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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

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such district or districts as the commissioner of agriculture may designate as being known or suspected of being infested with the European corn borer, any person growing corn of any kind, or other vegetation subject to infestation by the European corn borer, shall, not later than November first in the year in which said corn or other vegetation is grown, plow the land on which said corn or other vegetation was grown in a manner which shall be satisfactory to the said commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agents, or shall pull up said stubble and destroy it by burning. Any person who uses corn stalks as fodder and who stores them for that purpose shall feed or destroy all such corn stalks not later than the tenth day of April in the year following that in which the said corn shall have been grown.

Sec. 4. Penalty. Whoever neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of section three shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 135.

An Act to Amend Section Nine of Chapter Ten of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Real Estate Where Taxed.

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

R. S., c. 10, sec. 9; relating to where real estate shall be taxed, amended. Section nine of chapter ten of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words, 'Whenever a purchaser of real estate assumes and agrees with the previous owner or party to whom the land is formerly assessed, to pay the pro rata or proportional share of taxes; the taxable year of such assessed taxes shall be from April to April,' so that said section when amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 9. Purchaser of real estate agreeing to pay pro rata share of taxes, taxable year declared to be from April to April.** Taxes on real estate shall be assessed in the town where the estate lies, to the owner or person in possession thereof on the first day of each April. In cases of mortgaged real estate, the mortgagor, for taxation, shall be deemed the owner, until the mortgagee takes possession, after which the mortgagee shall be deemed the owner. Whenever a purchaser of real estate assumes and agrees with the previous owner or party to whom the land is formerly assessed, to pay the pro rata or proportional share of taxes; the taxable year of such assessed taxes shall be from April to April.'

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