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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years
1951 - 1954

regulations we must conclude that demits or the granting of renewals on payment of fees for years in which no license has been held is contra to the sentence which reads that the certificate "may be renewed by the board for succeeding years." The term "succeeding" means the next regular or subsequent term, in this case, year. It is therefore our opinion that renewals must be granted for "succeeding" years and that when a person does not hold a license for a period of a year or longer he must be required under your law to submit to another examination.

We recommend that, if you desire to continue the practice of granting renewals in the event an applicant has been without a license for not more than two or three years, this privilege be granted in your law by the next legislature.

JAMES G. FROST
Deputy Attorney General

May 7, 1952

To Harry E. Henderson, Deputy Treasurer of State

Re: Attestation of Signature of Treasurer of State on Certain Bonds

We have your memo of April 29, 1952, in which you state that in so far as registered bonds are concerned the attesting officer is the Finance Commissioner and in which you ask who is the proper person to attest the signature of the Treasurer of State on unregistered bonds.

There is no doubt that the Finance Commissioner is the proper person to attest the signature of the Treasurer of State on registered bonds. With respect to unregistered bonds we have found no statute which provides for signatures on such bonds. There being no statute regulating the signatures on unregistered bonds, we feel that in the Council Order authorizing and empowering the Treasurer of State to issue bonds there should also be a provision authorizing the signatures to be affixed to the bonds. In other words, there should be a paragraph in the Council Order stating that such bonds shall be signed by: 1) The Governor; 2) the Treasurer of State; and 3) attested by either the Auditor or the Finance Commissioner. We feel that there should be some authorization for such signatures, and in the absence of any authorization by statute that it should be by order of the Governor and Council. A choice should be made between the Auditor and the Finance Commissioner, and in view of the statute relative to registered bonds we feel that the Finance Commissioner is a proper person to attest the signature of the Treasurer of State on unregistered bonds.

JAMES G. FROST
Deputy Attorney General

May 7, 1952

To Roland H. Cobb, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game

Re: Liability – Swan Island

This office has received your communication inquiring as to the State's liability in case of accident to visitors to Swan Island. You state that you have