

from taxation to its inhabitants similar deposits and dividends thereon, owned by such inhabitants in savings banks in this commonwealth, — so as to read as follows:— First: Deposits in any savings bank chartered by this commonwealth or in the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, or such of the deposits in the savings department of any trust company so chartered as do not exceed in amount the limits imposed upon deposits in savings banks by section forty-six of chapter five hundred and ninety of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and deposits in any mutual savings bank, without a paid-in capital stock, situated in any state which exempts from taxation to its inhabitants similar deposits and dividends thereon, owned by such inhabitants in savings banks in this commonwealth.

Income from deposits in mutual savings banks in other states exempt from taxation.

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

Approved February 8, 1918.

AN ACT TO DISCONTINUE THE NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OF THE GENERAL LAWS. Chap. 8

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter nine of the Revised Laws is hereby repealed. Repeal.

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

Approved February 11, 1918.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION OF GAS. Chap. 9

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and eighty-one of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by striking out the second, third and last sentences thereof, and the words “to give less light than sixteen standard English candles, or”, in the twenty-first line, so as to read as follows:— *Section 181.* The gas of every company which supplies more than fifty consumers shall be inspected at least twice a year and as much oftener as the board may determine. The board may, from time to time, for the purpose of establishing a new standard of purity for gas, after a public hearing, determine how many grains of sulphur and ammonia per hundred cubic feet of gas may be per-

1914, 742, § 181, amended.

Inspection of gas.

mitted, but not more than thirty grains of sulphur per hundred cubic feet and no sulphureted hydrogen shall be allowed.

Forfeiture, when gas is found to be below the standard of purity, etc.

If the gas of any gas company or of any city or town supplying gas is found on three consecutive inspections, or on three inspections made within a period of thirty consecutive days, upon such averaging of inspections as the board may prescribe to be below the standard of purity fixed under this act, unless such defect is in the opinion of the board due to unavoidable cause or accident, such company, city or town shall be liable to a forfeiture of one hundred dollars, which may be recovered by an information in equity brought in the supreme judicial court by the attorney-general, at the relation of the board, and when so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth.

Rules and regulations to govern quality of gas, etc.,

SECTION 2. The board of gas and electric light commissioners may from time to time, after notice and a public hearing, establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, governing the quality of the gas supplied by persons, firms and corporations, public or private, which are subject to the provisions of said chapter seven hundred and forty-two. Such rules and regulations shall be enforced in the manner provided in section one hundred and forty-two of said chapter.

1914, 742, § 182, amended.

SECTION 3. Said chapter seven hundred and forty-two is hereby further amended by striking out section one hundred and eighty-two and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 182.* The unit of measure for the sale of gas by meter shall be the cubic foot, containing sixty-two and two thousand nine hundred and ninety-three ten thousandths pounds avoirdupois weight of air-free distilled water at sixty degrees Fahrenheit when weighed in dry air at the same temperature and at a barometric pressure of thirty inches of mercury.

Unit of measure for sale of gas.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved February 11, 1918.

Chap. 10 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Executive department expenses.

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually from the treasury of the commonwealth such sum as the general court may appropriate for whatever expenses of the executive department the governor may find necessary.