

CHAP. 424. to manage the affairs of said company ; and said twelve directors, or a majority of them, shall have the power to elect a president of said company, either from among said directors or elsewhere ; and any three of said commissioners may be by said subscribers selected for judges of said first election of directors.

Officers to be employed and duties to be fixed.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That said president and directors, or a majority of them, may appoint all such officers, engineers, agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of said company, fix their duties and compensation, and the same to change, alter or discharge at their pleasure ; they shall have power to pass all by-laws necessary for exercising the powers of the company and for carrying out the objects thereof ; they shall fix all rates, charges and tolls upon passengers, freights and property transported on said road or roads, make such special contracts with other companies or corporations for the transfer of goods or merchandise in bulk or by car load, and for the transportation of passengers or cars, as the interests of the company would indicate ; provided, said tolls are not over five cents per mile for passengers nor over ten cents per ton per mile for merchandise.

May connect with any railroad, etc.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That said corporation may connect with any other railroad or transportation company now organized or which may be hereafter organized ; and said company may own and operate or lease any steamboats or steamships, or subscribe to the capital stock of any company owning same, to be used wholly or partly in connection with the business of said company.

Authority to manufacture and sell steam, electricity, etc.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That said company is authorized and empowered to manufacture, furnish, sell and use steam, electricity, electric power and lights in Kent county, of this State, and to manufacture, sell or otherwise deal in electricity and electrical machinery and supplies, and to use all necessary means to effect the objects of this incorporation ; to establish lines of electric railway conductors and conduits in Kent county, and to use therefor any of the public roads, streets, alleys or highways in Kent county ; provided, the consent of the proper public authorities in Kent county, having jurisdiction over said public roads, streets, alleys or highways, be obtained ; and for the purpose of obtaining rights of way, where said company cannot agree with the owner, or where the owner is *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or under any other legal disability, said company may proceed to condemn and acquire the use thereof in the manner provided in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws ; and said