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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT  
OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calender years

1961 - 1962

Section 15 provides that each police officer or constable must return the warrants at the time specified. The officer shall receive from the city, town or plantation, the sum of \$2.00 for each dog killed or otherwise disposed of and they may receive such further compensation as the municipal officers may determine for other services rendered under the provisions of sections 9 to 28.

In your question you have mentioned the municipal officers issuing a warrant to a humane agent. The statute does not provide for the issuing of a warrant to a humane agent, but only to police officers or constables. I might point out that by the 1961 amendment the State humane agents may issue the warrants rather than the municipal officers, but the State humane agent may not execute the warrants.

You will note the distinction that on the June 1 warrant the officer or constable shall collect his \$2.00 fee from the owner of the dog in the event the owner does license the dog after being so requested by the officer or constable.

The city, town or plantation is responsible for paying the police officer or constable \$2.00 for each dog killed or otherwise disposed of under the second warrant and subsequent court order.

GEORGE C. WEST

Deputy Attorney General

August 4, 1961

To: Carleton L. Bradbury, Commissioner of Banks and Banking

Re: Pepperell Trust Company

I have been over the file which you left with me as well as the banking laws.

I find nothing in the banking laws which would indicate that you, as Banking Commissioner, should become involved in the internal affairs of a bank, except where the matter would adversely affect the public.

It seems to me that the only function which you have in this particular matter is to see that nothing is done by the bank officials to adversely affect the capital structure of the bank.

GEORGE C. WEST

Deputy Attorney General

August 4, 1961

To: John F. Weston, Chairman of Harness Racing Commission

Re: Chapter 399, Public Laws of 1961

You have requested an answer to the following question:

"Is the money that is to be divided among the licensees based on the number of racing days granted by the commission or on the number of days actually raced?"

The second sentence of Chapter 399, Public Laws of 1961 provides:

"This sum shall be divided equally among the licensees in the proportion that the number of racing days of a licensee *granted* (Emphasis supplied) by the Commission bears to the total number of racing