

# 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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## CHAP. 235

Penalty. harbors or rivers of this state, where any entrance to the same, or any part thereof from land to land, is not more than two nautical miles in width, under a penalty upon the master or person in charge of such seine or seines, or upon the owner or owners of said vessel, seine or seines, of not less than one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars, and there shall be a lien upon the vessels, steamers, boats and apparatus used in such unlawful pursuit until said penalty, with costs of prosecution, is paid; but a net for meshing porgies, of not more than one hundred meshes in depth, and a net for meshing herring, of not more than one hundred and seventy meshes in depth, shall not be deemed a seine.'

Lien upon ves-  
sels, etc.

Ch. 66, public  
laws 1878, re-  
pealed.

SECT. 2. All of chapter sixty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, excepting section one as amended, is hereby repealed.

Penalties, how  
recovered, and  
for whose benefit.

SECT. 3. All penalties named in section one may be recovered by indictment or action of debt; and one-fourth part of the penalty recovered or imposed shall be for the benefit of the complainant or party prosecuting, and the remaining three-fourths to the county in which the proceedings are commenced.

Approved March 18, 1880.

## Chapter 235.

An act to remodel the Board of Agriculture.

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

Board of agricul-  
ture, how consti-  
tuted.

SECT. 1. The president and the professor of agriculture of the state college of agriculture and the mechanic arts, together with one person from each county in the state as now provided for, whose terms of office and the election of their successors shall also be as now provided for, shall constitute the Maine board of agriculture for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the general interests of husbandry.

Sessjous, when to  
be holden.

SECT. 2. The board shall hold a business session of not exceeding two days at the capitol, on the first Wednesday of April next, and thereafter annually on the third Wednesday

of January in each year, for the election of officers and perfecting plans for the execution of the work for the year.

SECT. 3. The board, by its secretary and one of its members, shall hold annually one farmers' institute in each county, and as many more as it shall deem expedient or find practicable with the means at its disposal, for the public discussion of topics relating to husbandry, either independently or in connection with any organization devoted to the same general object, and it may in its discretion issue bulletins, employ experts, lecturers, a reporter or other aids to enhance the usefulness of said institutes to the public; and shall, as far as practicable, aid and encourage agricultural societies and associations in their efforts. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for time and services rendered, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, two dollars per day for subsistence and six cents per mile for travel. The whole expenses under this section not to exceed fourteen hundred dollars annually.

Farmers' institutes to be held annually in each county.

Reimbursement for expenses.

Expense.

SECT. 4. The board shall appoint a secretary as its chief executive officer for a term of three years and until his successor shall be appointed, and may prescribe his duties, a part of which shall be to acquaint himself, by personal observation, investigation, and correspondence with the methods and wants of practical husbandry, the means of fertilization, the adaptation of various products to the soils and climate of Maine; also with the progress of scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere, with a view to the more complete development of the natural resources of the state. He shall annually, on or before the third Wednesday in January, present to the governor and council a report of the doings of the board and the results of his own labors and investigations, together with such communications, suggestions and recommendations as may be useful. Ten thousand copies of said report, in size not exceeding two hundred pages, shall be printed; nine thousand bound in paper covers, one thousand in cloth, one-half of those in paper covers for the use of the legislature, and the remainder, after reserving a suitable number for foreign exchanges, for distribution under the direction of the board, among the agricultural associations and the people of the state.

Secretary, appointment and duties.

—annual report, number of copies and distribution.

SECT. 5. The compensation of the secretary shall be six hundred dollars per annum and reimbursement for necessary

Compensation of secretary.

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Ex-officio trustee of state college.

expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, an account thereof to be first audited by the governor and council. The secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the board of trustees of the state college of agriculture and the mechanic arts, also of the board of commissioners provided for in section fifty of chapter fourteen of the revised statutes relative to contagious diseases in cattle.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 6. Such portions of sections one to six inclusive of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 18, 1880.

### Chapter 236.

An act relating to the sale of the Franchises of Railroad Corporations.

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

Application of secs. 17 to 20, ch. 84, R. S.

SECT. 1. The provisions of sections seventeen to twenty, each inclusive, of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes, shall be construed so as to apply to the franchises of railroad corporations whose railroads lie wholly within this state, except that in case of railroad corporations notice shall be given of the time and place of sale, by posting a notification thereof at the court house in each county through which such railroad runs, either wholly or in part, thirty days at least before the day of sale, and by causing an advertisement to be inserted three weeks successively in at least one newspaper published in each county through which the road runs, either wholly or in part, the last publication to be at least four days before the day of sale, and if there is no newspaper printed in any one or more of such counties, then in the state paper in lieu thereof; and when the company has an established office in this state, notice of the sale shall also be given by leaving an attested copy of the same at the office of said company not less than thirty days previous to such sale; and notice given in the manner herein provided shall be sufficient, and none other shall be required.

--exception. Notice, how given.