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such child; if an illegitimate child, and under the age of fourteen years, such consent may be given by the mother of such child. Provided, however, if only one of such parents have abandoned the child and ceased to provide for its support, consent may be given by the parent who has not abandoned said child.'

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Chapter 190.

An Act Relating to Recording of Instruments and Conveyances. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 78, sec. 23; P. L., 1921, c. 40; 1925, c. 176; relating to acknowledgments of deeds and other written instruments, amended. Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes as re-enacted by chapter forty of the laws of nineten hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chapter one hundred seventy-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 23. Notices of foreclosure of mortgages excepted from provisions; foreclosures heretofore recorded without acknowledgment made valid. Deeds and all other written instruments before recording in the registries of deeds, except those issued by a court of competent jurisdiction and duly attested by the proper officer thereof, and excepting plans and notices of foreclosure of mortgages, shall be acknowledged by the grantors, or by the persons executing any such written instruments, or by one of them, or by their attorney executing the same, or by the lessor in a lease or one of the lessors or his attorney executing the same, before a justice of the peace, or notary public having a seal, or woman otherwise eligible under the constitution and appointed for the purpose by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, in the state; or before any clerk of a court of record having a seal, notary public, justice of the peace, or commissioner appointed by the governor of this state for the purpose or a commissioner authorized in the state where the acknowledgment is taken, within the United States; or before a minister or consul of the United States or notary public in any foreign country. The seal of such court or the official seal of such notary or commissioner, if he have one, shall be affixed to the certificate of acknowledgment, but if such acknowledgment is taken outside the state of Maine before a justice of the peace, notary public not having a seal, or commissioner, a certificate under seal from the secretary of state, or clerk of a court of record in the county

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where the officer resides or took the acknowledgment, authenticating the authority of the officer taking such acknowledgment, and the genuineness of his signature, must be annexed thereto.

All notices of foreclosure of mortgages of real estate which did not contain a certificate of acknowledgment, recorded before this act takes effect, are hereby made valid as far as such certificate of acknowledgment may be necessary to perfect such record.'

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 191.

An Act Relating to the Trapping of Fur-bearing Animals. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 52; 1919, c. 196; 1923, c. 76; 1925, c. 67; relating to visiting traps set in organized places, amended. Section fifty-two of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by chapter seventy-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and by chapter sixty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 52. Water-sets for mink and muskrat excepted from provisions; traps not to set within one mile of cultivated land or pasture without consent of owner. Any person setting a trap in any organized or incorporated place shall visit said trap, or cause the same to be visited, at least once in every twenty-four hours, except water-sets, so called, for mink and muskrat, and remove therefrom, or cause to be removed, any animal found caught therein. No person shall set a trap or traps on or within one mile of any cultivated land or pasture in any organized or incorporated place without first obtaining the written consent of the owner or occupant of the land on which said trap or traps are to be set, or set a trap outside his own land, except a water-set trap, so called, within half a mile of the compact or built-up portion of any city or village. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'

Approved April 15, 1927.