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to be expended on designated third class highways, said highways shall be constructed in accordance with specifications for third class roads and shall be maintained by the several towns by an annual expenditure of a sum equal to not less than eight per cent. of the amount of said appropriation, under penalty of forfeiture of right of the town to receive the benefit of future apportionments from third class funds.

Sec. 3. Construction of town ways from special appropriations. In all cases where towns receive special legislative appropriations to be expended on town ways not designated as state, state aid or third class highways, said ways must be suitably maintained by the several towns under penalty of forfeiture of right of the town to receive future legislative appropriations. Towns shall annually raise for the purpose of maintaining the improvements made from said resolve expenditures on third class roads, a sum of not less than eight per cent. of the total legislative appropriations beginning with the fiscal year July one, nineteen hundred twenty-seven.

Sec. 4. Town maintenance appropriations supervised by highway commission. Expenditure of the town maintenance appropriations to be under the direction and supervision of the state highway commission.

Approved April 11, 1927.

Chapter 125.

An Act Regulating Speed at Intersecting Ways.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 64; relating to regulating speed of motor vehicles, amended. Section sixty-four of chapter two hundred eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out the word "eight" in the seventh line of said section and substituting therefor the word 'fifteen,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 64. Permitted speed at intersecting ways, curves and built-up sections increased from eight to fifteen miles per hour. No person operating a motor vehicle on any way shall drive at any speed greater than is reasonable, safe and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the way by others, or so as to endanger life or limb. Racing and reckless driving on any way is hereby forbidden. It shall be prima facie evidence of a rate of speed greater than is reasonably safe and proper, as aforesaid, if a motor vehicle is operated in the built-up or compact portion of any city or town at a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour where the operator's view of the road traffic is obstructed either upon approaching

an intersecting way or in traversing a crossing or intersection of ways, or in going around a corner or curve. Permits may be granted by municipal officers after a public hearing thereon to drive automobiles or motor cycles in hill climbing contests during a specified time upon a certain way at any rate of speed.'

Approved April 11, 1927.

Chapter 126.

An Act Relating to the Apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 34, sec. 18; relating to apportionment of state aid to agricultural societies, amended. Section eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'**Sec. 18.** Per capita apportionment increased; special provision for Maine Pomological Society; procedure for apportioning stipend. There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not to exceed three and one-half cents per inhabitant of the state, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter in this act designated as the stipend. This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the state, hereafter in this act designated as societies, according to the following schedule and method. Two thousand dollars shall be paid annually to the Maine Pomological Society and the balance of said stipend shall be divided pro rata among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore provided for according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full and in cash or valuable equivalent by said societies upon livestock and agricultural and domestic products but no such society whether specifically mentioned in this act or otherwise shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the following requirements, which shall be considered by the commissioner of agriculture hereinafter known as the commissioner, as the basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be made as provided in section seven of this chapter. Each society claiming a share of the state stipend under this act shall file with the commissioner not later than December thirty-first of the year for which said stipend is requested, a statement made under oath, by its treasurer setting forth the financial condition and transactions of the society, the amounts paid in premiums in the several classes or displays herein provided for, and such additional information relative to the character of displays, and the con-