Debts, etc.

SEC. 2. That all debts, liabilities, rights, provisions, and powers of said association under its old name shall devolve upon and inure to the said association under its new name.

SEC. 3. That nothing in this Act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank under its old name or at its old location from any liability, or affect any action or proceeding in law in which said bank may be or become a party or interested.

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CHAP. 256.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam across the Rock River at Grand Detour, Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to Spencer B. Newberry and George A. Blackford, both of the city of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, and Charles H. Hughes, of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois, their heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, to build, operate, and maintain a dam across Rock River near Grand Detour, Illinois, at any point within one mile distant from the center of section thirteen, township twenty-two north, range nine east of the fourth principal meridian, in the State of Illinois, for the development of water power and such works and structures in connection therewith as may be necessary or convenient in the development of said power and in the utilization of the power thereby developed; and the said Spencer B. Newberry, George A. Blackford, and Charles H. Hughes, their heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to draw and divert by canal, flume, or race from the pool formed by the construction of the above dam and works incident thereto, such supply of water as may be required for the full development and utilization of said water power and to conduct said water through the canal reservation in Grand Detour and discharge the same into said Rock River at or near the westerly end of said canal reservation, and also for that purpose to construct, operate, and maintain such structures and improvements as may be required: Provided, That the plans for the construction of the said dam, canal, and appurtenant works shall be submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before the commencement of the construction of the same: And provided further, That the said Spencer B. Newberry, George A. Blackford, and Charles H. Hughes, their heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall not deviate from such plans after such approval either before or after the completion of the structures therein described, unless the modification of said plans shall have been previously submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War: And provided further, That suitable fishways shall be constructed and maintained by the grantees under the Act at their own expense, as may be required from time to time by the United States Fish Commission: And provided further, That the said dam shall be so constructed that the Government of the United States may at any time construct in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes, and may at any time control the said dam so far as shall be necessary for the purposes of navigation, but shall not destroy or impair the water power developed by said dam, canal, and appurtenant structures to a greater extent than shall
be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation, and other purposes of public interest.

Sec. 2. That in case any litigation arises from the building, operation, and maintenance of said dam, canal, and appurtenant works, or from the obstruction of the river by the same, or any damages resulting to private property by overflow or otherwise, proceedings to adjust, determine, and to recover compensation for such damages shall be instituted either in the State or Federal courts.

Sec. 3. That this Act shall be null and void unless the dam, canal, and appurtenant works herein authorized be commenced within three years and completed within six years from the time of the passage of this Act.

Sec. 4. That the right to amend or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 16, 1906.

CHAP. 257.—An Act Authorizing the extension of Rhode Island avenue north-east.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, within ninety days from the approval of this Act, to institute proceedings to condemn the land necessary for the extension of Rhode Island avenue from Lincoln road to Fourth street east, with a width of one hundred and thirty feet.

Sec. 2. That all of the amount found to be due and awarded as damages for and in respect of the land condemned for the extension of Rhode Island avenue, as herein provided, shall be assessed by the jury hereinafter provided for as benefits, and to the extent of such benefits against those pieces or parcels of land on each side of said avenue as extended, and also on any or all pieces or parcels of land which will be benefited by the extension of said avenue, as said jury may find said pieces or parcels of land will be benefited, and in determining the amounts to be assessed against said pieces or parcels of land the jury shall take into consideration the respective situations of such pieces or parcels of land and the benefits they may severally receive from the extension of said avenue as aforesaid.

Sec. 3. That the said court shall cause public notice of not less than ten days to be given of the filing of said proceedings, by advertisement in such manner as the court shall prescribe, which notice shall warn all persons having any interest in the proceedings to attend court at a day to be named in said notice, and to continue in attendance until the court shall have made its final order ratifying and confirming the award of damages and assessment of benefits of the jury; and in addition to such public notice said court, whenever in its judgment it is practicable to do so, may cause a copy of said notice to be served by the marshal of the District of Columbia, or his deputies, upon such owners of the land to be condemned as may be found by said marshal, or his deputies, within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. That after the return of the marshal and the filing of proof of publication of the notice provided for in the preceding section, said court shall cause a jury of seven judicious, disinterested men, not related to any person interested in the proceedings, and not in the service or employment of the District of Columbia or of the United States, to be summoned by the marshal of the District of Columbia, to which jurors said court shall administer an oath or affirmation that they are not interested in any manner in the land to be condemned,