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natural resources of the state; he shall gather statistics of information concerning agriculture and publish the same annually; he shall assist the farmers of the state, in so far as is practicable, to secure farm help, and to promote increased production of farm crops through the selection, the growing and the dissemination of superior strains of seeds. He may investigate and furnish statements to shippers and other interested parties as to the quality and condition of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other perishable farm products when received within the state for intrastate or interstate commerce, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, including payment of such fees as will be reasonable and as nearly as may be to cover the cost for the service rendered. Provided, that statements so issued by the authorized agents of the department shall be received in all courts of the State of Maine as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. An appropriation of three thousand dollars annually shall be made, to be expended by the commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and of section six of this chapter, and for such other purposes and in such manner as in his judgment will best promote the interests of agriculture in this state.'

Approved April 1, 1921.

Chapter 82.

An Act to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Ninety-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Powers of the Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

1917, c. 293, § 3; relating to the creation of the sea and shore fisheries commission and the qualification, powers and duties of the commissioners, amended. Section three of chapter two hundred ninety-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by adding after the last word thereof the following words: 'Whoever violates the rules and regulations so made or the close time so declared shall be liable to the same fines and penalties as are provided in section seventeen of chapter forty-five engaging in the lobster business without a license,' so that said section three of chapter two hundred ninety-three, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Penalty for violating rules and regulations promulgated by commissioners. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council shall, upon the taking effect of this act, appoint a commission of three persons to be known as the sea and shore fisheries commission who shall have general supervision of the sea and shore fisheries and shellfish regulated by chapter forty-five of the revised statutes. Each com-

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missioner except as hereinafter provided shall hold office for a term of three years, unless sooner removed. Two of said commissioners shall belong to the political party casting the largest number of votes for governor at the last preceding election and one from the political party casting the second largest vote for governor at the same election. They shall exercise supervision over all the fisheries and their products taken from the tide waters within the state, including the proper enforcement of all laws relating to the catching, packing, curing, manufacturing, selling, branding and transportation of all kinds of pickled, salt, smoked, fresh, canned or frozen shell or other fish. They shall have authority to make rules and regulations governing the time, manner and conditions of taking fish, shell-fish and lobsters and may declare a close time on such varieties and in such localities as they may determine; but such rules and regulations shall be made and such close time declared only after hearing, reasonable notice of which shall have been given by publication or otherwise to all parties interested. Rules and regulations so made and close time so declared shall be held to take precedence over any then existing provisions of statute inconsistent therewith. Whoever violates the rules and regulations so made or the close time so declared shall be liable to the same fines and penalties as are provided in section seventeen of chapter forty-five engaging in the lobster business without a license.'

Approved April 1, 1921.

Chapter 83.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Forest Fire Fighters in the Maine Forestry District.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 70; relating to action to be taken by chief and deputy fire wardens when a forest fire starts, amended. Section seventy of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty" in the sixteenth line thereof, and substituting in place thereof the word 'thirty,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 70. Assistants summoned to help check forest fires to be paid thirty cents an hour instead of twenty cents. Whenever a fire occurs on, or is likely to do damage to forest lands within the district of any chief forest fire warden, he shall take immediate action to control and extinguish the same. If such fire occurs upon or is likely to do damage to forest lands within the territory of a deputy forest fire warden and the chief fire warden of the district is not present, the deputy forest fire warden