

HOUSE No. 39

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation (see House, No. 36). Conservation. January 3.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Conveyance of Land acquired for State Forests or Forest Fire Observation Towers.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 cause substantial inconvenience, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law necessary for the imme-
4 diate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section thirty of chapter one hundred and thirty-two
2 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter one hundred
3 and eighty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and
4 twenty-two, is hereby further amended by inserting after
5 the word "purposes", at the end of the second sentence,
6 the words:—, and may execute such deeds of convey-
7 ance as may be necessary, — so as to read as follows:—

8 *Section 30.* The commissioner may, subject to the ap-
9 proval of the advisory council of the department of con-
10 servation, acquire for the commonwealth, by purchase
11 or otherwise, and hold any woodland or land suitable
12 for timber cultivation within the commonwealth or any
13 land necessary for the erection and operation of forest
14 fire observation towers, and, with the approval of the
15 governor and council, may take such lands in fee by
16 eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine. The com-
17 missioner may, subject to the approval of the advisory
18 council of the department of conservation, after a public
19 hearing, sell or exchange any land thus acquired which
20 in his judgment can no longer be used advantageously
21 for such purposes, and may execute such deeds of con-
22 veyance as may be necessary. The average cost of land
23 so purchased by the commissioner shall not exceed five
24 dollars an acre.