

within eight years from the date of such transfer, such improvement and construction at or on said park land shall not have been completed, then the care, custody and control of said park land shall thereupon revert without further act to said park department. *Approved February 12, 1947.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAR VALUE OF CAPITAL STOCK ISSUED BY GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES. *Chap. 48*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 6 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (e) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 164, §16, amended.

(e) The par value of the shares, which may be one hundred dollars, fifty dollars, twenty-five dollars, twenty dollars or ten dollars, as the department shall authorize.

Agreement of association. Par value of shares.

Approved February 12, 1947.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF FOREST FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS BY THE COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE FOR USE BY THE TOWNS WITHIN ITS LIMITS. *Chap. 49*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 349 of the acts of 1939 is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the words "five thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words:—seventy-five hundred,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 1.* The county commissioners of the county of Barnstable may annually expend such sum, not exceeding seventy-five hundred dollars, as may be appropriated by the general court, for the purchase of apparatus to be used by the several towns within said county in preventing and extinguishing forest fires. Said commissioners shall, from time to time, provide by rules and regulations for the custody and maintenance of said apparatus, and for the use of said apparatus, subject to the pertinent provisions of sections twenty-four and twenty-five of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws relative to the use and control of apparatus in the extinguishment of fires.

Approved February 12, 1947.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT THAT MAY BE RAISED AND EXPENDED IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS AT CAMBRIDGE. *Chap. 50*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 65 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the word "thirty-eight" and inserting in place thereof the word:—fifty-five,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 1.* The county commissioners of Middlesex county are hereby authorized to raise and expend a sum not exceeding fifty-five thousand

dollars for the purpose of providing adequate accommodations for the registry of deeds at the registry of deeds and probate building at Cambridge in said county, and for such purposes said county commissioners may make additions to the registry of deeds wing of said building and may alter or remodel said registry of deeds wing and do all things incidental thereto.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance during the current year by the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex, but not otherwise.

Approved February 12, 1947.

Chap. 51 AN ACT TO ENABLE THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LAND IN THE CITY OF LOWELL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOWELL IN SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Middlesex county are hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, or otherwise, certain land in the city of Lowell as an adjunct to the district court of Lowell in said city, said land being now or formerly owned by the Middlesex Company, and lying opposite the entrance of the present court house, and being bounded southerly by Hurd street; westerly by land now or formerly of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church; and northerly by Warren street; and, for said purpose, may raise and expend a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, said sum to be included as a part of the county tax for said county of Middlesex for the current year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance during the current year by the county commissioners of said county, but not otherwise.

Approved February 12, 1947.

Chap. 52 AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING CARRIERS OF PROPERTY BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately subject to forfeiture certain rights of certain carriers of property by motor vehicle for failure to render service in accordance with certificates issued to them, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 159B, § 3,
etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 159B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (c), as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 420 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—