

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ANNUAL RETURNS OF RAILROAD AND STREET RAILWAY CORPORATIONS. *Ch.* 194.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The accounts of every railroad and street railway corporation shall be closed upon the thirtieth day of September of each year, so that the condition of the company can be shown by a balance sheet taken therefrom, which shall be included in its annual return to the railroad commissioners.

Accounts of railroads to be closed upon the thirtieth of September.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 15, 1873.*

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE LEASING OF GREAT PONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CULTIVATING USEFUL FISHES. *Ch.* 195.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the commissioners on inland fisheries in all cases where application is made for the lease of any great pond for the purpose named in section nine of chapter three hundred and eighty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, to give notice of said application to the town or city within whose limits said pond lies, and of the time and place appointed for a hearing thereon.

Commissioners to give notice of application to town where the pond lies.

SECTION 2. The several towns and cities in the Commonwealth are authorized to take leases of any great ponds within their respective limits, for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes, under such conditions and restrictions as the commissioners on inland fisheries may prescribe, and may make appropriations to carry out the provisions of this act.

Towns may take leases of ponds within their limits.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO LAY OUT A PUBLIC PARK AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A RESERVOIR. *Ch.* 196.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The city of Worcester, by its city council, may at any time within two years after the passage of this act, take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, for the purposes of a public park, all or any part of the land in said city which is bounded northerly by Highland Street, easterly partly by the new common and partly by North Newton Street, and southerly and westerly by Pleasant Street, with the right to appropriate a portion of said land to be used as a reservoir.

City may lay out a public park.