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revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "business" in the second line the words 'and that it is not indebted to the state on account of franchise taxes,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 33. Not to be excused until franchise taxes are paid. The attorney general, upon application by any corporation, and satisfactory proof that it has ceased to transact business, and that it is not indebted to the state on account of franchise taxes, shall file a certificate of the fact with the secretary of state, and shall give a duplicate certificate to the corporation; and thereupon such corporation shall be excused from filing annual returns with the secretary of state.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

## Chapter 166.

An Act to Provide for the Reading of the Bible in the Public Schools.

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

Readings from the scriptures in public schools; no sectarian comment or teaching. To insure greater security in the faith of our fathers, to inculcate into the lives of the rising generation the spiritual values necessary to the well being of our and future civilizations, to develop those high moral and religious principles essential to human happiness, to make available to the youth of our land the book which has been the inspiration of the greatest masterpieces of literature, art and music, and which have been the strength of the great men and women of the Christian era, there shall be, in all the public schools of the state, daily or at suitable intervals, readings, from the scriptures with special emphasis upon the Ten Commandments, the Psalms of David, the Proverbs of Solomon, the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer. It is provided further, that there shall be no denominational or sectarian comment or teaching and each student shall give respectful attention but shall be free in his own forms of worship.

Approved April 4, 1923.

## Chapter 167.

An Act to Amend Sections Twenty, Twenty-seven and Twenty-eight of Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Ninety-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 127, sec. 20; P. L., 1917, c. 291; relating to transport-

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ing intoxicating liquors, amended. Section twenty of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 20. Transportation of intoxicating liquors without Federal permit prohibited, penalty; prior convictions, increased penalty.** No person shall knowingly transport into this state or from place to place therein, any intoxicating liquor, or aid any person in such transportation without being in possession of a permit therefor duly issued under authority conferred by the provisions of the national prohibition act of October twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and amendments thereto, providing for the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States; and the failure of any person so transporting intoxicating liquor to exhibit such permit when requested to do so by any duly qualified officer charged with the duty of enforcing the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence that no such permit exists. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than three hundred nor more than six hundred dollars and costs, and in addition thereto shall be imprisoned for not less than three months nor more than six months, and in default of payment of fine and costs shall be imprisoned for six months additional; provided, that if the person so convicted shall have been theretofore convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter he shall be fined not less than five hundred, nor more than one thousand dollars and costs, and in addition thereto shall be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than one year and in default of payment of said fine and costs shall suffer imprisonment for six months additional.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 127, sec. 27; P. L., 1917, c. 291; relating to possession or deposit of intoxicating liquors with intent to sell, amended.** Section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended, by striking out the words "in the state of Maine in violation of law," in the third and fourth lines thereof, and also by inserting after the word "Maine" in the third line the words 'or from place to place therein,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 27. Transportation of intoxicating liquors intended for sale prohibited.** No person shall deposit, or have in his possession, or order, transport or cause to be transported into the state of Maine, or from place to place therein, any intoxicating liquors with intent to sell the same, or

with intent that the same shall be sold by any person or aid or assist any person in such sale. Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars and costs, and in addition thereto be imprisoned for not less than two months nor more than six months, and in default of payment of said fines and costs, he shall be imprisoned six months additional.'

**Sec. 3.** R. S., c. 127, sec. 28; relating to forfeiture of intoxicating liquors intended for sale, amended. Section twenty-eight of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following :

'**Sec. 28.** Liquors forfeited to county where seized. Intoxicating liquors kept or deposited in the state, intended for sale, and the vessels in which they are contained, are contraband and shall be forfeited to the county in which they are seized under this chapter. And in all cases where an officer may seize intoxicating liquors or the vessels containing them, upon a warrant, he may seize the same without a warrant, and keep them in some safe place for a reasonable time until he can procure such warrant.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

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## Chapter 168.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-one of Chapter Nine of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapters One Hundred Fifty-six and Two Hundred Twenty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to Taxation of Savings Banks.

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

R. S., c. 9, sec. 61; P. L., 1919, c. 156, 221; relating to deductions to be made in determining value of franchises of savings banks for taxation. Section sixty-one of chapter nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters one hundred fifty-six and two hundred twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "the shares of corporation stocks such as are by law of this state free from taxation to the stockholders" in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth lines of said chapter as amended by said chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and inserting in place thereof the following, to wit : 'all shares of stock of any trust companies or national banks located and doing business in this state, and all such shares of stock in other corporations as are by law of this state free from taxation to the stockholders,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

'**Sec. 61.** Shares of stock of trust companies and national banks, to be deducted. On and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and six-