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tax of three-fourths of one mill on each dollar of valuation and the money derived from said tax shall be for the exclusive uses and purposes set forth in this act. Any unexpended balance at the end of any year shall be added to the fund for the next year. From this fund shall be paid all state aid for road improvement as provided for under this act.'

—unexpended balance.

Section thirteen of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in the place thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 12, amended.

'Section 13. After providing for the payment of state aid applied for, the balance of the fund or any part thereof may be expended by the state commissioner of highways in rebuilding and improving the main thoroughfares of through travel in the state, with the object of establishing a complete system of continuous main highways throughout the state. The location of roads to be improved under this section and the apportionment of funds for the same shall be determined by the state commissioner of highways subject to the approval of the governor and council. The same general provisions made for the construction and maintenance of other state roads under this act shall apply to roads constructed under authority of this section, except that the whole cost of construction may be paid by the state.'

Continuous main highways.

—location of continuous roads, how determined.

Approved March 13, 1909.

Chapter 70.

An Act to amend Section forty-eight of Chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Hours of Labor of Women and Children.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section forty-eight of chapter forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "sixty" in line eight thereof and substituting therefor the words 'fifty-eight,' so that section forty-eight as hereby amended shall read as follows:

Section 48, chapter 40, R. S. amended.

'Section 48. No female minor under eighteen years of age, no male minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment in the state, more than ten hours in any one day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the machinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of labor

Employment of women and minors in manufacturing establishments regulated.

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—fifty-eight hours a week.

—males over sixteen years may contract to work more hours.

—females over eighteen may make special contracts.

When act shall take effect.

is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-eight in a week; and no male person sixteen years of age and over shall be so employed as above, more than ten hours a day during minority, unless he voluntarily contracts to do so with the consent of his parents, or one of them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall receive extra compensation for his services; provided, however, that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may lawfully contract for such labor for any number of hours in excess of ten hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any one week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving additional compensation therefor; but during her minority, the consent of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be first obtained.'

This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred and ten.

Approved March 13, 1909.

Chapter 71.

An Act for the improvement of Free High Schools.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Classification of high schools.

Section 1. No school shall be regarded as a high school within the meaning of any of the provisions of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes unless such school shall be included in the following classes:

Class A.

Class A. This class shall include such schools as maintain at least one approved course of study through four years of thirty-six weeks each and of standard grade, together with approved laboratory equipment, and shall employ at least two teachers; provided the town, precinct or union maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for instruction therein at least eight hundred and fifty dollars annually exclusive of all tuition received.

Class B.

Class B. This class shall include such schools as maintain one approved course of study through at least two years of thirty-six weeks and of standard grade, together with approved equipment, provided the town, precinct or union maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for instruction therein at least five hundred dollars annually exclusive of all tuitions received.

Class C.

Class C. This class shall include such schools as maintain at least one approved course of study through four years of