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eligible. Any person of either sex who, on the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred thirteen, or thereafter, shall have reached the age of sixty years and who for thirty-five years shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occupation, and who shall have been employed as a teacher or teacher and supervisor in the public schools, or in such other schools within this state as are supported wholly or at least three-fifths by state or town appropriation and are under public management and control, twenty years of which employment, including the fifteen years immediately preceding retirement, shall have been in this state, and who shall be retired by his employer or shall voluntarily retire from active service after completion of the school year next preceding the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred thirteen, shall, on his formal application, receive from the state for the remainder of his life an annual pension of three hundred dollars; provided, however, that after the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred thirteen, no such employment as teacher within this state shall be included in its provisions unless the teacher shall hold a state teachers' certificate issued under the authority of the state superintendent of public schools.'

Approved April 5, 1923.

Chapter 201.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Thirty-four of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Eighty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

R. S., c. 34, sec. 2; P. L., 1921, c. 81; relating to duties of commissioner of agriculture, amended. Section two of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes as amended by chapter eighty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby further amended by striking out in the twenty-first line of said section, the words "three thousand dollars annually shall be made," and substituting therefor the following: 'six thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four and six thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five is hereby made and provided,' so that the said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation for 1924 and 1925 of \$6000 each year. The commissioner of agriculture shall by personal observation, investigation and correspondence, acquaint himself with the methods and wants of practical husbandry, the means of fertilization, and the adaption of various products to the soils and climate of the state; a'so with the progress of scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere, with a view to the more complete development of the natural resources of the state; he shall gather

statistics of information concerning agriculture and publish the same annually; he shall assist the farmers of the state, in so far as is practicable, to secure farm help, and to promote increased production of farm crops through the selection, the growing and the dissemination of superior strains of seeds. He may investigate and furnish statements to shippers and other interested parties as to the quality and condition of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other perishable farm products when received within the state for intrastate or interstate commerce, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, including payment of such fees as will be reasonable and as nearly as may be to cover the cost for the service rendered. Provided, that statements so issued by the authorized agents of the department shall be received in all courts of the state of Maine as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. An appropriation of six thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four and six thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five is hereby made and provided, to be expended by the commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and of section six of this chapter, and for such other purposes and in such manner as in his judgment will best promote the interests of agriculture in this state.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

Chapter 202.

An Act to Provide for Investigation and Survey of Bridges.

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

Highway commission authorized to make a survey of bridges; report; authorized to employ aid. The state highway commission is hereby authorized and directed to make a complete investigation and survey of all bridges on public highways in the state, securing such information as it may deem necessary, for the purpose of establishing a future policy for bridge maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

This work is to be completed before December first, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and all information obtained shall be tabulated, printed and available for the use of the eighty-second legislature.

The commission is authorized to employ such additional aid as it may deem necessary to effectively carry out the work prescribed by this act, and all salaries and expenses shall be paid from the fund provided for maintenance and administration. The total cost of the work shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars.

Approved April 5, 1923.