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successor corporate owner of said railroad, or join in the creation of a corporation to acquire, own and/or operate the same, and exercise all the privileges and enjoy all of the immunities in respect of said stock which a natural individual may exercise or enjoy.

Sec. 3. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 3, 1927.

Chapter 14.

An Act Relating to the Charter of the Norway Water Company.

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

P. & S. L., 1887, c. 46, sec. 2; relating to authority of Norway Water Company to hold property, amended. Section two, of chapter forty-six of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven, is hereby amended by striking out the words "not exceeding eighty thousand dollars," in the third line thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 2. Limitation on amount removed.** Said corporation, for said purposes, may hold real and personal estates necessary and convenient thereof.'

Approved March 3, 1927.

Chapter 15.

An Act in Relation to the Buckfield Village Corporation, Especially to Establish a Municipal Water System for Said Corporation.

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

Sec. 1. Powers enlarged; may install municipal water system. The Buckfield Village Corporation, created and duly organized by law, in the town of Buckfield and county of Oxford, in addition to the powers already granted it, is hereby authorized and empowered to install a municipal water system for the purpose of supplying the Buckfield Village Corporation, the inhabitants of said village corporation and the inhabitants of the town of Buckfield with pure water for domestic, industrial, manufacturing, sanitary and municipal purposes, including the extinguishment of fires and all other purposes which the said corporation may need water for, also the right to raise money at any legal meeting of said corporation called for that purpose for repairing, sprinkling or applying any other

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substance to the streets within the limits of said corporation for the purpose of keeping the streets in good order and laying the dust.

Sec. 2. Source of supply; may enter upon lands to make surveys; authorized to hold real estate. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act so far as it relates to a water system, said Buckfield Village Corporation may detain, collect, store, use and distribute water from North Pond, in said town of Buckfield, and from any tributaries to or source of water flowing into said pond, or from stream flowing from said pond in the town of Buckfield, may enter upon any lands in said town of Buckfield for the purpose of making surveys for its pipe lines or works, and may take and hold by purchase or otherwise any land and real estate, necessary for erecting dams, reservoirs, or for preserving the purity of the water in said water shed, and for laying and maintaining aqueducts and pipes for taking, discharging, conveying and disposing of said water.

Sec. 3. Liability for damages. Said Buckfield Village Corporation shall be liable for all damages that shall be sustained by any person or corporation to their property by the taking of any land whatsoever, or water or by flowage, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of laying pipes, building dams or constructing reservoirs. If any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid and said village corporation shall not mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person or corporation may cause his or its damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are, or may be prescribed in the case of damages in laying out highways.

Sec. 4. Authorized to lay pipes in streets and to dig up streets to make repairs. Said village corporation is hereby authorized to lay in and through the streets and highways of the Buckfield Village Corporation and of the town of Buckfield, and to take up, repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for the objects above set forth, and when said village corporation shall lay any pipes or aqueducts, or dig up any of said streets, it shall be done with as little obstruction to public travel as possible, and shall, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth to be replaced in as good condition as possible, all digging in said streets, as above set forth, to be under the supervision of the selectmen of the town of Buckfield.

Sec. 5. Authorized to issue bonds to acquire property and for construction work. Said village corporation, for the purpose of carrying into full effect, the provisions of this act in the establishing, constructing, furnishing, equipping and fully maintaining the water system herein con-

templated, and for purchasing the property of the Buckfield Water Power & Electric Light Company, hereinafter mentioned, in this act, may, at any legal meeting of said village corporation, called for that purpose, raise money and issue bonds, registered or with interest coupons, in such denominations, and on such terms and rate of interest, as may be determined at such meeting, to an amount necessary for said purpose, which taken in connection with any other indebtedness of such corporation, shall not exceed twenty per-centum of the last regular valuation thereof. Said bonds shall be signed by the assessors and treasurer of said village corporation, but the coupons need be signed by the treasurer alone, and that by his fac-simile signature.

Sec. 6. Assessors to have management of water system; provision for a commission. The care and management of said water system and the regulation of prices and charged for water supplied as herein contemplated shall be under the control of the assessors of said village corporation; or if the village corporation, at any time, shall so vote, said duties shall be placed in the hands of a commission of three legal voters of said village corporation, one to be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and after being first so chosen, one shall be annually chosen for a three years term. In case of a vacancy on said board or commission, the assessors shall fill the same by appointment until the next annual meeting of said village corporation.

Sec. 7. Corporation to purchase property of Buckfield Water Power & Electric Light Co. Said Buckfield Village Corporation shall purchase all the pipes laid in the ground, hydrants set, dams built, and the entire property of the Buckfield Water Power & Electric Light Company, within the limits of said town of Buckfield, and assume all the indebtedness of said Buckfield Water Power & Electric Light Company, including the bond now outstanding.

Sec. 8. Penalty for corrupting water supply or destroying property. Whoever shall knowingly or maliciously corrupt the water supply of said village corporation, whether frozen or not, or whoever shall wilfully and maliciously destroy any of the property of said village corporation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Sec. 9. Local referendum provided for. Said village corporation shall not proceed under this act until after it shall have been accepted by a majority vote of the voters present, at a meeting called for that purpose.