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ABOLISHING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Снар. 14.

Preserving of lobsters between the first days of August and October, prohibited.

Sec. 2, amendment of.

Penalty for violation.

amended by striking out the words "catch, sell, or expose for sale," in the first line, and all after the third line of said section, so that said section shall read: 'No person shall preserve, within the limits of the state of Maine, any lobsters, between the first day of August and the first day of October of each year.'

SECT. 2. That section two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words "caught, sold, or exposed for sale," so that said section shall read: "Any person violating any provision of the above section shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars for every such lobster so used, as aforesaid, one half to go to the person making the complaint, and one half to the use of the town in which the offence is committed."

Approved February 16, 1875.

Chapter 14.

An act to amend section three of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to the abolishing of school districts.

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

Sec. 3, ch. 11, R. S., amendment of.

Towns may abolish school districts.

Property shall be appraised.

Tax to be levied on town for amount of appraisal.

-remitted to district for value of property taken. SECT. 1. Section three of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting in the seventh line of said section after the word "appraisal," the following words: 'or such part thereof as the town shall vote, and the remainder of said appraisal, if any there be, shall be levied by tax upon the whole town at the second and third annual assessments thereafter, or at the second alone, as the town shall vote;' and by inserting after the word "taken," in the ninth line of said section the following words: 'in the same proportion annually as the tax therefor shall be levied,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'A town may abolish the school districts therein, and shall thereupon forthwith take possession of all the school-houses, land, apparatus, and other property owned and used for school purposes, which districts might lawfully sell and convey. The property so taken shall be appraised under the direction of the town, and at the next annual assessment thereafter a tax shall be levied upon the whole town, equal to the whole amount of said appraisal, or such part thereof as the town shall vote, and the remainder of said appraisal, if any there be, shall be levied by tax upon the whole town at the second and third annual assessments thereafter, or at the second alone, as the town shall vote, and there shall be remitted to the tax payers of each district the said appraised value of its property thus taken, in the same proportion annually as the

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tax therefor shall be levied, or the difference in the value of the property of the several districts may be adjusted in any other manner agreed upon by the parties in interest. Upon the abolition or discontinuance of any district, its corporate powers and liabilities shall continue and remain so far as may be necessary for the enforcement of its rights and duties.'

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

Approved February 17, 1875.

Chapter 15.

An act conferring additional powers upon the supreme judicial court, relating to railroads.

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

Sect. 1. That in all cases where any foreign railroad company Damages by or railway company is or has been doing business in this state, as companies. the lessee of any railroad, neglects and refuses, or has neglected and refused, for the period of sixty days after demand, to pay and discharge any judgment recovered by any person against the company owning such leased road for any damages to the property of such person by the doings, misdoings or neglects of such foreign company, its agents or servants, and which judgment belongs in equity to such foreign company to pay and discharge. the supreme judicial court, on petition, is hereby authorized and Supreme court empowered to compel payment thereof by such foreign corporation, and to make, pass and enforce all necessary orders, decrees and processes for the purpose.

Be it further enacted, that in all cases in which any SECT. 2. such judgment has been or hereafter may be recovered, and such foreign company has neglected or hereafter may neglect, for the space of sixty days, to satisfy and pay such judgment to such person, the judgment creditor may have and maintain an action upon the case against such foreign company for the recovery of the amount of such judgment with interest and cost.

Approved February 17, 1875.

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bilities of districts to continue for certain purposes.