

reason of excruciating injuries sustained by him when shot while in the performance of duty. Such pension shall be at the same annual rate as the compensation payable to him at the time of his retirement. Upon his death leaving Grace C. Cullinan, his wife, surviving him, said city shall pay to her, so long as she remains unmarried, an annuity of fifteen hundred dollars a year.

SECTION 2. Upon the retirement of said John F. Cullinan under this act, the Boston retirement board shall forthwith pay to him all amounts standing to his credit in the annuity savings fund of the Boston retirement system.

SECTION 3. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved June 23, 1952.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MALDEN TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO CHARLES G. HALL FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS A VETERINARIAN.

*Chap.479*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Malden is hereby authorized to appropriate the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars and pay the same to Charles G. Hall for veterinarian services rendered to said city in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

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

*Approved June 25, 1952.*

AN ACT ASSIGNING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION THE FUNCTION OF ELIMINATING THE WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST.

*Chap.480*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would prevent it from taking effect on July first in the current year as provided therein, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 132 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 11 the following section:

— *Section 11A.* If the chief superintendent, either personally or through his assistants, finds ribes, that is, any variety of currants or gooseberries, whether wild or cultivated, or five-leafed pines, which are either infected with white pine blister rust, or so situated that in his opinion they are likely to become so infected, he or his assistants may destroy or cause to be destroyed such ribes or five-leafed pines. The owner of any cultivated berry-bearing shrubbery destroyed by the chief superintendent or his assistants under this section shall receive compensation therefor from the commonwealth, upon giving written notice thereof to the chief su-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 132, new § 11A, added.

Elimination of white pine blister rust.