

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage, When to take effect. so far as the appointing, commissioning and qualifying of said harbor and land commissioners are concerned, and shall take full effect on the first day of July next.

*Approved May 11, 1877.*

AN ACT RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF FACTORIES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. *Chap. 214*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The belting, shafting, gearing and drums of all manufacturing establishments, when so located as to be, in the opinion of the inspectors hereinafter mentioned, dangerous to employé's while engaged in their ordinary duties, shall be, as far as practicable, securely guarded. Belting, shafting, etc., to be securely guarded.

No machinery, other than steam-engines, in any such establishment, shall be cleaned while running, if objected to in writing by one of the inspectors hereinafter mentioned. All such establishments shall be well ventilated and kept clean. Machinery, except engines, not to be cleaned while running.

SECTION 2. In any manufacturing establishment in which there shall exist or be placed any hoistway, hatchway, elevator or well-hole, the openings thereof through and upon each floor of such establishment shall be provided with and protected by good and sufficient trap-doors, or self closing hatches and safety-catches, or such other safeguards as the inspectors hereinafter mentioned shall direct; and all due diligence shall be used to keep such trap-doors closed at all times, except when in actual use by the occupant or occupants of the building having the use and control of the same. Hatchways to be provided with safeguards.

SECTION 3. All manufacturing establishments, three or more stories in height, wherein forty or more persons are employed, unless supplied with a sufficient number of tower stairways, shall be provided with properly constructed fire-escapes upon the outside thereof; said fire-escapes to be connected with the interior of the building by either doors or windows, with suitable landings at every story above the first. Said fire-escapes shall be kept in good repair, and no incumbrances of any kind whatever shall be placed thereon: *provided*, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to empower the inspectors to compel any person or persons or corporation to change any fire-escape already existing, unless such change is necessary for the protection of human life. The Stairways and fire-escapes.

word "story" in this act shall include the attic, if the same is occupied for work-rooms.

Main doors to open outwardly.

SECTION 4. All the main doors, both inside and outside, in manufacturing establishments, shall open outwardly where the inspectors hereinafter mentioned shall deem it necessary, and shall in writing direct. Each story in such establishments shall be amply supplied with means for extinguishing fires.

Buildings used for public assemblies;

SECTION 5. All churches, school-rooms, hotels, halls, theatres and other buildings used for public assemblies, shall have such means of egress as the inspectors hereinafter mentioned shall approve, and all doors to the main entrances in such building shall swing outwardly when said inspectors in writing so direct. No portable seats shall be allowed in the aisles or passage-ways of any such building during any entertainment or service held therein.

Doorways, etc.

State detectives to be detailed to act as inspectors.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the chief of the state detective force, upon the passage of this act, specially to detail one or more of his deputies to act as inspectors of factories and public buildings. Said chief shall report in print, to the governor, on or before the first day of January of each year, with such remarks, suggestions and recommendations, as he may deem necessary.

Duties of inspectors.

SECTION 7. The duties of said inspectors shall be to enforce the provisions of this act, except as hereinafter mentioned, and of all acts relating to the employment of women and minors in manufacturing establishments; and for this purpose said inspectors shall have power to enter all buildings used for public or manufacturing purposes, to examine the methods of protection from accident, the means of escape from fire, and to make investigations in regard to the employment of women and children.

Penalties.

SECTION 8. Any person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit to the use of the Commonwealth for every such offence not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by action instituted by said inspectors in any court of competent jurisdiction, and shall also be liable for all damages suffered by any employé by reason of such violation; but no action shall be brought for any such violation until after four weeks' notice thereof shall have been given in writing by an inspector, nor then, if in the meantime such violation shall have ceased, unless some person shall have been injured in consequence thereof. Nothing in this

Liability for damages.

section shall be so construed as to prohibit any person injured from bringing an action to recover damages for said injuries.

SECTION 9. The city of Boston and any other city which may now or shall hereafter have statutory regulations similar in intent to the provisions of sections two, three and five of this act, and officers specially appointed for the enforcement of the same, shall be exempt from the provisions of said sections in so far as said regulations are similar thereto, and the inspectors hereinbefore mentioned shall have no authority to enforce said statutory regulations in such cities; but this section shall not be construed as exempting any person or corporation in any such cities from the provisions of said statutory regulations.

Certain cities exempt from provisions of §§ 2, 3, 5.

SECTION 10. Any detective or detectives detailed to perform said duties shall upon positive evidence that he or they have failed to perform their duty faithfully, be immediately discharged from said office.

Detectives failing to perform duties to be discharged from office.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect on the first day of July next.

*Approved May 11, 1877.*

AN ACT TO REGULATE SALES UNDER POWERS OF SALE IN MORTGAGES. *Chap. 215*  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

No sale under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in any mortgage of real estate shall be valid and effectual to foreclose said mortgage, unless previous to such sale notice of the same shall have been published once a week, the first publication to be not less than twenty-one days before the day of sale, for three successive weeks, in some newspaper, if there be any, published in the city or town wherein the mortgaged premises are situated; but nothing herein shall avoid the necessity of also giving notice of such sale in accordance with the terms of the mortgage.

Sales under powers of sale in mortgages.

*Approved May 11, 1877.*

AN ACT IN REGARD TO THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, USE, TRANSPORTATION AND SALE OF EXPLOSIVE COMPOUNDS. *Chap. 216*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECTION 1. No person, except on military duty in the public service of the United States or of this Commonwealth, shall keep, have or possess, in any building, place, vehicle, ship or other vessel, within one rod of a dwelling-house in any city or town, any explosive compound in quantity exceeding one-fifth of a pound in any

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