

cerned in public drainage proceedings and others within the state who may be concerned with land drainage or who may make request for copies of such tests. For the purpose of making said inspection and tests, the commissioner, or his duly authorized representatives, shall have free access to materials, manufacturing plants and appurtenances and to the manufactured drain tile at all times, and samples on which to make tests and inspection shall be furnished by the manufacturers without cost to the state.

It shall be the duty of all manufacturers of drain tile within the state who sell their products to the general public, to equip and install as a part of each manufacturing plant a first class and up-to-date testing machine on which tests to determine the bearing strength of drain tile may be made by the commissioner, or his duly authorized representatives, the general design and capacity of which testing machines shall be approved by the commissioner and shall be erected and completed by the manufacturers ready for use within 90 days of the passage of this act, provided, however, that the original cost to any one manufacturer of drain tile by reason of the installation of the testing machine herein provided shall in no instance be made to exceed the sum of \$250.00.

Said Commissioner shall also ascertain and secure the necessary information from the various parts of the state to enable him to make and furnish to the engineers of the state all necessary information as to the proper size of tile and the discharge thereof under various conditions, including information as to the proper size and discharge of open ditch construction and such information shall be included in the rules to be furnished and followed as provided in Section 1, Chapter 441 of the laws of 1917.

Said commissioner is hereby authorized to co-operate and enter into agreement with the Minnesota State Agricultural Experiment Station and The United States government or any department thereof whenever in the opinion of said commissioner such co-operation is advisable for the purposes mentioned in this act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 329—H. F. No. 353.

An act authorizing county boards in certain cases to refund to county registers of deeds certain fees received for registering automobiles and which were erroneously paid into the county treasury.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. County boards authorized to refund fees to regis-

ters of deeds in certain cases.—That in all cases where registers of deeds subsequent to February 1, 1920, have erroneously paid into the treasury of their counties fees theretofore received by them for registering automobiles, county boards are hereby authorized to refund the amounts so paid upon duly verified claims filed therefor.

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 330—H. F. No. 361.

An act to amend Section 9, Chapter 467, Laws of 1921, relating to assistance for school districts with a high tax levy.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Additional state aid to certain schools.**—That Section 9, Chapter 467, Laws of 1921, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. *School districts which receive aid under the provisions of this section will be limited to those whose tax levy for maintenance only exceeds twenty (20) mills. To any school district in which a tax levy of twenty (20) mills does not yield the equivalent of forty dollars (\$40) for each pupil who has attended the public school of such district at least forty (40) days during the school year, the state shall pay as supplemental aid an amount which, together with the proceeds of a twenty (20) mill tax will give each such school district the equivalent of forty dollars (\$40) for each such pupil. In school districts maintaining only ungraded elementary schools, if a twenty (20) mill tax levy does not raise the equivalent of six hundred dollars (\$600) for each teacher employed for at least seven (7) months during the school year, then the State Board of Education at its discretion may grant to such school district an amount, which together with the proceeds of a twenty (20) mill tax levy, will give such school district the equivalent of six hundred dollars (\$600) for each teacher employed as herein provided, but such state aid shall in no case exceed the equivalent of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each such teacher employed, but shall be in addition to all other state aid, including supplemental aid as otherwise provided in this section. Provided, in unorganized territory and in common school districts of ten or more townships, each full or fractional township shall be treated as a unit equivalent to a school district for each of the purposes of this act.*"

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 331—H. F. No. 362.

An act to amend Section 10, Chapter 467, Laws of 1921, relating to state aid to stimulate educational progress.