

distribute bibles and testaments of the version in common use in the churches in New England, anything in the act incorporating the said society to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 3. This act shall be void unless the same shall be accepted by the said society at a meeting thereof called for that purpose, within thirty days after its passage.

Conditions of
validity of act.

Approved February 27, 1865.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FALL RIVER, WARREN AND PROVIDENCE
RAILROAD COMPANY.

Chap. 51.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. The Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company is hereby authorized, for the purpose of paying the debt created by the construction of its railroad, and for other purposes, to issue bonds or other obligations, for an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and to secure said bonds or other obligations by a mortgage upon its railroad, franchise and property.

May issue bonds
to pay indebted-
ness.

Amount.

Rate of interest
and security.

SECTION 2. Said company is hereby authorized to hold its annual meeting for the election of officers on the second Monday in March in each year.

Annual meeting
of corporation.

Approved February 27, 1865.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CANTON AND HYDE PARK RAILROAD
COMPANY.

Chap. 52.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. Oliver Ames, Oakes Ames, Oliver S. Chapman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the restrictions, duties and liabilities, set forth in the general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations.

Corporators.

Title.

Powers.

SECTION 2. The said company may locate, construct and operate a railroad, commencing at some convenient point on the Stoughton Branch Railroad, in the town of Canton, and near the junction of said Stoughton Branch Railroad with the Boston and Providence Railroad, thence running northerly through Canton and in Milton, or in Dedham and Milton, to some convenient point on the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, near Hyde Park, so called, in the town of Milton.

Location.

SECTION 3. Said Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company may, with the consent of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, enter with its road upon, and unite its road with, the road of the said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, and use the said railroad, subject to the general laws of this Commonwealth relating to railroad corporations.

May unite with
Boston, Hartford
and Erie Co.

May unite with
Stoughton Br'ch
Co.

SECTION 4. The Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company is hereby authorized to enter with its road upon, or unite the same with and use the road of the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company; and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company is hereby authorized to enter with its road upon, or unite the same with and use, the road of the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company.

Capital stock,
limitation de-
fined.

SECTION 5. The capital stock of said company shall be fixed by said company at an amount not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, nor more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and when so fixed shall not thereafter be changed; and said stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. Said company may purchase and hold such real and personal estate as may be necessary for the purposes for which it is incorporated.

Shares.

Real and per-
sonal estate.

Stoughton Br'ch,
and Canton and
Hyde Park Co's
may unite by
agreement of
stockholders.

SECTION 6. The Stoughton Branch Railroad Company and the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company are hereby authorized to unite with each other within five years from the passage of this act, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by said corporations, respectively, not inconsistent with the provisions of their respective charters, or the acts in addition thereto, nor with the laws of this Commonwealth, by a vote of the stockholders representing a majority of the stock in the respective corporations, at legal meetings held for that purpose; and thereupon said two corporations shall become one corporation, under the name of the Stoughton, Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company, with a capital stock not exceeding the joint capital of the two corporations.

Title of new cor-
poration.
Capital.

Conditions of
validity of act.

SECTION 7. This act shall be void unless the said railroad is located within two years, and constructed within four years, from the passage thereof.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 27, 1865.

Chap. 53. AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR CONSTRUCTING THE SPRINGFIELD HORSE RAILROAD.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Extended to
March 30, '67.

The time within which the Springfield Horse Railroad Company may construct its road, is hereby extended to the thirtieth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Approved February 27, 1865.

Chap. 54. AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON AND NEW YORK STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Corporators.

SECTION 1. Alexander Holmes, John A. Burnham, Uriel Crocker, their associates and successors, are hereby made a