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corporation, together with counsel fees and other expenses necessarily incurred in defending said city in actions therefor; provided, however, that said company shall have notice in writing of the commencement of any and all suits for such damage, and said company shall have the right to defend any such action at its own expense.

Sec. 8. Provisions of R. S., c. 51, § 33, applicable after purchase has been made. Whenever this corporation shall have acquired by purchase or otherwise all the property, capital stock, rights, privileges, immunities and franchises and all other rights of the Maine Water Company, the Calais Water Company and the Saint Croix Electric Light and Water Company, said Maine Water Company and the Calais Water Company shall have the benefit of the provisions of section thirty-three of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes.

Sec. 9. Proceedings in exercise of right and eminent domain. Whenever the corporation shall exercise any of the rights of eminent domain herein or otherwise granted, proceedings shall be had according to the provisions of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes.

Sec. 10. First meeting, how called. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof signed by any two incorporators heretofore named, served upon each incorporator by copy of same given in hand or mailed postage prepaid at least seven days before the day named therein for such meeting, but if all the incorporators herein named are present at such meeting and sign upon the record a waiver of notice thereof no such written notice shall be required.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 195.

An Act to Authorize the County of Aroostook to Enlarge and Repair the Court Houses at Houlton and Caribou in said County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the law requires all contracts for public building construction to be made after public notice and public bidding, which takes time, and,

Whereas, it is necessary to construct the buildings and safety vaults called for in this act, forthwith, and during the summer season of nineteen hundred seventeen, and,

Whereas, the public interest in the records of the county of Aroostook requires that the said records be immediately protected, and,

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists such as is contemplated by the constitution of this state, and the passage of this act is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Expenditure of \$75,000 authorized for repair of court houses and reconstruction of safety vaults. The county of Aroostook is hereby

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authorized and empowered to expend so much as shall be needed not to exceed in all the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars in altering, enlarging, repairing and equipping the court house at Houlton in said county and the court house at Caribou in said county, and in enlarging, remodeling and rebuilding at Houlton the vaults for the records of the clerk of courts, the register of probate and the register of deeds, so as to make them safe for the keeping of the records of said county offices.

Sec. 2. Loan authorized. For the purpose of raising the money necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, said county through its county commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to make a loan or loans and to cause notes or obligations of said county with coupons for interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. to be issued, payable at regular periods not exceeding twenty years from the date of issuance. Said commissioners shall determine the amount, time of payment, rate of interest (not exceeding six per cent.) and form of said notes or obligations and may issue the same from time to time as the money is needed to pay for the work done under this act.

Sec. 3. Commission created, with full powers to make plans and supervise work. Frederick A. Powers of Houlton, Delmont Emerson of Island Falls, H. D. Collins of Caribou, Herbert W. Trafton of Fort Fairfield and Patrick Theriault of Grand Isle, all in said county, are hereby constituted and appointed a commission to prepare plans and make contracts for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, and said commission is hereby vested with full power to determine the amount of money to be spent in altering, repairing and enlarging said court houses or either of them, and to determine the kind and extent of the repairs and extensions to be done on either of said court houses, if any, and shall have power to determine what amount of money shall be spent on the court house at Houlton and what amount shall be spent on the court house at Caribou, and shall have power to employ architects to assist in determining the necessary repairs, extensions, and improvements on said court houses or either of them. Said commissioners may organize and appoint necessary officers and may authorize any member or members of the commission to act for the commission in carrying out the provisions of this act. Said commission shall have the power to fill vacancies existing for any cause, and shall serve without pay, but all necessary expenses of said commission in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the money raised under this act.

Sec. 4. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act, two-thirds of all the members elected to the legislature having so directed, shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1917.