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chises and property for the consideration hereinabove set forth. Notwithstanding any lack of authority or illegality in the original issue of the stock of said Westfield Electric Company, the holders in good faith of its certificates of stock are declared to be stockholders and their acts and doings as such stockholders are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed; the election of the officers of said Westfield Electric Company is hereby validated and confirmed.

Sec. 2. Sales to Gould Electric Company ratified, approved and confirmed. The sale by Ashland Electric Light and Power Company, Cyr Electric Company, Easton Electric Company, Fort Kent Electric Company, Katahdin Electric Company, Maple Grove Electric Company, Mapleton Electric Company, Milo Electric Light and Power Company, Prestile Electric Company, Sherman Electric Company and Stockholm Light & Power Company of all their franchises and entire property including their corporate rights and privileges essential to the conduct of their corporate businesses and purposes to Gould Electric Company as approved by the public utilities commission of Maine by its decree number U. one thousand and twenty-three dated November sixteen, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight and its supplemental decree of the same number dated January one, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and said Gould Electric Company is hereby empowered to exercise all the charter rights of said selling corporations:

Sec. 3. Extension of lines authorized. Gould Electric Company is further authorized and empowered to extend its transmission lines into Lake View plantation in the county of Piscataquis and state of Maine.

Approved March 11, 1929.

Chapter 39.

An Act Relating to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College.

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

Incorporating act of 1821 and acts additional and amendatory, amended: The act, incorporating the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society, passed February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, together with all acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, said corporation, being now known as the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College, is hereby amended so that as amended it shall read as follows, viz:

'Sec. 1. Trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and College; corporators; corporate name; powers. Fred E. Eastman, Charles S. Cummings,

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A. Eugene Nickerson, Wilbur F. Berry, George R. Palmer, Fremont L. Russell, Carter B. Keene, Henry E. Dunnack, Ray N. Randall, Miss Nellie L. Shorey, Mrs. Anabel Shaw Smart, David B. Holt, Ralph F. Lowe, Edwin A. Strout, Herbert C. Eldridge, Frank R. Clark, J. Orville Newton, John M. Arters, George E. Kimball, William D. Hutchins, Mrs. Louise Vaill Nichols, W. W. Cole, and Lindsay B. Griffin, the same being the present board of trustees, their associates and successors, are hereby continued and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and College and as such and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal which they may change at pleasure; to take and hold for the objects of their association by gift, grant, donation, devise, bequest, purchase or otherwise any estate, real or personal; to sell, convey or exchange any such estate whenever in their judgment the interests of said institution will be thereby promoted, and all donations, gifts, grants, devises or bequests made to said corporation for specific purposes shall be appropriated and applied according to the will and design of the donor and in no other way.

Sec. 2. Term of office. The term of office of the members of said board of trustees shall be six years except that at their first meeting after this act shall have taken effect they shall determine by lot that the term of eight of their number shall expire in four years, and that the term of eight of their number shall expire in two years from the date of the first annual meeting of the board of trustees after this act shall have taken effect, and then and thereafter as the terms of the trustees expire their successors shall be elected for a full term of six years by the remaining trustees by majority ballot of those present at the meeting when such election is held, and vacancies in said board from whatever cause arising shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner.

Sec. 3. Number of trustees. The said board of trustees may from time to time change the number of their members except that such number shall at no time be fixed at less than twenty nor more than twenty-five. Whenever a change in the number of members is made, they shall be so allocated as to insure the expiration of the term of as nearly one-third as may be at the end of every period of two years.

Sec. 4. Removal of trustee. The said board of trustees shall have power to remove any trustee from their corporation whenever, in the judgment of two-thirds of the remaining trustees for the time being, he shall become morally or by reason of age, infirmity or otherwise unfitted to perform the duties of his office.

Sec. 5. Majority shall be members of Methodist Episcopal Church. The said board of trustees shall be so constituted that at all times a majority of its membership shall consist of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in good standing.

Sec. 6. Officers. The said board of trustees shall annually elect from their membership a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and shall require the treasurer to give bond to the satisfaction of the trustees for the faithful discharge of his duty.

Sec. 7. Rules, regulations and by-laws. The said board of trustees may make and adopt such rules, regulations and by-laws not repugnant to law as they may deem expedient for the management of their affairs.

Sec. 8. Purposes. The purpose of said board of trustees shall be to control and foster as a secondary school for both sexes the institution now known as the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College at Kent's Hill in Readfield and they shall have power and authority to establish and maintain therein or in connection therewith academic collegiate courses for women and to confer upon students completing the same appropriate degrees.

Sec. 9. President of school. The said board of trustees shall elect a president of said school whose tenure of office shall be at their pleasure and who during his incumbency shall be ex-officio a member of said board but not subject to the provisions herein contained relating to the number or expiration of the term of members thereof.

Sec. 10. Shall elect necessary professors. The said board of trustees shall, upon recommendation of the president of said school, elect all necessary professors, instructors and teachers for such term and under such conditions as they shall determine.

Sec. 11. Former donations, gifts, bequests, etc., to become property of trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and College. All donations, gifts, grants, conveyances, devises and bequests heretofore made to the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society; to the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; to the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute; to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College; to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College or to any other persons or corporations for the benefit and use of said school, or that shall hereafter be made to either of said corporations or to the trustees thereof, or to any other persons or corporations for the benefit and use of said school, shall be deemed good and valid and shall be and become the property of the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Sem-

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inary and College as if made to them, and shall be held by said trustees as if made to them, and the said trustees shall have the same right to prosecute in their corporate name any action at law or in equity upon any contract or liability heretofore made or existing with the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society; the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute; the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, or with the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College, as the said body politic, under whatever name, might have done if the name thereof had not been changed; and also to defend any suit which may be brought against them upon any such contract or liability; and all acts of said trustees in their corporate capacity are hereby ratified.

Sec. 12: Parts of act incorporating Readfield Religious and Charitable Society, repealed. All parts of the act incorporating the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society, passed February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, and all parts of acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof not incorporated into the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 15, 1929.

Chapter 40.

An Act to Provide Pensions for the Regular Drivers of the Fire Department of the City of Westbrook.

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

Sec. 1: P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, sec. 19; relating to fire department, amended; pensions provided. Section nineteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seven, being the charter of the city of Westbrook, is hereby amended by the addition of the following provisions: 'The regular drivers of the fire department may be retired upon pension of half of the pay drawn by the person at the time of retirement, who have been honorably discharged from said department by reason of: First: having served in any capacity in said fire department not less than twenty-five years, or second: having served in any capacity in said fire department not less than twenty years and having reached the age of sixty-five years, or third: having been permanently disabled in the performance of duty. It shall be the duty of the city council of the city of Westbrook to provide for payment to the widow of any aforesaid member of its fire department, who has lost his life in the performance of his duty, an annuity of not more than twenty-five dollars per month, so long as she remains a widow and in need of such annuity. If any of such firemen, who has lost his life in the performance