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AS PASSED BY THE

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the assessors thereof in writing, under oath, stating the reason why such tax cannot be collected. The assessors, after due inquiry, may abate such tax or any part thereof, and shall certify such abatement in writing to the collector; and said certificate shall discharge the collector from further obligation to collect the tax so abated. When such abatement is made, a record thereof together with the name of the party or parties benefited by the abatement, and the amount of the abatement together with the reasons for such abatement, shall, within thirty days after such abatement, be made and kept in suitable book form open to the public at reasonable times, and a report of the same be made to the town at its annual meeting, and to the mayor and aldermen of cities, by the first Monday in each March.'

Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 132.

An Act to Repeal Sections Seventy-four, Seventy-five, Seventy-six and Seventy-seven, of Chapter Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, and Enacting a New Law for the Better Protection of Smelts.

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

R. S., c. 45, sec. 74, 75, 76 and 77; P. L., 1917, c. 71; relating to regulation of smelt fishing, repealed. Section seventy-four as amended by chapter seventy-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and sections seventy-five, seventy-six and seventy-seven of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following be substituted:

'Uniform close time on smelt fishing established. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in any waters of the state between the first day of April and the first day of October of each year except by hook and line. Anyone violating any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars for each offense. Nothing in this act shall apply to smelts taken in fish weirs or traps maintained and operated for the catching of sardines and herring.'

Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 133.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Twenty-two of Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to License for Building a Fish Weir or Trap.

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

R. S., c. 4, sec. 122; relating to when licenses to build fish weirs shall become void, amended. Section one hundred and twenty-two of chapter

four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said section between the word "section" and the word "shall," the following words: 'or any right or privilege granted by the legislature for the building or extension of any such fish weir or trap,' and after the word "license" in the fourth line, the words, 'or the granting of such right or privilege,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 122. Provisions extended so as to include privileges granted by legislature. The license for the building or extension of a fish weir or trap issued under the provisions of the preceding section or any right or privilege granted by the legislature for the building or extension of any such fish weir or trap shall terminate and become void unless such weir or trap shall be built within one year from the date of the license, or the granting of such right or privilege, and maintained and operated in good faith for some part of each year thereafter.'

Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 134.

An Act for the Control and Suppression of the European Corn Borer.

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

Sec. 1. European corn borer declared a public nuisance; commissioner of agriculture directed to suppress. The insect known as the European corn borer is hereby declared in all its stages to be a public nuisance, and the commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to use all lawful methods for its control and suppression. He may act in co-operation with any person or organization, any other state or the United States, in conducting investigations, gathering and distributing information concerning the said corn borer, and in enforcing the provisions of the following sections.

Sec. 2. Commissioner of agriculture may establish districts and quarantine same; notice of establishment to be published. The commissioner of agriculture shall have authority to establish districts comprising that portion of the state known or suspected of being infested with the European corn borer, and to quarantine such districts against the further spread of the borer. He may alter the boundary lines of such district or establish new districts as conditions may require, and he shall give notice of such establishment by publication in some newspaper published in such district, if any, otherwise in some paper published in Augusta.

Sec. 3. Persons in quarantined or infested districts shall plow in or burn stubble; corn stalk fodder to be fed or destroyed by April 15th. In