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Chapter 85.

An Act to amend Section forty-three of Chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Pleasant River in Washington County.

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

Part of
section 43,
chapter 32,
R. S.,
repealed.

So much of section forty-three of chapter thirty-two of the revised statutes, as exempts Pleasant river in Washington county from the provisions of the statutes relating to migratory fishes and the supervision of the fishways by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 16, 1909.

Chapter 86.

An Act additional to Chapter one hundred twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to Malicious Mischiefs and Trespasses.

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

Penalty for
injuring, or
interfering
with tele-
graph or
telephone
lines, etc.

Whoever unlawfully and intentionally injures, molests or destroys any insulator, wire, post, cross-arm, bracket, or other structure or mechanism which forms part of, or is used in connection with an electrical transmission line constructed and maintained for the transmission of intelligence, heat, light or power by electricity, or destroys or in any way interferes with the proper working of such transmission line, or anything pertaining thereto, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved March 16, 1909.

Chapter 87.

An Act to amend Sections ninety-four, ninety-six and ninety-seven of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and three, providing for the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

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

Section 94,
chapter 15,
R. S.,
amended.

Section I. Section ninety-four of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty" in line fourteen of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'twenty-six' and by striking out all words after the word "township" in line seventeen of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'shall have been assessed by the duly appointed agent therefor the sum of forty cents for each of said inhabitants resident therein on

the first day of April, and said agent shall have made return of such assessment to the state superintendent of public schools,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Section 94. Whenever in any unorganized township in the state there shall be two or more children between the ages of five and twenty-one years, the state superintendent of public schools shall cause an enumeration of said children to be made and returned to him, and shall provide for the schooling of said children, either by establishing a school in the township, or by sending the children to schools in adjoining towns or plantations, or both, as shall by him be deemed expedient. In case any of said children are, by the state superintendent, sent to schools in adjoining towns or plantations, said children so sent shall have the same rights in such schools as children resident in said town or plantation. Provided, however, that in case the interest on the reserved fund in any unorganized township together with the amount arising from the per capita tax called for in this section, is not sufficient to provide schooling for the children of said township for at least twenty-six weeks in a year, the remainder of the expense shall be paid from the fund appropriated by section ninety-seven. Provided, further, that no money shall be expended under this section for the benefit of any township until the inhabitants of said township shall have been assessed by the duly appointed agent therefor the sum of forty cents for each of said inhabitants resident therein on the first day of April, and said agent shall have made return of such assessment to the state superintendent of schools.'

Section 2. Section ninety-six is hereby amended in line fourteen thereof by substituting for the word "fifteenth" the word 'seventeenth' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 96. The state superintendent of public schools may appoint agents for the several townships in which schools shall be established under section ninety-four, who shall, under the direction of the state superintendent, enumerate the pupils, assess and collect the per capita tax, employ the teacher and attend to all necessary details in connection with said schools; for which work they shall be paid a sum not exceeding two dollars a day, when actually employed in this duty, and actual necessary traveling expenses. Said agents in the collection of the per capita tax aforesaid, shall have the same powers and may use the same methods as collectors of taxes in towns are authorized to exercise and use for the collecting of personal and poll

Schooling of children in unorganized townships, provided for.

—proviso.

expenses, how paid.

—sum to be raised by inhabitants.

Section 96, chapter 15, R. S., amended.

Agents, appointment and duties of.

—compensation.

—authority of agents.

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—may compel regular attendance.

taxes committed to them; said agents may act as truant officers in their several townships, and may in their discretion compel the regular daily attendance at school of every child in their townships between the seventh and seventeenth anniversaries of his birth by arresting and taking to school any child when absent therefrom, and any parent or guardian of any such child or children, wilfully refusing to allow said children under his control to attend school, or opposing said agent in arresting and taking said children to school, may be prosecuted by said agent in the name of the state before the nearest trial justice, and if found guilty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for the use of the schools in the township wherein said children are resident, or shall be imprisoned for not exceeding thirty days. The state superintendent may supply school books for the schools established under said section under such conditions as to the purchase and care thereof as he may deem proper.'

—school books, how supplied.

Sec. 97, ch. 15, R. S., as amended by ch. 45, public laws, 1905, further amended.

Section 3. Section ninety-seven as amended by chapter forty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five is hereby further amended by striking out the word "seven" in line two as amended and substituting in place thereof the word 'fifteen' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Appropriation.

'Section 97. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of three preceding sections, there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifteen thousand dollars annually, which sum shall be deducted and set aside therefor by the treasurer of state from the annual school funds of the state.'

Approved March 16, 1909.

Chapter 88.

An Act relative to School Buildings.

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

Plans and specifications for school buildings to be furnished by state superintendent of schools. —plans shall be loaned.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent of public schools to procure architects' plans and specifications for not to exceed four room school buildings, and full detail working plans therefor. Said plans and specifications shall be loaned to any superintending school committee or school building committee desiring to erect a new school building. For the use of the state superintendent of public schools in procuring such plans and specifications the sum of two hundred dol-