

amount of the stock so held by said town, anything in the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 28, 1868.*

**Chap. 143**

AN ACT CONCERNING SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE.  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Sidewalks may be constructed by city of Lawrence and charged upon abutters.

SECTION 1. Whenever the mayor and aldermen of the city of Lawrence shall deem it expedient to construct sidewalks, or complete any partially constructed sidewalks, in any street of said city, they are hereby authorized to construct or complete such sidewalks with edge-stones, and in front of buildings or occupied premises to cover the same with brick or flat stones, or other appropriate materials; and they are further authorized to cover such sidewalks in front of vacant lots of land with brick, plank or other appropriate material; and the expense of such edge-stone and covering materials shall be assessed upon the abutters in just proportions, and shall constitute a lien upon the abutting lots of land, and be collected in the same manner as taxes on real estate now are; and such sidewalks when constructed and covered as aforesaid shall afterwards be maintained at the expense of the city.

When to take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect whenever accepted by the city council of the city of Lawrence by a two-thirds vote of each branch thereof.

*Approved April 29, 1868.*

**Chap. 144**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE NAUMKEAG STEAM COTTON COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

\$1,500,000 additional capital stock.

SECTION 1. The Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company is hereby authorized and empowered to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding the sum of fifteen hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 29, 1868.*

**Chap. 145**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOSTON, HARTFORD AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company declared to be a corporation.

SECTION 1. The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company heretofore created in the state of Connecticut, by the legislature thereof, and acting within this Commonwealth and recognized by acts heretofore passed by its legislature, is hereby declared to be a corporation by that name and vested with all the franchises, powers and privileges,