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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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OF THE
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Section 14. This act shall take effect May one, nineteen hundred three.

Approved February 25, 1903.

Chapter 23.

An Act to amend Section fourteen of Chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to the width of the location of Railroads.

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

Section 1. Section fourteen, chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 14,
chapter 51,
R. S.
amended.

'Section 14. A railroad corporation for the location, construction, repair and convenient use of its road may purchase or take and hold as for public uses land and all materials in and upon it; through woodland and forest the land so taken shall not exceed six rods in width unless necessary for excavation, embankment or materials, and through all land other than woodland and forest, the land so taken shall not exceed four rods in width unless necessary for excavation, embankment or materials.'

Width of the
location of
railroads,
limited.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 25, 1903.

Chapter 24.

An Act to amend Chapter ninety-seven, Section three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Bastard Children and their maintenance.

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

Section three of chapter ninety-seven of the revised statutes of Maine is hereby amended by adding after the last word in said section the following words: 'The cost of commitment and board of the accused while so in jail shall be paid by the county in which said jail is situated. If he gives the required bond after commitment he shall be liberated upon payment of said cost of commitment and board,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 3 of
chapter 97, R.
S., amended.

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Accused may
be required to
give bond.

—may be
committed.

—cost of
commitment
and board
shall be paid
by county.

'Section 3. When the accused is brought before such or any other justice he may be required to give bond to the complainant, with sufficient sureties, in such reasonable sum as the justice orders, conditioned for his appearance at the next term of the supreme judicial or superior court for the county in which she resides, and for his abiding the order of the court thereon; and if he does not give it he shall be committed to jail until he does. The cost of commitment and board of the accused while so in jail shall be paid by the county in which said jail is situated. If he gives the required bond after said commitment he shall be liberated upon the payment of cost of commitment and board.'

Approved February 26, 1903.

Chapter 25.

An Act to enlarge the powers of Street Railroads in taking Lands.

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

May purchase
or take and
hold land for
gravel pits,
etc.

—if owner of
land does not
consent,
may apply
to railroad
commis-
sioners.

—meeting
shall be
appointed.

—proviso.

Section 1. Any street railroad corporation may purchase or take and hold, as for public uses, land for borrow and gravel pits, spur tracks thereto, side tracks, turnouts, stations, car barns, pole lines, wires, installing and maintaining power plants, double tracking its road, improving the alignment thereof, changing or avoiding grades, or for avoiding grade crossings of any railroad; but if the owner of said land does not consent thereto, or if the parties do not agree as to the necessity therefor or the area necessary to be taken, the corporation may make written application to the railroad commissioners, describing the estate and naming the persons supposed to be interested; the commissioners shall thereupon appoint a time for the meeting near the premises, and require notices to be given to the persons so interested as they may direct fourteen days at least before said time; and shall then view the premises, hear the parties, and determine how much, if any, of such real estate is necessary for the reasonable accommodation of the traffic and appropriate business of the corporation. If they find that any of it is so necessary, they shall furnish the corporation with a certificate containing a definite description thereof; and when it is filed with the clerk of courts in the county where the land lies, it shall be deemed and treated as taken; provided, however, that when land is held by a ten-