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tered and have day at the term of said court to be held on the second Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, as provided by law, shall be entered and have day at the term of the supreme judicial court in said county to be held on the third Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one which is substituted by this act for said second Tuesday of October, and shall have day therein as if originally made returnable to said third Tuesday of October.

'Somerset, at Skowhegan, on the fourth Tuesday of January, first Tuesday of April, and the third Tuesday of September;

'Waldo, at Belfast, on the first Tuesday of January, the third Tuesday of April, and the fourth Tuesday of September;

'Washington, at Machias, on the second Tuesday of October, and at Calais on the first Tuesday of May;

'York, at Saco, on the first Tuesday of January, and at Alfred on the first Tuesday of May and the third Tuesday of September.'

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 182.

An Act Amending Sections Seventy-six, Seventy-eight and Eighty of Chapter Eleven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Sale of Land of Non-resident Owners.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 11, § 76; relating to redemption proceedings when real estate is sold for taxes, amended. Section seventy-six of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "in the case of lands of resident owners, and one year from the day of sale in case of lands of non-resident owners" in the eighth, ninth and tenth lines thereof, and also by striking out the words "If the deed of land of a non-resident owner is recorded within thirteen months after the day of sale, no intervening attachment or conveyance shall affect the title," in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth lines, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 76. Time of redemption for non-resident owners extended to two years; the provision relative to intervening attachment or conveyance not affecting title if deed is recorded within 13 months of sale repealed to conform. When real estate is so sold for taxes, the collector shall within thirty days after the day of sale, lodge with the treasurer of his town a certificate under oath designating the quantity

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of land sold, the names of the owners of each parcel, and the names of the purchasers; what part of the amount of each was tax, and what was cost and charges; also a deed of each parcel sold, running to the purchasers. The treasurer shall not deliver the deeds to the grantees, but put them on file in his office, to be delivered at the expiration of two years from the day of the sale; if the owner does not within such time redeem his estate from the sale, by payment of the taxes, and all charges, and interest on the whole at the rate of ten per cent from the day of sale to the time of redemption, and costs as above provided, with sixty-seven cents for the deed and certificate of acknowledgment and all sums paid for internal revenue stamps affixed to such deed. If so redeemed, the treasurer shall give the owner a certificate thereof, cancel the deed, and pay to the grantee, on demand, the amount so received for him. If not so paid, he shall deliver to the grantee his deed, on payment of the fees, as aforesaid, for the deed and acknowledgment, and thirty cents more for receiving and paying the proceeds of the sale. For the fidelity of the treasurer in discharging the duties herein required, the town is responsible, and has a remedy on his bond in case of default.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 111, § 78; providing that in case of real estate sold for taxes, the taxes paid by purchaser shall be refunded on redemption, amended. Section seventy-eight of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 78. Provision relating to redemption of non-resident owner within six months after delivery of deed, repealed. The person interested in the estate, by the purchase at the sale, may pay any tax assessed thereon, before or after that so advertised, and for which the estate remains liable, and on filing with the treasurer the receipt of the officer to whom it was paid, the amount so paid shall be added to that for which the estate was liable, and shall be paid by the owner redeeming the estate, with interest at the same rate as on the other sums.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 111, § 80; relating to redemption of real estate sold for taxes, by resident owners, amended. Section eighty of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "resident" in the third line thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 80. Applicable to non-resident owners, as well as resident owners. Any person to whom the right by law belongs, may, at any time within two years from the day of sale, redeem any real estate or interest of proprietors sold for taxes, on paying into the town treasury for the purchaser, the full amount so certified to be due, both taxes and costs, including the sum allowed for the deeds and stamps, with interest on the

whole at the rate of ten per cent a year from the date of the sale, which shall be received and held by said treasurer as the property of the purchaser aforesaid; and the treasurer shall pay it to said purchaser, his heirs or assigns, on demand; and if not paid when demanded, the purchaser may recover it in any court of competent jurisdiction, with costs and interest at the rate of twenty per cent, after such demand. The sureties of the treasurer shall pay the same on failure of said treasurer. And in default of payment by either, the town or plantation shall pay the same with costs and interest as aforesaid.'

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 183.

An Act to Amend Sections One and Five of Chapter One Hundred Sixty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, Relating to the Support of Dependents of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

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

Sec. 1. 1919, c. 169, § 1; authorizing towns to raise money for the relief of the dependents of soldiers and sailors, amended. Section one of chapter one hundred sixty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 1. Applicable to soldiers and sailors who served in the World War and who were residents in this state on April 1st, 1917; made to include dependents of soldiers and sailors who were disabled in the World War and repeals the provision which reads "the beginning or continuation of whose service was subsequent to the said first day of April 1917, provided such relatives would be entitled thereto under this act if such soldier, sailor or marine were living."** The cities, towns and plantations in this state shall raise money by taxation or otherwise to be applied to relieve the necessitous circumstances of the wife, children under the age of sixteen years, the infirm and dependent father, mother or other member of the family incapable of self-maintenance, of any soldier, sailor or marine who served in the World War; provided, that on April first, nineteen hundred seventeen, such soldier, sailor or marine was a resident of this state. The money so raised shall be paid directly to the dependents entitled thereto under the provisions of this act, or to the parent or legal guardian of any such dependents who are minors or under guardianship, by the municipal officers of the cities, towns and plantations wherein such dependents respectively reside, in sums not exceeding four dollars a week to relieve the necessitous circumstances of the wife, infirm and dependent father