SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That the president and di- CHAP. 295. rectors for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint all such officers, clerks, agents, Shall appoint mechanic's, engineers, laborers and servants, as they may deem necessary to conduct or execute the business of said corporation, and fix their compensation, and in their discretion to dismiss them; to take bonds for the corporation from all and any of the persons by them so appointed, with security, conditioned in such form as they shall approve, for the faithful execution of the duties of such persons, and to secure the said corporation from loss; to contract, agree for, and purchase, rent or hire, all such vessels, lands, chattels, fixtures, materials, rights, privileges and effects whatever; and to make, own, use, have and repair all such wharves, boats, vessels, carriages and other conveniences as may be necessary for effecting the objects of said corporation; to prescribe the form of certificates to be issued to stockholders, and to regulate the mode of transferring their capital stock; to apply the funds of said corporation, so far as may be necessary to effect the objects aforesaid, and in payment of the necessary expenses of the company; to call general meetings of the stockholders, and generally to pass such by-laws meetings. as may be necessary for the exercise of the aforesaid powers, or the powers vested in the said corporation; and the same by-laws from time to time to alter and repeal; provided, that all such by-laws may be altered or repealed by a majority of the stockholders assembled at any general meeting, called in pursuance of any by-law made for that purpose; and a majority of the stockholders may pass by-laws which shall be binding upon the directors; provided, that such by-laws shall not be contrary to any law of the United States, or of this State.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, That the president and directors, shall from time to time declare and pay to the pay dividends. stockholders, dividends of so much of the profits realised by the company, as they shall deem expedient, after reserving such sum as they shall decide to be reasonable, to meet the expenses of repairs, or the purchase of any articles necessary for the use of said company; and semiannually, and also at the paying each dividend of profits, a general statement of the affairs of the company shall be prepared by the directors, and kept open for the inspection of the stockholders or any of them, for the space of ten days after the same shall have been presented to

In force 25 SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That this act of incorpora- years. tion shall continue and be in force for the term of twenty- Proviso. five years; provided always, that the Legislature reserves

Provisees.

Declare and