

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1874.

An act amendatory of and additional to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes concerning railroads.

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

Sec. 30, ch. 51, R. S., amendment of.

SECT. 1. Section thirty of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is amended so as to read as follows :

Report of railroad corporations to county commissioners, when and how made.

SECT. 30. Every railroad corporation shall make an annual report to the railroad commissioners on or before December first, of its operations for each year ending September thirtieth, to be verified by the oath of its treasurer. It is to state : first, the

Length of road.

—double or single track and how laid.

length of the road in operation, the length of single track, the length of double track, the length of sidings and of spur tracks, the time when laid, the length laid with steel rails, the weight of rail per yard, the length laid with fished joints and of what sort, the length laid in chair joints, and the length laid with Whitman's

Capital stock and cost of road.

improved cross-ties ; second, the capital stock, and the amount called and paid in ; third, the whole cost of the road, showing the amount expended in the purchase of lands, for grading, for masonry, for bridging, for iron, for expenses of engineering, for passenger cars, for freight and other cars, for locomotives, and for the total expense of equipment ; fourth, the amount and nature of

Amount of indebtedness.

Number of passenger, freight and mixed trains.

Average number of passengers.—tons freight.

Passengers and fare.

Freight.

Receipts from passengers along the line.

—from passengers brought to road.

Amount of receipts. Depots, &c.

Miles run by trains.

Rate of speed.

Number of stockholders.

Dividends.

Depreciation.

Persons injured.

Cause of injury.

its indebtedness and its dues ; fifth, the whole cost of operating ; sixth, number of passenger trains during the year ; seventh, number of freight trains during the year ; eighth, number of mixed trains during the year ; ninth, average number of passengers per train ; tenth, average number of tons of freight per train ; eleventh, the number of through and way passengers and rates of fare ; twelfth, average receipts per passenger per mile ; thirteenth, average receipts per ton of freight per mile ; fourteenth, the number of through and way passengers and the rates of fare ; fifteenth, the amount of receipts from passengers and freight originating along the line of the road ; sixteenth, the amount of receipts from passengers and freight brought to the road by other railroads ; seventeenth, the amount received for the transportation of passengers, of property, of the mails, and from other sources ; eighteenth, the number of depots, engine houses, engines and cars of their several sort ; nineteenth, the number of miles run by passenger, freight, mixed and other trains respectively, and the average rate of and speed of each ; twentieth, the whole number of stockholders and the number who reside in this state ; twenty-first, the amount of each dividend and when made ; twenty-second, the amount charged for depreciation of road and other property ; twenty-third, the number of persons injured in life or limb, the cause of injury, and whether passengers, or persons employed ;

twenty-fourth, whether any such accident arose from carelessness or negligence of any person in the employ of the corporation, and whether such person is retained in its service; twenty-fifth, the number of employees of every sort, and the average pay of each of the following grades: conductors, baggage masters, station agents, switch-men, engine drivers, firemen, brakemen, foremen of track sections. If any railroad company neglect to make such report, it forfeits one thousand dollars; and it shall be the duty of the attorney general to prosecute for the recovery of the same upon complaint thereof made to him, and the same shall be published in the annual report of the railroad commissioners.'

CHAP. 219.

Employees and pay of.

Penalty for neglect to make return.

SECT. 2. When in the opinion of the railroad commissioners the passage of passenger trains over any portion of any railroad by passenger trains would be attended with imminent danger, they may notify the president or superintendent of such road of such unsafe condition of said portion of said road and order the immediate stopping of all passenger trains about to run over the same. In case said order is not obeyed said commissioners shall at once apply to some judge of the supreme judicial court, who may, upon satisfactory proof of the necessity for such order, and without notice to said company, issue an injunction prohibiting the running of passenger trains over said road until further order of the court.

Passenger trains prohibited from running over railroads when unsafe.

Approved March 3, 1874.

Chapter 219.

An act in relation to the protection of bottles used by the manufacturers of mineral waters, ginger ale and small beer.

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

SECT. 1. All persons or corporations engaged in the manufacture and sale of soda waters, mineral waters, ginger ale, small beer, spruce beer, white beer, or other similar beverages, in syphons or bottles with their name or names, or other marks or devices branded, stamped, engraved, etched, blown, impressed or otherwise produced upon such bottles or syphons, or anything connected therewith and appertaining thereto, may file in the office of the city or town clerk in which the principal place of business of such person or persons is situated, a description of the names and marks aforesaid used by them, and cause the same to be published once a week for three successive weeks in any weekly paper published in said county.

Protection of trade marks on bottles, &c.

—how secured.