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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

for such license shall be twenty-five dollars, which shall be deposited at the time of making the application, and all licenses shall expire one year from the date of their issue. The forest commissioner, or forest fire wardens in organized towns may at any time suspend or revoke any license for the violation of the slash laws; and he or they may suspend such license in times of drought as to any portable sawmill, the operation of which would create an extra fire hazard. Upon application filed and recorded as aforesaid the forest commissioner shall grant a permit to change the location of any portable sawmill.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violation. Any person violating the provisions of section one of this act shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars to be recovered by indictment. Any portable sawmill so erected without a license shall be deemed a public nuisance without other proof than its use.

Sec. 3. Disposition of license fees. All money accruing from the issuance of licenses as provided for in this act shall be added to and become a part of the fund for the purchase of lands and general forestry purposes.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 165.

An Act to Ratify, Confirm and Make Valid the Execution of Bonds Issued under the Provisions of Chapter Two Hundred and Sixty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, known as the Maine Military Service Loan.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acting under the provisions of chapter two hundred sixty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, the governor and council of this state authorized an issue of bonds, to be known as the Maine Military Service Loan, to the amount of three million dollars, being three thousand bonds each of the par value of one thousand dollars, which bonds and the attached coupons were executed in the name of the state by Jos. W. Simpson as treasurer, and which bonds were countersigned by Carl E. Milliken as governor, after the expiration of the terms of office of said Jos. W. Simpson and Carl E. Milliken, respectively;

And whereas, the validity of such bonds in the hands of the holders thereof may be questioned on account of said execution by said Jos. W. Simpson and Carl E. Milliken after the expiration of their respective terms of office;

And whereas, the faith and credit of the state is involved by the foregoing facts, and an emergency is created in the judgment of this legislature