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OF THE

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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth
Legislature

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Chapter 191.

An Act relating to the Scaling of Logs.

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

Method of
scaling
logs.

Section 1. Unless the parties otherwise agree, in the scaling or measurement of unmanufactured logs and timber the cubic foot shall be the unit of measure, to be determined by mathematical calculation or by such cubic rule as the parties may agree upon.

Commission
continued
in office.

Section 2. The commission appointed by the governor under the authority of an order of the last legislature, of date of March fourteen, nineteen hundred seven, is hereby continued in office with power to recommend some appropriate standard cubic rule and the application or use thereof. Their report shall be made on or before September first, nineteen hundred and nine, to the governor, who shall transmit the same to the next legislature for its action thereon. Their bills for time actually employed, at no more than five dollars per day, and actual expenses shall be approved by the governor and council and be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

—shall
make re-
port.

—compen-
sation.

Approved April 1, 1909.

Chapter 192.

An Act to amend Chapter one hundred and eighty-nine of the Laws of nineteen hundred and seven prohibiting publications relating to Patent or other Medicines in language of immoral tendency, or of ambiguous character, and protecting the public against the dangers from the indiscriminate distribution of samples of medicine.

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

Sec. 1, ch.
189, public
laws, 1907,
amended.

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and eighty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "sale" in the first line thereof the words 'or distribution by hand or otherwise,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Publication
or sale of
certain cir-
culars, etc.,
prohibited.

'Section 1. The publication or sale or distribution by hand or otherwise within this state of any circular, pamphlet, or book containing recipes or prescriptions for the cure of chronic female complaints or private diseases, or recipes or prescriptions for drops, pills, tinctures, or other compound designed to prevent conception, or tending to produce miscarriage or abortion is hereby prohibited; and for each copy thereof, so published and sold, containing such prohibited recipes or pre-

scriptions, the publisher and seller shall each be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the same penalties provided for a violation of the preceding section. Any person or persons, their agents or clerks, who shall fail to comply with the requirements herein expressed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, or both, for each and every offense.'

—penalty for violation.

Section 2. Section two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out in line seven of said section the words "that contains poison or other ingredient deleterious to health," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 2. amended.

'Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation who, by himself, his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person or firm, shall leave, throw, or deposit, or have in his possession with intent to leave, throw or deposit upon the doorstep, hall, porch, doorway, vestibule, or premises owned or occupied by another, any patent or proprietary medicine or any preparation, pill, tablet, or drug, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than one year.'

Penalty for throwing or leaving samples of patent medicines upon door steps, etc.

Approved April 1, 1909.

Chapter 193.

An Act creating the Maine Forestry District, and providing for protection against forest fires therein.

Whereas, the forests situated mainly in the plantations and unorganized townships are one of the chief sources of wealth of the state, and the protection of such forests from destruction by fire is of the greatest importance; to this end it is a paramount duty of this legislature to have funds provided without delay for such protection. Delay in the providing of such funds would expose such forests to danger of destruction by fires, preventable by adequate precautions. In the judgment of this legislature, the facts expressed in the above preamble constitute an emergency, and the measure hereinafter set forth is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public safety: therefore,

Statement.

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

Section 1. An administrative district shall be and is hereby established and incorporated, to be known as the Maine

Maine Forestry District established.