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proper investigation of his behavior, if found necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school; and restore him on satisfactory evidence of his repentance and amendment.

V. Exclude, if they deem it expedient, any person not vaccinated, although otherwise entitled to admission, unless a parent or guardian of such person shall present a signed statement that such parent or guardian is opposed to vaccination in which event such person may only be excluded in the event of an epidemic of smallpox.

VI. Prescribe the sum, on payment of which persons of the required age, resident on territory, the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States, included in or surrounded by the town may attend school in the town.

VII. Determine what description of scholars shall attend each school, classify them, and transfer them from school to school where more than one school is kept at the same time.

VIII. For the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the public schools of the state, superintending school committees and boards of education shall have authority to grant to any teacher, principal or other person regularly employed by them a leave of absence for a period of not to exceed one year and on not more than half pay, such leave of absence to be granted only after seven years of service and under such conditions and with such regulations as may be determined by the governing board, and for the purpose of permitting said teacher, principal or other person to pursue a further course of study or to travel, to the end that he or she may be better fitted by education and culture for his or her position in the schools.

IX. They shall have authority to adjust the salary of teachers, principals and other persons legally employed by them who are compelled to be absent from their school duties on account of illness. The provisions of this act shall apply only in cases of persons who are employed on yearly contracts or on tenure of service and who hold the legal qualifications necessary for such positions.'

Approved March 25, 1929.

Chapter 140.

An Act Relating to the Appropriation for the Abolishment of Grade Crossings.

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

R. S., c. 24, sec. 37; P. L., 1921, c. 52; relating to limit of appropriation, further amended. Section thirty-seven of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes as amended by chapter fifty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out

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the word "ten" in the third and fifth lines of said amended section, and substituting therefor the word 'fifteen,' so that said section as further amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 37. Shall not exceed \$15,000 annually. The amount to be paid under the provisions of the three preceding sections by the state in any one year, except as herein provided, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and said sum shall be annually appropriated. The amounts to be appropriated under the provisions of this section shall be cumulative and any part of said sum of fifteen thousand dollars not expended during the year for which it is appropriated shall, at the close of said year, be added to the sums subsequently appropriated, and may be expended in any subsequent year or years.'

Approved March 26, 1929.

Chapter 141.

An Act Relating to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 82, sec. 1; as amended; relating to the supreme judicial court, further amended. Section one of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes as amended is hereby further amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Constitution of the court. The supreme judicial court shall consist of a chief justice and seven associate justices and such active retired justices as may be appointed and serving on said court, learned in the law and of sobriety of manners.

Any vacancies existing at the time of the passage of this act or occurring thereafter by reason of death, voluntary retirement, or resignation shall remain unfilled until the number of associate justices is reduced to five and thereafter the court shall consist of a chief justice and five associate justices and such active retired justices as may be appointed and serving on said court.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 82, sec. 41; relating to constitution of law court, amended. Section forty-one of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 41. Concurrence required in civil cases. When sitting as a law court to determine questions of law, arising in suits at law or in equity, and in criminal trials and proceedings, the supreme judicial court shall be composed of five or more of the justices who shall hear and determine such questions by the concurrence of four members. In any civil action