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advisable, and the expense of securing such information shall be added to the state tax next assessed against the land of such owner or agent, and collected in the same manner as all wild land taxes are collected.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 78.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-one of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Appointment of Examiners to Perform Certain Duties for the Public Utilities Commission.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 51, relating to powers and duties of members of public utilities commission in connection with hearings, amended. Section fifty-one of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Said public utilities commission shall have power to appoint, to serve during its pleasure, an examiner, who, being first duly sworn, shall have authority to administer oaths, examine witnesses, issue subpoenas, require the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, and receive evidence in any matter under the jurisdiction of the commission, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him. Evidence so taken and received shall have the same force and effect as though taken and received by said commission, and shall authorize action by said commission as though by it taken and received. When objection is made to the admissibility of evidence the examiner shall note the same with the reasons therefor and incorporate such notation and reasons in his report of the evidence according to the practice in taking depositions. The commission shall disregard or consider the evidence so objected to according to the rules governing the taking of evidence before the commission, and shall report its rulings thereon in its decision of the case. The commission shall fix the salary of said examiner,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 51. Commission may appoint an examiner to preside at hearings, etc.; salary of examiner to be fixed by commission. Each of the commissioners for the purposes mentioned in this chapter, may administer oaths, certify to official acts, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, punish by fine and imprisonment for contempt, and issue all processes necessary to the performance of the duties of the commission. Said public utilities commission shall have power to appoint, to serve during its pleasure, an examiner, who, being first duly sworn, shall have authority to administer oaths, examine witnesses, issue subpoenas, require the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, and receive evidence in any matter under the jurisdiction of the commission,

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Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 79.

An Act Providing for the Examination and Review of Historical Matter for Publication of which State Aid is Asked of the Legislature.

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

Historical documents of Maine; how manuscripts shall be reviewed before state aid given for publication. When state aid shall be asked of the legislature to assist in the publication, editing or compiling of any manuscripts, documents, or writings pertaining to the history of the State of Maine, such manuscripts, documents, or writings, shall first be submitted to the state librarian and to a professor of history of some college or university within the State of Maine, who shall be appointed by the governor, which two, in conjunction with some member of the Maine Historical Society to be selected by them, shall examine and review such manuscripts, documents, or writings and shall report to the legislature their approval or disapproval of or suggest changes in the same.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 80.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-seven of Chapter Fifty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Crossings.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 56, § 67; relating to the establishment of temporary crossings by railroads for lumbering operations. Section sixty-seven of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended as follows, viz:

After the words "lumbering operations" in the second line thereof add the following: 'and for the transportation in ordinary vehicles of wood, coal, ice, hay or other commodities'; also by striking out the word "lum-