

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1871.

Chapter 200.

An act to amend sections fifty-eight and fifty-nine of chapter forty of the revised statutes, relating to the taking of smelts.

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

Time for taking smelts, extended.

SECT. 1. Sections fifty-eight and fifty-nine of chapter forty of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, are hereby amended, so as to extend the time in which smelts may be taken and fished for from the first day to the fifteenth day of March in each year.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1871.

Chapter 201.

An act to promote immigration into this state.

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

The time in which the European and North American Railway Co. shall perform certain duties for the promotion of immigration, extended to July 1, 1871.

SECT. 1. Whereas, in section three of an act entitled "an act to provide means for the defence of the north eastern frontier," approved March twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, it is provided that the European and North American railway company is charged with the duty of encouraging immigration into the state, and shall be required to appoint a suitable emigrant agent, and annually publish such plans, statements and other information, as shall give to the public a better knowledge of the extent, value and situation of the public lands of Maine, now open for settlement, and cause this information to be printed in our own and other languages, and distributed into other states of this union, and into foreign lands; and whereas it is provided in the same section that "the legislature of this state shall have the right at all times to inquire into the manner in which these trusts are executed, and to pass any laws that may be necessary to impose fines and penalties, to secure a compliance with the provisions, liabilities and duties hereinbefore set forth and enjoined;" and whereas, said railway company have utterly failed to perform the duties therein enjoined, it is hereby declared and made known, that the time may be extended for the performance of these duties until the first day of July next and no farther.

The attorney general required to ascertain if said company has performed its duties.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the attorney general of this state to inquire into and ascertain whether the duties set forth in the said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and in section one of this act, and at the time as extended in said section one of this

act, have been performed ; and if at that time the said company shall have failed to perform these duties, they shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars, and the same sum yearly thereafter, to be recovered in the same manner as an action for debt against said company, and it shall be the duty of the attorney general to make immediate demand of said company for the fine or fines thus imposed, and in case the said company shall neglect or refuse to pay the fines thus demanded within ten days after such demand, it shall then be the duty of the attorney general to sue said company in the name of the state and collect the fine or fines as soon as due process of law will allow, and all moneys so collected shall be expended under direction of the commissioner of immigration to promote immigration into this state.

CHAP. 202.

Liability if the company fails to perform its duties.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1871.

Chapter 202.

An act to amend chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to manufacturing, mining and quarrying companies.

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

SECT. 1. In case the stockholders of any corporation organized under chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes, find that the amount of the capital stock as fixed by the articles of agreement is insufficient for the purposes for which said corporation is organized, or that the number of directors as thus fixed is inconvenient for the transaction of business, the stockholders may by a majority vote increase the amount of the capital stock of said corporation to any amount they choose, not, however, to exceed the limit fixed in the eighteenth section of chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes, and may increase the number of directors in like manner, and the corporation shall give notice of such changes to the secretary of state within ten days thereafter.

Manufacturing, mining and quarrying companies, authorized to increase their capital stock and the number of directors.

The secretary of state to be notified.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1871.