

across the Ipswich river at the foot of Green street in said Ipswich to replace the present wooden bridge.

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

Approved April 27, 1894.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ADVANCES TO THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS FROM THE TREASURY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Chap.314

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. There may be advanced to the sergeant-at-arms, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, to meet the necessary and legitimate expenditures made by him in behalf of the Commonwealth for committees of the legislature while travelling under order of the general court, an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars at any one time.

Advances to sergeant-at-arms.

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

Approved April 27, 1894.

AN ACT TO LESSEN THE BURDEN OF TAXATION UPON CERTAIN DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Chap.315

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The property, to the amount of two thousand dollars, of every soldier or sailor who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion, and was honorably discharged therefrom, and who was disabled in such service by the loss of a hand, arm, foot or leg, shall be exempt from taxation to the amount of said sum on the property owned in the city or town in which he resides, and who has lost the use of a hand, arm, foot or leg by reason of disabilities incurred in said service or otherwise.

Portion of property of certain soldiers and sailors to be exempt from taxation.

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

Approved April 27, 1894.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANIES TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF CHARGES.

Chap.316

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Section sixteen of chapter sixty-one of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "gas", in the first line, the words : — or electric light, — by striking out in the third line, the word "gaslight", and insert-

P. S. 61, § 16, amended.

ing in place thereof the words:—gas or electric light,—by inserting after the word “gas”, in the fourth line, the words:—or electric light,—by inserting after the word “pipes”, in the ninth line, the word:—wires,—and by striking out the words “or pipes”, in the tenth line, and inserting in place thereof the words:—pipes or wires,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 16.* If any person supplied with gas or electric light neglects or refuses to pay the amount due for the same or for the rent of the meter or other articles hired by him of the gas or electric light company, such company may stop the gas or electric light from entering the premises of such person. In such cases the officers, servants, or workmen of the company may, after twenty-four hours’ notice, enter the premises of such person between the hours of eight in the forenoon and four in the afternoon, and separate and take away such meter or other property of the company, and may disconnect any meter, pipes, wires, fittings or other works, whether the property of the company or not, from the mains, pipes or wires of the company.

Approved April 27, 1894.

Chap.317 AN ACT REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING THE STATUTES RELATING TO SAVINGS BANKS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR SAVINGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of commissioners of savings banks shall consist of three commissioners appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, subject to removal in like manner, each of whom shall be sworn and shall hold office for the term of three years, unless sooner removed. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy before the expiration of a term an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the term. The governor shall designate a member of said board to be the chairman thereof.

SECTION 2. The annual salary of the chairman of the board shall be three thousand five hundred dollars, that of the other commissioners three thousand dollars each. The board may employ two clerks; the annual salary of the first clerk shall be two thousand dollars, that of the second clerk one thousand two hundred dollars. The board shall also be allowed its necessary office expenses and the actual expenses incurred in travelling in the discharge of its official duties.

Gas or electric light may be discontinued when consumer fails to pay.

Commissioners of savings banks, appointment, tenure of office, etc.

Compensation and allowances.