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CHAP. 108 all contracts and debts of said corporation contracted prior to the filing of said certificate.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to all individuals granted special rights and privileges by act of the legislature.

Act applies to all individuals granted special rights.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 108.

An Act Relating to Fire Inspectors and the Removal of Fire Hazards.

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

Election of fire warden required who shall be a fire inspector.

Section 1. Each town at its annual meeting shall elect at least one fire ward, who shall be a fire inspector and shall perform the several duties prescribed by this act; if more than one fire ward is elected by any town, one of said fire wards shall be designated as fire inspector of said town and the other fire wards shall, under the direction of the fire inspector, assist in performing the duties imposed upon said fire inspector by this act. Fire inspectors shall receive reasonable compensation for their services to be determined by the town. In towns and cities having an organized fire department, the chief of such fire department shall perform the duties of fire inspector under this act. The municipal officers may authorize such fire inspectors to perform the duties imposed upon them by sections forty-six, forty-seven and forty-nine of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes, and when so authorized said fire inspectors shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties prescribed by said sections forty-six, forty-seven and forty-nine of said chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes. Such fire inspectors shall furnish the insurance commissioner with such information as he may require and shall perform such inspections as the insurance commissioner may direct.

—compensation of fire inspectors.

—duties of fire inspectors when authorized by municipal officers.

Insurance com'r upon complaint may inspect buildings.

—combustible or other dangerous matter may be removed.

Section 2. The insurance commissioner, his deputy, or the fire inspector, upon the complaint of any person, or whenever he or they shall deem it necessary, may inspect or cause to be inspected all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Whenever any of said officers shall find any building or other structure which, for want of repairs, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or from any other cause, is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other property, and whenever such officer shall find in or around any building combustible or explosive matter, or inflammable or other conditions dangerous to the safety of such buildings, he

or they shall order the same to be removed or remedied, and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings. If such order is made by any fire inspector, such owner or occupant may, within twenty-four hours appeal to the insurance commissioner, who shall, within ten days, review such order and file his decision thereon, and his decision shall be final and shall be complied with within such time as may be fixed in said order or decision of the insurance commissioner. CHAP. 109

Section 3. If any person fail to comply with the order of any officer under this section or of the decision of the insurance commissioner on review, and within the time fixed, then such officer is hereby empowered and authorized to cause such building or premises to be forthwith repaired, torn down or demolished and such materials removed and all dangerous conditions remedied, as the case may be, at the expense of the town in which such property is situated, and if the owner thereof, within thirty days after notice in writing of the amount of such expense, fails, neglects or refuses to repay said town the expense thereby incurred, a special tax may be assessed by the town against the real estate on which said building was located for the amount of such expenses and such amount shall be included in the next annual warrant of the treasurer to the collector of said town for collection and shall be collected in the same manner as state, county and municipal taxes are collected.

Officer may repair or demolish buildings.

—special tax may be assessed against real estate for expenses.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 109.

An Act to Amend Sections One Hundred and Nine and One Hundred and Thirteen of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended, Relating to the State Normal Schools and Their Management.

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

Section 1. Section one hundred and nine of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Gorham" in the second line thereof the words 'Washington state normal school at Machias,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Section 109 of chap. 15, R. S., amended.

'Section 109. The Northern Normal School at Farmington, the Eastern Normal School at Castine, the Western Normal School at Gorham, the Washington State Normal School at Machias and the Aroostook County Normal School at Presque Isle, shall be conducted for the purposes and upon the principles herein set forth.'

Five normal schools, where located.