

manner by the possessor or owner of a house in which they may be, nor can they be in any manner pledged to any person as security for the debts of another person, to whom or for whose use or for the use of whose house or building they have been furnished by the company, notwithstanding the apparent and actual possession thereof by such person.

18. The provisions of the Joint Stock Companies' General Certain act Clauses' Act shall apply to this act and form part thereof, to apply. except in so far as they may be contradictory to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

19. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc- Coming into tion. force.

CHAP 92

An Act to incorporate *La Compagnie d'Electricité de Roberval*

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

WHEREAS a petition has been presented by B. A. Scott, Preamble. manufacturer, L. E. Otis, merchant, L. P. Bilodeau, merchant, Simon Cimon, electrician, and E. F. Fluhmann, physician, all of the village of Roberval, praying for the passing of an act to incorporate them as a company for the purpose of producing and supplying light, heat and motive power, and also of buying and operating telephone lines, and whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. B. A. Scott, manufacturer, L. E. Otis, merchant, L. P. Persons incor Bilodeau, merchant, Simon Cimon, electrician and E. F. porated. Fluhmann, physician, all of the village of Roberval, and such other persons as may become members of the said company, are incorporated under the name of *La Com-* Name. *pagnie d'Electricité de Roberval.*

2. The head office of the company shall be in the village Head office of Roberval, but may be transferred to such other place as and change may be decided at a meeting of the shareholders; notice of thereof. such change shall be given in the *Quebec Official Gazette* and Notice to be in a newspaper of the locality. given.

3. The capital stock of the company shall be fifty thou- Capital stock sand dollars, divided into shares of twenty dollars each. and shares.

Increase of capital stock. The capital stock may be increased, from time to time, to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, by a vote of the majority in value of the shareholders, present or represented by proxy, at any meeting convened for that purpose.

Provisional directors. **4.** The persons above-mentioned shall be the provisional directors of the company, and shall remain in office until the first election of the subsequent directors.

Power to manufacture, &c., electricity, &c., in certain counties. **5.** The company may manufacture, by means of water, steam or other power, acquire, sell or lease, in the counties of Lake St. John and Chicoutimi, electricity or any other source of heat, light or motive power.

Power to manufacture, &c., machinery, &c., for production, &c., of electricity, &c. **6.** The company may manufacture, purchase, sell or lease machinery, generating apparatus, lamps, instruments and all other articles required for the production and distribution, sale or use of electricity or any other source of motive power, heat or light.

Power to acquire, &c., property for its business, &c. **7.** The company may acquire and hold such property as may be necessary for the requirements of its business, by purchase, lease or otherwise, and may build, purchase or lease all buildings, workshops, mills, works, apparatus, materials and machinery as it may deem expedient to have or use for its business, and it may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, wholly or in part, as it may deem expedient.

Power to acquire, &c., water-powers on certain waters, &c. **8.** The company may acquire, establish and possess water-powers on the Ouatichouanish river and on the tributaries thereof, as well as on the other rivers and water-courses in the county of Lake St. John; acquire and hold the land necessary for the construction of dams, workshops, mills, works and other structures for the purposes of its water-powers, as well as that which may be inundated by the operation of the said water-powers.

Power to make, &c., excavations, &c., in certain places, &c. **9.** The company may make and maintain, within the limits specified by section 8 of this act, excavations, canals, races, dams, piers, dykes, embankments, reservoirs and other works deemed necessary for increasing and maintaining the capacity of its water-powers, after having acquired the land necessary for the execution of such works.

Power to sell surplus water, &c. **10.** The company may employ, sell, transfer or lease the surplus waters which it may not use, coming from the canals, dams, dykes and other works it may have built or which it may control, as well as the water-powers which it is authorized to acquire, establish and possess under this act.

11. The company may, within the counties of Chicoutimi and Lake St. John, have access to and establish above, beneath and upon the public streets and roads all pipes, lines, wires, conduits, poles and other appliances which may be necessary for the needs of its business, all such works to be done as rapidly as possible, and under the direction of the municipality wherein such works are situated; provided that the company shall be responsible for all damages which it may cause, and provided it shall not establish its pipes, lines, wires, conduits, poles and other appliances without previously giving notice of at least one month to that effect to the municipal authorities.

Power to establish lines, &c, over streets and roads in certain counties.

Proviso.

The company may, likewise, within the limits of the said counties, have access to public lands and perform thereon the works it is authorized to perform on the public roads and streets.

Power to have access to public lands, &c.

12. The public roads and streets shall in all cases be restored to their original condition by the company and at its expense.

Roads to be replaced in original condition.

The wires of the company may be cut by order of the chief of the fire-brigade, or if there be no chief, by order of the mayor of the municipality, whenever he may deem it necessary for extinguishing fire; and, in such case, the company shall have no right to compensation for the loss of its wires, but shall not be responsible to its customers for the interruption or non-execution of contracts arising from such circumstances.

