

payments, beginning not more than one year after their respective dates, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, as the city council shall determine; and shall be signed by the city treasurer and countersigned by the mayor and by such other officers as the charter may require.

SECTION 2. The city shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section one of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of New Bedford.

Time of taking effect.

Approved May 2, 1913.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE AND IMPROVE THE BREEDING OF POULTRY. Chap.590

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out the word "one", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word:— two, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* The sum of two thousand dollars shall be paid annually in the month of August from the treasury of the commonwealth to the board of agriculture, which shall be known as a Poultry Premium Bounty, and shall be used by said board to encourage and improve the breeding of poultry. Said bounty shall be distributed by said board among the poultry associations hereinafter designated, during the month of September of each year, on the basis of the total entry fees received by such associations, respectively, during the year preceding that

1909, 428, § 1, amended.

Poultry Premium Bounty, distribution, etc.

time, as hereinafter provided, and the sum so distributed shall be used by such associations for the purpose of enabling them to hold annual exhibitions of poultry and for the payment of premiums only. The board may make such rules as it may deem suitable for carrying out the provisions of this act; and any part of said bounty not distributed by the board in any year shall be repaid by it to the treasurer and receiver general.

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

Approved May 2, 1913.

Chap. 591 AN ACT TO RATIFY CERTAIN ACTS AND BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Certain acts and by-laws of the town of Townsend ratified, etc.

SECTION 1. The acts of the town of Townsend at the annual town meetings held in the years nineteen hundred and eleven, nineteen hundred and twelve and nineteen hundred and thirteen are hereby ratified and confirmed notwithstanding the fact that the by-law passed at the adjourned annual meeting held on April eleventh in the year nineteen hundred and ten, changing the date of the annual town meeting from the first Monday of April to the last Monday of March, was never presented to the attorney-general for his approval, and that the by-law adopted by the town, March twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and eleven, changing the date of the annual town meeting to the first Monday in March was not presented to the attorney-general until February twenty-first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, too late to be approved and published, as required by law, prior to the annual meeting in nineteen hundred and thirteen. The said by-laws are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

Approved May 2, 1913.

Chap. 592 AN ACT RELATIVE TO SIGHT-SEEING AUTOMOBILES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Term "sight-seeing automobile" defined.

SECTION 1. The term "sight-seeing automobile", as used in this act, shall mean an automobile as defined in chapter five hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, which is capable of seating eight or more persons and is used or offered for the transportation of passengers for hire.