

supply, or of sewage disposal, shall, within one year after such acquisition, determine the said average valuation of such land, and certify the amount so determined to such other city, town or district. The mayor of a city or the selectmen of a town, or the commissioners or prudential committee of a district, within six months after receipt of said certificate, may appeal from such determination to the superior court for the county where the land lies; and the court shall determine the valuation in the manner provided in the two preceding sections, and the provisions of sections seventy-seven and seventy-eight, so far as applicable, shall govern such appeal.

or sewage disposal purposes by another city or town, etc.

Appeal, etc.

If land within any city or town shall have been taken from such city or town for said purposes, and for any one of the three years prior to the taking shall have been used for any public purpose, and for that reason no taxes shall have been collected thereon, the city or town and the board or officer having charge of the land so taken may within six years after the taking agree as to the value of the land upon which the annual payment is to be made as aforesaid from the time of the taking, and if they cannot agree the board or officer shall notify the city or town thereof; and thereupon the value shall be determined by the superior court under the provisions of said sections seventy-seven and seventy-eight, and said notice shall be deemed to be the notice referred to in said section seventy-seven. The provisions of this section and of the two preceding sections shall apply to property acquired for the purposes of the metropolitan water supply.

Land valuation for annual payment, how determined, etc.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 7, 1918.*

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE TAKING OF ANIMALS FROM TRAPS ON THE LORD'S DAY. Chap. 53

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

Section one of chapter ninety-two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and four, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — This section shall not be construed to prohibit the taking from traps on the Lord's day of animals which have been caught therein, but nothing herein shall be held to permit the setting, re-setting or baiting of traps on that day, — so as to read as

R. L. 92, § 1, etc., amended.

Taking of animals from traps on Lord's day, when permitted.

follows: — *Section 1.* The Lord's day shall be close season. Whoever hunts or destroys birds, wild animals or game of any kind on the Lord's day shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars in addition to any penalties for taking, killing or having in possession birds, wild animals or game protected by law. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the taking from traps on the Lord's day of animals which have been caught therein, but nothing herein shall be held to permit the setting, resetting or baiting of traps on that day.

*Approved March 7, 1918.*

*Chap. 54* AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVER CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF TRANSMITTING INTELLIGENCE BY ELECTRICITY.

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

1913, 784, § 3, amended.

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "and", in the first line, and by inserting after the word "twenty-seven", in the same line, the words: — and thirty, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 3.* Sections twenty-four, twenty-seven and thirty of chapter one hundred and nine of the Revised Laws are hereby amended by substituting for the words "commissioner of corporations", and for any other word or words intended to designate said commissioner of corporations in each of said sections, whenever any jurisdiction is conferred with respect to corporations established for and engaged in the business of transmitting intelligence by electricity, the words: — public service commission. Chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby amended by substituting in place of the words "Massachusetts highway commission", and any other word or words intended to designate the Massachusetts highway commission wherever used in said act, the words: — public service commission, — and said act is further amended by repealing section three thereof. Nothing in this act shall affect the compensation at present paid to the members of the Massachusetts highway commission.

Jurisdiction of public service commission further extended over corporations engaged in business of transmission of intelligence by electricity.

Repeal.

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

*Approved March 11, 1918.*