Wires may be cut in cases of fire.

Proviso.

13. The company may cut down all trees, except ornamental trees, impeding its wires or the transmission of light, heat or motive power, but it is bound to pay the value thereof to the persons entitled thereto.

Trees may be cut down, &c.

14. The company may establish a tariff and collect the rates therein established for any supply of electricity or any other source of heat, light or motive power which it may furnish, or for the sale, lease or use of any machinery or any apparatus.

Tariff for supply of electricity may be made.

15. If any person, supplied with electricity or any other source of heat, light or motive power by the company, neglects to pay the rent due the company at any of the dates fixed for the payment thereof, the company, or any person acting under its authority, may, on giving forty-eight hours' previous notice, stop the supply of electricity or other source of heat, light or motive power, and prevent the introduction thereof into the houses of the person so in arrear as aforesaid, by cutting the pipes or service wires or

Provision made for case of person not paying for supply of electricity, &c.

by any other legal means ; and it may recover the rent at the same time, as well as the costs incurred for intercepting the electricity, notwithstanding any contract for the supplying of electricity or any other source of heat, light or motive power for a longer period.

Company
may remove
property
when supply
cut off.

16. So soon as the company shall have cut off the supply of electricity, motive power, heat or light from a house, building or any immoveable whatever, its agents or employees may enter such house, building or immoveable, between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning and four in the afternoon, causing as little disturbance as possible, to remove and carry away all wires, meters, branches, lamps and apparatus, belonging to the company.

Inspection of
company's
property in
buildings, &c.

Any agent or employee of the company thereunto duly authorized may, between the hours aforesaid, enter any house into which electricity has been introduced to examine any meter, wire or apparatus belonging to the company or used for electricity ; and if any person refuses to allow and does not allow such agents or employees of the corporation to enter and perform the acts aforesaid, the person so refusing or opposing shall incur, for each such offence, a fine not exceeding forty dollars in favor of the company and another fine not exceeding four dollars for every day that such refusal or such opposition shall last.

Penalty on
refusal of
such inspec-
tion.

Power to buy,
&c., tele-
phone lines in
certain
counties.

Powers with
respect there-
to.

17. The company may buy and operate, from the village of Roberval to any point within the aforesaid counties, one or more telephone lines ; and with respect to such telephone lines it shall have the same powers and be subject to the same obligations as those prescribed in this act with regard to the other undertakings, rights and privileges of the company.

Power to ac-
quire patents
of invention,
&c.

18. The company may acquire, by purchase, permit or otherwise, any patents of inventions, or permission to use any patent of invention for any process or manufacture connected with the undertakings it is authorized to carry on, and may dispose thereof.

Power to ac-
quire, &c.,
workshops,
&c., of other
companies,
&c.

19. The company may acquire, lease and operate the workshops and undertakings, in whole or in part, of any person or corporation, carrying on or authorized to carry on any business in any part of the counties of Chicoutimi and Lake St. John connected with the purposes of the company hereby incorporated or any one or more of such purposes, and may acquire and hold stock or bonds of any corporation empowered to do any business of the same kind.

20. The company may acquire and exercise the franchises and rights conferred by the charter of any corporation whose business or undertakings it may acquire by lease or purchase.

Power to exercise franchises of other companies.

21. The company may amalgamate with any company whose stock or bonds it is authorized to take, on such terms as may be agreed upon between the two companies.

Company may amalgamate with other companies.

22. The company may issue bonds, to an amount not exceeding seventy-five per cent. of its capital stock subscribed and paid up, in one or more issues, and may secure the same by transfer to trustees of the whole or such part of the assets or property of the company as may be deemed advisable.

Issue of bonds authorized.

23. The directors may issue paid up shares in the capital stock of the company, not subject to calls, in payment of all or of any of the undertakings, moveable and immoveable property, rights, powers and franchises which the company may acquire under this act.

Issue of paid up shares authorized.

24. The company may transfer to its representatives such stock as may be necessary to qualify them as directors of any other companies whose shares it may hold.

Power to qualify directors in other companies.

25. The company shall be governed by the Joint Stock Companies' General Clauses' Act.

Law to govern.

26. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

Coming into force.

CHAP. 93

An Act to amend the charter of the Sherbrooke Gas and Water Company and to change its name

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

WHEREAS The Sherbrooke Gas and Water Company has, by its petition, represented that it has sold to the corporation of the city of Sherbrooke its business of supplying water to the inhabitants of the said city, and wishes to change the name of the company to that of "The Sherbrooke Power, Light and Heat Company;" and that it is advisable that the number of directors should be increased and that the directors should have power to issue debentures for the purpose of extending their power, heat and light business and to pay off existing liabilities; and has prayed for the

Preamble.