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CHAP. 72

'Sec. 74. Exception as to West Bay and West Bay stream, in Gouldsboro, repealed. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in tidal waters, nor in any brook, stream or river emptying into tide-waters within one thousand feet of tide-water, except by hook and line, between the first days of April and October, under a penalty of not less than ten, nor more than thirty dollars for each offense, and a further penalty of twenty cents for each smelt so taken, and all weirs for the capture of smelts shall be open and so remain, and all nets used in the smelt and tomcod fishery shall be taken from the water on or before said first day of April under a penalty of not less than twenty, nor more than fifty dollars, and a further fine of five dollars for each day that any such weir or net remains in violation of the law. But weirs with catch pounds covered with nets, the meshes of which are one inch square in the clear, or greater or weirs with catch pounds covered with nets which are erected and used for the catching of herring are not subject to this section. But no smelts caught in such weirs after the first day of April, shall be sold or offered for sale in this state, nor shall smelts caught in any manner between the first day of April and the first day of October following be offered for sale, sold or shipped from the state under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offense; provided, however, that dip nets may be used between the first day of April and the first day of May, and all smelts caught by dip-nets between said days may be lawfully offered for sale and sold in this state; provided, further, that this section does not apply to smelts taken in the Androscoggin river above the Merrymeeting Bay bridge, or in Narraguagus bay or river between the first days of October and November, nor to smelts taken in the Penobscot river and its tributaries between the first and thirtieth days of April, nor to smelts taken in Casco bay between the fifteenth day of September and the first day of October, nor to smelts taken in Franklin bay, between the first day of April and the first day of May, nor to smelts taken in Little Kennebec bay, so called, or in Narraguagus bay or river, in the county of Washington, between the first day of April and the twentieth day of May, nor to smelts taken in Tunk stream and Parritt and Whitten stream, so called, in the town of Steuben, in Washington county, between the first day of April and the first day of May, nor to smelts taken in Passamaquoddy bay, St. Croix river and Cobscook bay and the coves and inlets tributary to these bays between the first day of September and the first day of October.'

Approved March 23. 1917.

Chapter 72.

An Act Providing for the Relief of Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians Found Destitute beyond Tribal Reservations.

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

Towns to be reimbursed for aid extended to Passamaquoddy Indians. When any member of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians is found destitute and in distress beyond the tribal reservation and is relieved by the

town in this state in which he is so found, the overseers of the poor of said town may send to the agent a statement specifying the nature, dates and amount of the supplies furnished, which shall be transmitted to the governor and council with such additional statements of fact as said agent may think proper; and the state shall reimburse said town for the relief so furnished, to such extent as the governor and council adjudge to have been necessarily expended therefor.

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 73.

An Act to Amend Paragraph Ten of Section Fifty-one of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Trial Terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford.

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

Terms of court in Oxford county. The May term of the supreme judicial court within and for the county of Oxford shall be held at Rumford on the second Tuesday of May in each year. Said May term shall hereafter be held with a grand jury. The March term of said court within and for said county is hereby abolished. A term of the supreme judicial court shall be held at Paris within and for said county on the second Tuesday of February in each year. Said February term shall be held with a grand jury.

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 74.

An Act Relating to Annual or Biennial Reports of State Charitable and Correctional Institutions.

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

Sec. 1. Certain state institutions to close accounts, June 30th. Shall submit annual report to governor and council on or before September 30. Reports to be printed biennially. The books of accounts and record of the Maine state prison, the reformatory for women, state school for boys, state school for girls, Augusta state hospital, Bangor state hospital, school for the feeble minded, the state sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis and the Bath military and naval orphan asylum, shall hereafter be closed on the thirtieth day of June of each year, and the annual or biennial reports which are now required by law to be made by the inspectors, commissioners, trustees and officers having charge of the said institutions shall hereafter be made annually to the governor and council on or before the thirtieth day of September, for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June preceding. Said reports shall be printed biennially for the use of the legislature in such numbers and in such form as the governor and council may determine.

Sec. 2. Certain inconsistent statutes repealed. So much of section thirty-one of chapter three, revised statutes, sections eight, twelve and