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by chapter three hundred and one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and as further amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is further amended in section one hundred and thirty-one thereof by striking out in the third line of said section one hundred and thirty-one the word "eight," and substituting therefor the word 'ten'; so that said section one hundred and thirty-one, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 131. Appropriation increased from \$8000 to \$10,000. For the purpose of enabling the state board of health to carry out the provisious of this act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars annually.'

Sec. 4. 1917, c. 197, § 7; relating to the salaries of the various officers of the state department of health, amended. Section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Salary of commissioner may be increased to \$5000 on recommendation of public health council. The commissioner of health shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars; provided, however, that the governor and council may, upon recommendation by the appointive members of the public health council, increase said salary to an amount not in excess of five thousand dollars.'

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 163.

An Act to Amend Section Eighty-seven of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to State Aid to High Schools under Emergency Conditions.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 87; relating to returns to state superintendent of expenditure for free high schools and certification of amounts to which they are entitled, by state superintendent, amended. Section eighty-seven of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "state" in the thirteenth line thereof the words 'provided that in case any town has failed to comply with any of said provisions by reason of circumstances beyond its control he may, after proper investigation certify such part of the high school aid as circumstances may justify,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 87. In case town has failed to comply with provisions by reason of unavoidable circumstances state superintendent may

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certify such amount as circumstances justify; appeal may be taken to governor and council; penalty for defrauding the state. Superintendents shall, annually, before the first day of July, make returns under oath to the state superintendent of public schools on blanks prepared and sent out by him, of the amount appropriated and the amount expended by each town or precinct for instruction in such free high schools during the current year; also of the amount appropriated and the amount expended for common school purposes by each town maintaining the same; the number of weeks during which such schools have been taught; the wages paid each teacher; the number of pupils in each branch of study pursued, and the amount received for tuition. If the state superintendent is satisfied that the provisions of sections seventy-two to eighty-four have been complied with, he shall certify to the governor and council the sum which each town or precinct is entitled to receive from the state; provided that in case any town has failed to comply with any of said provisions by reason of circumstances beyond its control he may, after proper investigation certify such part of the high school aid as circumstances may justify. Any town or precinct, dissatisfied with his decision. may appeal to the governor and council, and the governor and council shall issue a certificate to the treasurer of the town or agent of the precinct, for such amount as they adjudge such town or precinct entitled to receive from the state treasury. Any person connected with the management of such free high schools, either as teacher, agent or superintendent, who in any way aids or abets in defrauding the state into the payment in support of said schools of more than is contemplated by this chapter, shall forfeit not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than one year.'

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 164.

An Act Regulatory of the Operation of Portable Sawmills and Providing for the Licensing thereof,

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

Sec. 1. Portable sawmills to be licensed by forest commissioner. It shall be unlawful to erect a portable sawmill without first obtaining a license therefor from the forest commissioner. Application shall be made upon blanks prepared by the forest commissioner for this purpose. A proper record of all applications for licenses and all licenses issued shall be kept by the forest commissioner at his office and shall be open to inspection of any person during reasonable business hours, and when said mill is located in towns duplicate licenses sent municipal officers. The fee

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