

the consent of the board of aldermen of the city of Worcester, locate and use its tracks in any of the public streets of said city, subject to the general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force relating to street railway companies: *provided*, said tracks shall not be laid in any street occupied by the tracks of the Worcester Street Railway Company except with its consent.

Proviso.

Motive-power.

SECTION 2. Said railroad company shall use only such motive-power on its tracks located in said streets, as the board of aldermen of said city may from time to time permit.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1873.*

### Chap. 97.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATING TO THE WILLIAMSTOWN AND HANCOCK RAILROAD COMPANY.

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

Repeal of portion of 1869, 242, §§ 1, 5.

SECTION 1. The first and fifth sections of chapter two hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, except so much of the first section as revives the act to incorporate the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company, are repealed.

Amendment to 1869, 242, §§ 3, 4, 7.

SECTION 2. The third, fourth and seventh sections of said act are amended by striking out from each of said sections the words "Lebanon Springs Railroad Company," and inserting in place thereof the words "Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company."

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1873.*

### Chap. 98.

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCIDENTS ON RAILROADS.

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

Commissioners to investigate causes of accident on railroads.

SECTION 1. The board of railroad commissioners shall investigate the causes of any accident on a railroad resulting in loss of life, and of any accident not so resulting, which, in their judgment, shall require investigation.

To be notified by railroad within twenty-four hours of occurrence of accident.

SECTION 2. Notice of the occurrence of any accident upon a railroad, resulting in loss of life, and of any accident not so resulting, of which the board of railroad commissioners shall, by general regulation, require notice, shall be given to said board by the corporation operating the road upon which such accident occurs, and within twenty-four hours thereafter; and a corporation, for each omission to give such notice, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment.

SECTION 3. Section fourteen of chapter four hundred and eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine is repealed.  
*Approved March 24, 1873.*

Repeal of 1869,  
408, § 14.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

*Chap. 99.*

SECTION 1. Ebenezer R. Hoar, Grindall Reynolds, George M. Brooks, George Keyes and Henry F. Smith, and their successors, are made a corporation by the name of the Concord Free Public Library, for the formation and maintenance of a public library in Concord; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force and applicable to such corporations.

Corporators.

Name and purpose.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, for the purposes aforesaid, in addition to books and objects of curiosity and art.

Real and personal estate.

SECTION 3. The corporation shall consist of five members, of whom at least four shall be citizens of the town of Concord. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the number of corporators, by death, resignation or removal from the town, the remaining members shall fill the same; and in case they fail to elect a person to fill the vacancy within three months from the time such vacancy occurs, it shall be competent for the judge of probate of the county of Middlesex, or in case of his disqualification, for the person empowered by law to act in his stead, upon the application of any inhabitant of Concord, to fill such vacancy. And a majority of the members of the corporation may at any time, with the approval of the judge of probate aforesaid, remove a member of the corporation, and the vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled as in other cases.

Corporation to consist of five members.

Vacancies.

SECTION 4. The town of Concord may transfer to said corporation all funds now held or hereafter received by said town, for the purposes of a public library, to be held and applied by the corporation in the same manner as if they were held by the town; and may transfer to the corporation the books and pamphlets of the town library, upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon by said town and corporation.

Town may transfer all funds held for a public library.

SECTION 5. So long as said corporation allows the inhabitants of the town of Concord free use of said library, under reasonable regulations, said town may appropriate and pay annually towards defraying the expense of main-

May appropriate money towards support as long as inhabitants have free access to library.