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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.'

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Historical documents of Maine; how manuscripts shall be reviewed before state aid given for publication.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-

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bering" in the fourth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'such', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 67. Temporary crossings may be established for transportation of wood, coal, ice, hay or other commodities. A railroad company may, for the purpose of accommodating lumbering operations and for the transportation in ordinary vehicles of wood, coal, ice, hay or other commodities, establish and maintain temporary crossings of any railroad operated by it, by agreement with any person who may request such crossing for such purposes; and upon petition, the public utilities commission, after notice and hearing, may direct any railroad company to establish and maintain such temporary crossings at such places on its line of road as said commission shall deem expedient, and thereupon said railroad company shall establish such crossing and maintain the same in accordance with the provisions of this section and the three following sections.'

Sec. 2. Public utilities commission may order temporary crossing discontinued, when no longer necessary. Whenever in the opinion of the public utilities commission, any temporary railroad crossing established under the provisions of this chapter is no longer necessary, said commission may, on its own motion or on petition of any interested party, after notice and hearing, order such crossing discontinued.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 81.

An Act to Provide for a Draft, When Necessary, to Maintain the Minimum Number Required by Law for Organizations of the National Guard in Time of Peace.

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

National guard organizations may be filled by draft from unorganized militia in time of peace; men having prior service exempt; penalty for contempt. If in time of peace any company, troop, battery or detachment of the National Guard shall have failed by voluntary enlistment to obtain the minimum strength required by the laws of the United States, the commanding officer of such company, troop, battery or detachment shall report to the adjutant general the number of enlisted men required and in addition a number equal to the loss expected during the succeeding three months, of enlisted men whose terms of active service expire during that period and who have signified their intention of not continuing in active service or re-enlisting. The adjutant general shall, upon receipt of such report, inform the governor of the facts, and the governor shall then draft from the unorganized militia of the town or city where such company, troop, battery or detachment is located, or from adjacent towns or cities, the number of men required to maintain such minimum strength,