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assessor shall be deposited with the treasurer of state and appropriated for carrying out the provisions of sections 162 and 164 of chapter 27 including the cost of inspection, sampling and analysis of commercial fertilizer. Such funds shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

Sec. 217-C. Penalty. Whoever sells, offers or exposes for sale a mixed fertilizer without having filed the statement and paid the fee required by section 217-A shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the 1st offense, or more than \$200 for each subsequent offense.

Sec. 217-D. Tonnage filed with commissioner of agriculture. Each such person, firm or corporation shall on or before September 1st in each year file with the commissioner of agriculture, on forms prescribed by him, the number of tons of each grade sold during the 12 months preceding July 1 of the current year.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 379

AN ACT Relating to Abandoned Wells or Tin Mining Shafts as Nuisances.

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

R. S., c. 128, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. Certain nuisances described. The erection, continuance or use of any building or place for the exercise of a trade, employment or manufacture, which, by noxious exhalations, offensive smells or other annoyances becomes injurious and dangerous to the health, comfort or property of individuals, or of the public; causing or permitting abandoned wells or tin mining shafts to remain unfilled or uncovered to the injury or prejudice of others; causing or suffering any offal, filth or noisome substance to collect, or to remain in any place to the prejudice of others; obstructing or impending, without legal authority, the passage of any navigable river, harbor or collection of water; corrupting or rendering unwholesome or impure the water of a river, stream or pond; unlawfully diverting it from its natural course or state, to the injury or prejudice of others; and the obstructing or encumbering by fences, buildings or otherwise, of highways, private ways, streets, alleys, commons, common landing places or burying-grounds are nuisances within the limitations and exceptions hereafter mentioned; and all automobile dumps or automobile graveyards, so called, where old, discarded, worn out or junked automobiles, or parts thereof, are gathered to-

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gether, kept, deposited or allowed to accumulate, in such manner or in such location or situation, either within or without the limits of any highway, as to be unsightly, detracting from the natural scenery and injurious to the comfort and happiness of individuals and the public, and injurious to property rights, are declared to be public nuisances.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 380

AN ACT to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act as to Waiting Period and Compensation Benefits.

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

- Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, and in place thereof is substituted a new section to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 10. Waiting period; when compensation therefor payable. No compensation for incapacity to work shall be payable for the first 7 days of incapacity; provided, however, that in case incapacity continues for more than 28 days, compensation shall be allowed from the date of incapacity.'
- Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, § 11, amended The 1st sentence of section 11 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than \$21 \$24 nor less than \$7 \$12 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 500 weeks from the date of the accident, nor the amount more than \$7,500 \$9,000.'

- Sec. 3. R. S., c. 26, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 12. Compensation for partial incapacity. While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 the difference, due to said injury, between his average weekly wages, earnings or salary before the accident and the weekly wages, earnings or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than \$27 \$24 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 300 weeks from the date of the accident.'