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proper and comparative analysis thereof, shall be included in the report of the bureau.

Section 3. Except by special permission, the names of persons, partnerships or corporations who supply the information called for by the two preceding sections shall not be used in said reports, and the information obtained by circular or otherwise for the use of the bureau shall be confidential and not for the purpose of disclosing any person's affairs.

Names and information shall be for confidential use of bureau.

Section 4. The said commissioner shall investigate the causes of industrial accidents, the effect of such accidents upon the injured and their dependent relatives and upon the general public, and publish statistics thereon.

Investigation of accidents.

Section 5. He shall collect, arrange, illustrate, publish and distribute in this and other states, authentic information in regard to the resources and attractions of Maine, showing the advantages the state has to offer to manufacturers, capitalists, summer residents, tourists, farmers, and those seeking employment as farm laborers.

Information in regard to resources and attractions of the state shall be published.

He shall collect reliable information concerning the deposits of all valuable and useful minerals in the state, collect samples, and specimens of the same and arrange them so that they will represent an exhibit of the mineral and other valuable deposits of Maine.

—deposits of minerals.

Section 6. To provide for carrying out the provisions of this act, the twenty-third paragraph of section one of chapter one hundred sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "two thousand" in the third line of said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand five hundred,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

Paragraph 23, section 1, chapter 116, R. S., amended.

'Commissioner of industrial and labor statistics, fifteen hundred dollars; and he may employ such assistance, and incur such expense not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars a year, as may be necessary for the performance of his duties.'

Salary of commissioner.

—expenses.

Approved April 1, 1909.

## Chapter 181.

An Act relating to Inspectors of Meters.

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

Section 1. The municipal officers of cities and towns may annually elect an inspector of meters who shall serve for one year or until another is qualified in his stead at such salary as said municipal officers shall determine.

Inspector of meters, election and tenure.

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Qualifica-  
tion of  
inspectors.

Section 2. The said inspector shall be qualified and competent to perform the duties of the office and shall have charge of the inspection of all water, gas and electric meters, as provided in the following sections.

Duties of  
inspectors.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the inspector, upon complaint in writing of any consumer of gas, water or electric current, after said consumer shall have deposited with the city or town clerk such fee to cover the cost of inspection, as shall be fixed by the municipal officers of the city or town, to inspect, examine, prove and ascertain the accuracy of any gas, water or electric meter of which complaint is made, and when the said meter shall be found to be or made to be correct, the inspector shall stamp or mark such meter with some suitable device, which device shall be recorded in the office of the city or town clerk.

Meters  
shall be in-  
spected, ap-  
proved,  
marked and  
sealed.

Section 4. No corporation, district or person shall furnish for use any gas, electric or water meter in any city or town in which there shall be a duly appointed and qualified inspector of meters which shall not have been inspected, approved, marked and sealed by such inspector of meters. Every gas, water and electrical corporation or district shall provide and keep in and upon its premises a suitable and proper apparatus to be approved and stamped by the inspector of meters for such city or town for testing and proving the accuracy of all water, gas and electric meters furnished for use by it and by which apparatus every meter furnished to a consumer shall be tested.

Meters  
shall be  
inspected  
upon appli-  
cation of  
consumer  
and deposit  
of proper  
fee.

Section 5. If any consumer to whom a meter has been furnished shall apply to the city or town clerk in writing for the inspection of such meter, and shall deposit with said clerk the fee fixed for said service, the inspector shall inspect and test the same and if said meter on being so tested, shall be found to be incorrect to the extent of four per cent, if an electrical meter, or two per cent, if a gas or water meter, to the prejudice of such consumer, the inspector shall order the gas, water or electric corporation or district forthwith to remove said meter and to place in lieu thereof a meter which has been tested, approved, marked and sealed by an inspector of meters, and the inspector shall thereupon give a certificate to the consumer, showing the result of such test, who upon presenting said certificate to the city or town clerk shall receive back the fee deposited with said clerk, and in such case the corporation or district shall bear the expense of such inspection and shall pay to the treasurer of the city or town the same fee required of the consumer, but such consumer shall not be entitled to re-

—removal  
of faulty  
meters.

—expense  
of inspec-  
tion, by  
whom paid.

cover back in whole or in part from such corporation, district or person any sums paid for service prior to the filing of his application for inspection.

Fees how disposed of.

Section 6. All fees collected by the city or town clerk or treasurer shall be placed to the credit of the city or town to be used for municipal purposes.

Approved April 1, 1909.

### Chapter 182.

An Act to amend Section thirteen of Chapter one hundred thirty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Detectives.

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

Section thirteen of chapter one hundred thirty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty" in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word 'twenty-five,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 13, chapter 131, R. S., amended.

'Section 13. The governor with the advice of the council, may license not exceeding twenty-five private detectives, for the detection, prevention and punishment of crime, to serve for the term of four years, unless such license is sooner revoked for cause. Each person so licensed shall give bond with two sureties, approved by the governor and council, conditioned for the proper discharge of the services which he may perform by virtue of such license; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer on any person so licensed, any of the power and authority of sheriffs or police officers, except in cases of felonies and offenses under chapters one hundred and twenty-one and one hundred and twenty-six.'

Private detectives, appointment.

—bond.

—powers.

Approved April 1, 1909.

### Chapter 183.

An Act to amend Section nineteen of Chapter fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to Towns receiving devises and gifts for Public Libraries.

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

Section nineteen of chapter fifty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "combined" in the fifth line of said section the words, 'Any town, as such, may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for the

Section 19, chapter 57, R. S., amended.