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or measuring device, contrary to law, or remove any tag, stamp or mark placed thereon by the sealer; or whoever by himself, or by his agent or servant, or as agent or servant of another, shall sell, offer or expose for sale less than the quantity he represents, or whoever by himself, or by his agent or servant, or as the agent or servant of another, shall sell, offer for sale, or have in his possession for the purpose of selling, any false scales, weight or measures, or any device or instrument to be used or calculated to falsify any weight or measure, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall for the first offense be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars; for the second offense by a fine of not less than twenty, nor more than two hundred dollars, and for any subsequent offense by a fine of fifty dollars and by imprisonment for not less than thirty, nor more than ninety days. The possession or use by any person of any false weight, measure or other apparatus for determining the quantity of any commodity or article of merchandise is presumptive evidence of knowledge by such person of the falsity of such weight, measure or other apparatus. Every sealer of weights and measures who has reasonable cause to believe that a weight, measure, scale, balance or beam has been altered since it was last adjusted and sealed shall enter the premises in which it is kept or used and shall examine the same. A sealer, or his duly appointed deputy may examine commodities sold or offered for sale and test them for correct weight, measure or count, and bring complaint for violations of sections eight to twenty-five, both inclusive, of this chapter. He, or his duly appointed deputy may, for the purpose stated above, and in the general performance of his or their official duties, have access without formal warrant to any stand, place, building or premises, or to any sales slip, record of sale, or weight slip, or may stop any vendor, peddler, junk dealer, coal wagon, ice wagon, or any person for the purpose of making the proper tests. Any person refusing to exhibit any sales slip, record of sale, or weight slip in his possession, or to allow proper tests for correct weight, measure or count, or refusing to proceed to a proper and convenient place for the making of any such test, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 208.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred of Chapter Fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, and Increasing the Authorized Amount of Accumulated Capital of Loan and Building Associations.

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

R. S., c. 52, § 100, relating to accumulated capital of loan and building associations, amended. Section one hundred of chapter fifty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "one" in the first line thereof and substituting the word 'two,' and by striking out the word "twenty-five" in the sixth line of said section and substituting therefor the word 'fifty,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 100. May increase capital to two million; individual holder may acquire fifty shares. The capital to be accumulated shall not exceed two million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of the ultimate value of two hundred dollars each. The shares may be issued in quarterly, half yearly, or yearly series, in such amounts and at such times as the members may determine. No person shall hold more than fifty shares in the capital of any such association. No shares of a prior series shall be issued after the issue of a new series.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 209.

An Act Additional to Chapter One Hundred Twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes
Relating to the Enforcement of the Laws against the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

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

R. S., c. 127, relating to gambling, sale of intoxicating liquors, etc., amended. Chapter one hundred twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

'Sec. 55. Express companies, etc. to require receipt from consignee or agent, before delivery of intoxicants; penalty for violation. It shall be unlawful for any transportation company, express company, corporation or individual to deliver any intoxicating liquors at any place other than the regular place of business of said company or individual or to deliver any intoxicating liquors to any person, firm or corporation other than the person, firm or corporation to whom it has been consigned, unless upon the written order in each instance of the bona fide consignee, or to any fictitious person, or to any person under a fictitious name; and in all cases, before delivery is made, said company or individual shall require the consignee, or his agent, in each instance duly authorized thereto in writing, personally to sign a receipt in a book kept for such purpose, which said receipt shall reveal the name of the person to whom the liquors were shipped, the amount and kind and the date when delivered and the persons by whom and to whom delivered, except that in case of partnership and corporations, a partner or duly authorized officer of the corporation may receipt for liquors consigned to their principals, and the book of receipts above described shall be kept permanently in such places of business and shall be open to inspection by any state, county or municipal officer during regular business hours, and such book shall constitute prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated and be admissible as evidence in any court in this state having jurisdiction over offenses named in this chapter and chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes. Any officer of any transportation company or express company or any other person who knowingly delivers intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions hereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars and costs and be imprisoned for not less than two nor more than six months and in default of payment of said fine and costs he shall be imprisoned six months additional. Any person who knowingly receipts for any intoxicating liquors