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nine, one hundred and sixty, one hundred and sixty-one, one hundred and sixty-two, one hundred and sixty-three, one hundred and sixty-four and one hundred and sixty-five providing for the assessment and distribution of the school mill fund and the common school fund; section one hundred and sixty-six, one hundred and sixty-seven and one hundred and sixty-eight providing for the creation and distribution of the equalization fund; chapter two hundred and twenty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen providing for an equalization fund for secondary schools is also repealed.

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 174.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-three of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Eleven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Requiring a Permit for the Burning of Brush or Slash near Woodlands.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 53; 1919 c. 111 and 168; relating to the removal of slash or other inflammable material along railroads and ways, amended. Section fifty-three of chapter eight of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "road" in the tenth line of said section the following words: 'Any person, firm, corporation or agent cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to woodlands within the state outside the limits of the Maine Forestry District and all such firms, persons and corporations, who by themselves, their agents, servants, licensees, permittees or lessees operate, or permit operation, of portable sawmills on land which borders on woodland shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within fifty feet of the line of cutting on the side or sides toward such woodland,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 53. Debris and inflammable material caused by cutting forest growth adjacent to woodlands owned by another shall be disposed of; slash and debris caused by portable sawmills shall be disposed of; permit to be obtained for the burning of blueberry lands adjacent to forest growth.** Any person, firm, corporation or agent, cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to the right of way of any railroad or highway within the state, shall leave the growth uncut on the land within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county or

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state road; (or shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county or state road). Any person, firm, corporation or agent cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to woodlands owned by another within the state outside the limits of the Maine forestry district and all such firms, persons and corporations, who by themselves, their agents, servants, licensees, permittees or lessees operate, or permit operation of portable sawmills on land which borders on woodland shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within fifty feet of the line of cutting on the side or sides towards such woodland. Provided, however, that consent and direction in writing from the forestry department shall be required for the burning of such brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land when such land is adjacent to any forest growth except when the ground is covered with snow. The forest commissioner shall cause to be furnished to all the chief forest fire wardens and to the municipal officers of all towns and organized plantations of the state, blank permits, signed by him, for the burning of brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land. Any chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers of the town, in the county where the land is located, shall have full authority to countersign and grant such permits signed by the forest commissioner. The forest commissioner may, however, in any particular case called to his attention, overrule the decision of the chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers, and himself grant the permit asked for or forbid the granting of the same. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of fifty dollars.'

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 175.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Inheritance Taxes.

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

R. S., c. 69, § 2; providing that attorney general may settle inheritance tax in case of life estates and when impossible to compute present value. Section two of chapter sixty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'The executor, administrator, or trustee of a resident or non-resident estate coming within the provisions of this statute is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise the amount of tax due to the state under this chapter with the attorney general,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows: