

amended by striking out in the second line the words "twenty-five thousand," and inserting in place thereof the words "ten thousand;" by striking out in the third line the word "twenty-five," and inserting in place thereof the word "ten;" and by striking out in the seventh line the words "five thousand," and inserting in place thereof the words "one thousand."

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

*Approved April 24, 1883.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL INSANE BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Chap.148*

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

SECTION 1. When a state prison convict is committed to a state lunatic hospital the charges for his support shall be paid by the Commonwealth, until the expiration of his term of sentence to the state prison.

Support of state prison convict in state lunatic hospital.

SECTION 2. When a person held in prison on a charge of felony is committed to a state lunatic hospital under the provisions of sections fifteen or thirty of chapter two hundred and thirteen or of sections sixteen, nineteen or twenty of chapter two hundred and fourteen of the Public Statutes, the charges for his support therein shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

Support of prisoner on a charge of felony in state lunatic hospital.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to such commitments already made.

To apply to commitments already made.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 24, 1883.*

AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE TOWN OF HUDSON WITH WATER.

*Chap.149*

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

SECTION 1. The town of Hudson may supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes; may establish fountains and hydrants, re-locate or discontinue the same; may regulate the use of such water, and fix and collect rates to be paid for the use of the same.

Water supply for town of Hudson.

SECTION 2. The said town for the purposes aforesaid may take, by purchase or otherwise, and hold the waters of Gates Pond, so called, in the town of Berlin, in the county of Worcester, and the waters which flow into and from the same, together with any water rights connected therewith, and also all lands, rights of way and easements, necessary for holding and preserving such water, and for

May take water from Gates Pond in Berlin.

conveying the same to any part of said town of Hudson ; and may erect on the land thus taken or held proper dams, buildings, fixtures and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery, and provide such other means and appliances as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works ; and may construct and lay down conduits, pipes and other works under or over any lands, water courses, railroads, or public or private ways, and along any such way, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same ; and for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all proper purposes of this act, said town may dig up any such lands or ways, in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel on such ways.

May construct and lay down conduits, pipes, and other works.

A description of the lands, etc., taken, to be filed and recorded in the registry of deeds.

SECTION 3. The said town shall, within sixty days after the taking of any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, otherwise than by purchase, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county within which such lands or other property is situated, a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for.

Damages to be paid by the town.

SECTION 4. The said town shall pay all damages sustained by any person in property by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by any other thing done by said town under the authority of this act. Any person sustaining damages as aforesaid under this act, who fails to agree with said town as to the amount of damages sustained, may have the damages assessed and determined in the manner provided by law when land is taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within the period of three years from the taking of such land or other property, or the doing of other injury, under the authority of this act ; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said three years. No application for assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water, water right, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by said town under the authority of this act.

Application for damages not to be made until water is actually taken.

SECTION 5. The said town may for the purpose of

paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrip, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate seventy-five thousand dollars; such bonds, notes and scrip shall bear on their face the words "Hudson Water Loan;" shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue; shall bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and be countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The said town may sell such securities at public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes of this act, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper. The said town shall provide, at the time of contracting said loan, for the establishment of a sinking fund, and shall annually contribute to such fund a sum sufficient, with the accumulations thereof, to pay the principal of said loan at maturity. The said sinking fund shall remain inviolate and pledged to the payment of said loan, and shall be used for no other purpose.

Hudson Water Loan.

Sinking fund to be provided.

SECTION 6. The said town shall raise annually, by taxation, a sum which, with the income derived from the water rates, will be sufficient to pay the current annual expenses of operating its water works, and the interest as it accrues on the bonds, notes and scrip issued as aforesaid by said town, and to make such contributions to the sinking fund and payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act.

Money sufficient for current expenses and interest to be raised annually, by taxation.

SECTION 7. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any of the waters taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said town under the authority and for the purposes of this act, shall forfeit and pay to said town three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon conviction of either of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Penalty for polluting or diverting water, or for injury to property.

SECTION 8. The said town shall, after its acceptance of this act, at a legal meeting called for the purpose, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, and one until the expiration of one year from the

Board of water commissioners to be elected.

next succeeding annual town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to the said town by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for, shall be vested in said board of water commissioners, who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as said town may impose by its vote; the said commissioners shall be trustees of the sinking fund herein provided for, and a majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business relative both to the water works and to the sinking fund. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, by said town, at any legal town meeting called for the purpose.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two-thirds vote of the voters of said town, present and voting thereon at a legal town meeting called for the purpose, within three years from its passage; but the number of meetings so called in any year shall not exceed three.

*Approved April 25, 1883.*

*Chap.150* AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' SAVINGS BANK OF SOUTH FRAMINGHAM.

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

SECTION 1. Willard Howe, George E. Cutler, Eleazer Goulding, Warren Whitney, Arthur C. Blanchard, Charles E. Cutler, Thomas L. Sturtevant, Charles D. Lewis, John F. Holbrook, James R. Entwistle, Willis M. Ranney, Leonard T. Morse, Edmund Dowse, Sidney A. Phillips, Frank Comee, Henry G. Eames, Franklin Manson, D. T. Bridges, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank, to be located in the village of South Framingham, in the town of Framingham; with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions set forth in the general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force relating to savings banks and institutions for savings.

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

[*The foregoing was laid before the Governor on the eighteenth day of April 1883, and after five days it had the "force of a law," as prescribed by the Constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections within that time.*]