them, it shall be deemed to be an acceptance of this act, and the same shall then be in force, but if there should be a majority of ballots with "no" thereon, it shall be deemed a rejection of the same.

Section 8. Before said meetings are called, the county commissioners shall procure careful estimates by a competent and

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Mainten-
ance of
bridge and
sinking
fund to be
provided for
by county
taxes.

This act
shall be ac-
cepted by
voters of
Sagadahoc
county.

Ballots, how
sorted and
disposed of.

—Canvass
and publica-
tion of
votes.

Estimates
of cost shall
be open for
inspection
before
meetings are
called.

CHAP. 228 disinterested civil engineer of the entire cost of rebuilding said bridge, with its piers and abutments, in a suitable manner, and of making the same and its approaches permanent and safe for public travel, and shall cause said estimates to be kept in their office in Bath open for public inspection for at least thirty days before the first Monday of September next.

Regula-
tions for
meeting of
voters in
the City of
Bath.

Section 9. At the meeting in the city of Bath to be held under the provisions hereof, the check lists used at the March nineteen hundred and thirteen municipal election, or copies thereof certified by the city clerk, shall be used. The board of registration shall be in session only on the day of said meeting, and any person legally qualified to vote at said meeting, whose name shall not be found upon said lists, may receive a certificate of his qualification from said board, and shall thereupon be permitted by the proper ward officers to cast his ballot as if his name were on the list. The vote at the meetings in said city and towns shall be by open ballot.

After ac-
ceptance of
this act, in-
consistent
acts re-
pealed.

Section 10. If this act shall be accepted by the voters of Sagadahoc county, as hereinbefore provided, all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act shall thereby be repealed.

Approved April 7, 1913.

Chapter 229.

An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the John B. Curtis Free Public Library in Bradford.

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

Corporators.

Section 1. The three selectmen, the superintending school committee, the superintendent of schools, the town clerk, and the town treasurer of the town of Bradford in the county of Penobscot and state of Maine, and their successors in said offices, and Horace K. Richardson, Roscoe N. Doore, Frank E. Pickering, Lorenzo C. Vannah, William F. Humphrey and Newell Randall, all of said Bradford, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the Trustees of the John B. Curtis Free Public Library in Bradford, with power to take, hold, and manage real and personal estate to the amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library and reading room in said Bradford, and by that name shall have power to take, hold and manage all such gifts, grants, bequests and demises as shall be made to them for these purposes. Said corporation shall have all the corporate powers given to like

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