

Chap. 229 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER FIFTY-ONE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES IN RELATION TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Towns to be furnished with standard weights and measures.

SECTION 1. The treasurer shall furnish to each town not heretofore provided therewith, and to towns that may hereafter be incorporated, complete sets of standard weights and measures, such as each town is by law required to keep for the use of its inhabitants.

Repeal of G. S. 51, § 4.

SECTION 2. Section four of chapter fifty-one of the General Statutes is hereby repealed.

Approved April 22, 1880.

Chap. 230 AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR THE INSPECTION OF GAS METERS, THE PROTECTION OF GAS CONSUMERS, AND THE PROTECTION AND REGULATION OF GAS LIGHT COMPANIES."

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Assistant inspector of gas meters, to be appointed by governor.

SECTION 1. The governor shall with the advice and consent of the council appoint an assistant inspector of gas meters and of illuminating gas, who shall assist in performing the duties of the inspector under his direction. He shall hold his office for three years from the date of his appointment, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per year, to be collected and paid in the same manner as is now provided by law for the salary of the inspector. He shall be subject to all the conditions, disabilities and responsibilities now imposed by law upon the inspector, except that the amount of the bond to be furnished by him shall be two thousand dollars.

Salary of, \$1,200 a year.

Inspector and assistant to be paid travelling expenses.

SECTION 2. The inspector and his assistant shall be paid in addition to their salaries all actual travelling expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties, the amounts to be collected and paid in the same manner as is now provided for said salaries.

Meters to be sealed.

SECTION 3. No meter shall be used for measuring gas supplied to a consumer unless it be sealed and stamped in the manner required by law; and for every meter not so sealed and stamped, in use after the first day of July eighteen hundred and eighty, a fine of five dollars shall be paid to the city or town where such meter is situated by the gas company supplying the same.

Penalty.

Company to provide a suitable room containing a disc photometer.

SECTION 4. Every gas light company annually manufacturing more than fifteen million cubic feet of gas shall provide a suitable room, at least a quarter of a mile from the gas works, containing a disc photometer of a construc-

tion approved by the inspector; and this room shall be open to the inspector and his assistant every working day from eight A.M. to six P.M.

SECTION 5. The gas of every company supplying more than fifty consumers shall be inspected at least twice a year, and one additional inspection shall be made for every four million cubic feet of gas supplied by each company: *provided*, that the gas of no company shall be inspected oftener than once a week. All such inspections shall be made by the inspector or his assistant, and one-fourth at least of all such inspections shall be made by the inspector. The gas shall be tested for illuminating power by means of a disc photometer; and during such test shall be burned from the burner best adapted to it which is at the same time suitable for domestic use, and at as near the rate of five feet per hour as is practicable. Whenever the gas of any company shall be found on three consecutive inspections to give less light than fifteen standard English candles, or to contain more than twenty grains of sulphur or ten grains of ammonia per hundred cubic feet of gas, or more than ten per cent. of carbonic oxide, or any sulphuretted hydrogen, a fine of one hundred dollars shall be paid by such company to the city or town supplied by it; but no fine for any impurities found before the first day of September, eighteen hundred and eighty shall be imposed. Whenever during the test the consumption of gas shall vary from five feet per hour, or the candle from one hundred and twenty grains per hour, a proportionate correction shall be made for the candle power.

SECTION 6. Section seven of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the word "apparatus" the words "and chemicals."

SECTION 7. Sections six and ten of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one are hereby repealed.

Approved April 22, 1880.

Inspection
of gas.

Gas to be
tested by means
of a disc
photometer.

Companies to
be fined for
impurities.

Amendment to
1868, 168, § 7.

Repeal of
1861, 168, §§ 6,
10.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE OF ABANDONED AND ABUSED CHILDREN.

Chap. 231

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

The Hampden County Children's Aid Association shall have the same rights, privileges and authority relating to the guardianship, custody and control of minor children residing in Hampden County, as are given by chapter one

Association
may be
appointed
guardian, etc.,
by the court.