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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Town Road Improvement Fund.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, § 42-B, amended. Section 42-B of chapter 20 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 371 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 42-B. Towns to receive funds. The various towns and unorganized townships in the state shall receive from the fund for the purpose of improving such roads as the municipal officers of the towns shall designate, not less than \$200 and such other amounts as they shall be entitled to, figured on the basis of mileage of unimproved roads including unimproved sections of state aid roads located within their respective limits as compared with the total amount of mileage of unimproved roads within the state. Such designation and the expenditure of money under the provisions of sections 42-A to ~~42-E~~ 42-F, inclusive, shall be under the general supervision and approval of the state highway commission.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 20, § 42-C, amended. Section 42-C of chapter 20 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 371 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42-C. Purpose of expenditures. The expenditures of this fund shall be for drainage, machine grading, and graveling and tarring when in the judgment of the state highway commission such roads may be suited for stabilizing either with tar or other stabilizing material, money from this fund may be so allocated, but shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000 in any 1 mile. The various towns shall furnish all local road material, including rocks, sand, gravel, etc. and shall assume and pay any cost or damages arising from any change in location, grade or drainage.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 20, § 42-D, amended. Section 42-D of chapter 20 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 371 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42-D. Limitation. No money from this fund shall be expended on the improved sections of any road which is a part of the federal aid, state, state aid, ~~or~~ 3rd class or so-called CCC roads, as it is intended to apply only to the unimproved roads of the state; provided, however, that the above limitation shall not apply to the \$200 referred to in section 42-B. Any balance unexpended by the towns at the end of any fiscal year shall remain to their credit for use in any other fiscal year to carry out the purposes of sections 42-A to ~~42-E~~ 42-F, inclusive.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 20, § 42-F, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 42-F, to read as follows:

Sec. 42-F. Definition. As a basis for allocation and expenditure of funds set up under the provisions of sections 42-A to 42-E, inclusive, the term "unimproved roads" shall mean all town ways in each city, town or unorganized township, except the following:

- I. Highways, streets and ways that have not been accepted by a city or town, or highways, streets and ways within the compact sections of cities or towns;
- II. Roads which have been virtually abandoned and are not being maintained even though they may not have been legally discontinued; or
- III. All improved sections of federal, state, state aid, 3rd class or so-called resolve highways.'