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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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**Chapter 164.**

An Act to amend Section sixteen, Chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Railroads.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section sixteen of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "stations" in the third line thereof the words 'coal sheds,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 16. Any railroad corporation may also purchase or take and hold, as for public uses, land for borrow and gravel pits, necessary tracks, side tracks, stations, coal-sheds, wood-sheds, repair shops, and car, engine and freight houses; but if the owner of said land does not consent thereto, or if the parties do not agree as to the necessity therefor or the area necessary to be taken, the corporation may make written application to the railroad commissioners, describing the estate, and naming the persons interested; the commissioners shall thereupon appoint a time for the hearing near the premises, and require notice to be given to the persons interested, as they may direct, fourteen days at least, before said time; and shall then view the premises, hear the parties and determine how much, if any, of such real estate is necessary for the reasonable accommodation of the traffic and appropriate business of the corporation. If they find that any of it is so necessary they shall furnish the corporation with a certificate containing a definite description thereof; and when it is filed with the clerk of courts in the county where the land lies, it shall be deemed and treated as taken; provided, however, that when land is held by a tenant for life, and the reversion is contingent as to the persons in whom it may vest on the termination of the life estate, such fact shall be stated in the application, and the commissioners shall, in addition to the notice to the tenant for life, give notice by publication to all others interested, in such manner as they may deem proper.'

Section 16 of chapter 51, R. S., amended.

Any railroad corporation may take land for coal sheds, etc.

--may make application for, and railroad commissioners shall appoint a time for hearing.

--fourteen days before time of hearing.

--land deemed to be taken when certificate of commissioners is filed with clerk of courts of the county.

--proviso.

Approved March 26, 1903.