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town in this state in which he is so found, the overseers of the poor of said town may send to the agent a statement specifying the nature, dates and amount of the supplies furnished, which shall be transmitted to the governor and council with such additional statements of fact as said agent may think proper; and the state shall reimburse said town for the relief so furnished, to such extent as the governor and council adjudge to have been necessarily expended therefor.

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 73.

An Act to Amend Paragraph Ten of Section Fifty-one of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Trial Terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Terms of court in Oxford county. The May term of the supreme judicial court within and for the county of Oxford shall be held at Rumford on the second Tuesday of May in each year. Said May term shall hereafter be held with a grand jury. The March term of said court within and for said county is hereby abolished. A term of the supreme judicial court shall be held at Paris within and for said county on the second Tuesday of February in each year. Said February term shall be held with a grand jury.

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 74.

An Act Relating to Annual or Biennial Reports of State Charitable and Correctional Institutions.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Certain state institutions to close accounts, June 30th. Shall submit annual report to governor and council on or before September 30. Reports to be printed biennially. The books of accounts and record of the Maine state prison, the reformatory for women, state school for boys, state school for girls, Augusta state hospital, Bangor state hospital, school for the feeble minded, the state sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis and the Bath military and naval orphan asylum, shall hereafter be closed on the thirtieth day of June of each year, and the annual or biennial reports which are now required by law to be made by the inspectors, commissioners, trustees and officers having charge of the said institutions shall hereafter be made annually to the governor and council on or before the thirtieth day of September, for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June preceding. Said reports shall be printed biennially for the use of the legislature in such numbers and in such form as the governor and council may determine.

Sec. 2. Certain inconsistent statutes repealed. So much of section thirty-one of chapter three, revised statutes, sections eight, twelve and

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sixty of chapter one hundred forty-two, revised statutes, section thirteen of chapter one hundred forty-four, revised statutes, sections seven and forty-seven of chapter one hundred forty-five, revised statutes and section six of chapter one hundred forty-six, revised statutes, or of any other laws in relation to annual or biennial reports of the aforesaid institutions, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 75.

An Act Amendatory of and Additional to Section Twenty-two of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Annual Closing of Accounts and Filing of Balance Sheet by Public Utilities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 55, § 22, relating to closing of accounts by public utilities, amended. Section twenty-two of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'**Sec. 22. Accounts to be closed December 31st.** The accounts of all public utilities shall be closed annually on the thirty-first day of December, unless a different date is fixed by the public utilities commission, and a balance sheet of that date, or of the date so fixed, promptly taken therefrom. Within two months after said date, or the date so fixed, such balance sheet together with such other information as the commission shall prescribe, verified by an officer or owner of the public utility, shall be filed with the commission, provided, however, that said commission may by general order extend said time not exceeding one month.'

Sec. 2. Report required to be made in 1917. Special provisions. This act shall take effect on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and require a report as of that date for the year then ending, notwithstanding a portion of that year may have been included in any annual report made, or required to be made, under the aforesaid section of the revised statutes. But the commission may require any classes of utilities, as defined in section fifteen of said chapter fifty-five, to draw off a balance sheet as of December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and to file said balance sheet and other information in manner aforesaid, for the year then ended, within such time as it may prescribe, in lieu of closing said accounts and filing said returns on the dates now fixed by law.

Approved March 23, 1917.