

ways, the remaining funds to the credit of the permanent highway maintenance fund shall be used in the maintenance or improvement of roads upon the route of primary state highways. The construction of all primary highways shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the state highway board.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of raising revenue to construct and repair highways and bridges, the proper state officers shall levy and collect a tax of one mill upon all of the property in the state subject to taxation. The fund provided by such levy shall be placed in the public highway fund: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this act contained shall have the effect or be construed to alter or modify in any particular any tax levy made or proceeding had or to be had for the collection of any tax heretofore levied or imposed under or pursuant to the provision of any former or existing laws.

State tax
levy for
highways
and bridges.

SEC. 7. That chapter 59, Session Laws of 1915 is hereby repealed.

Repealing
clause.

Passed the House February 16, 1917.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1917.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 119.

[S. B. 223.]

MARKETING OF FARM PRODUCTS.

AN ACT relating to the production and marketing of farm products, creating the office of director of farm markets, defining his powers and duties and fixing his salary, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. The production and marketing of farm products is hereby declared to be a matter of public interest and a proper subject for investigation, encouragement, development, regulation and control by the state.

Director
of farm
marketing.

SEC. 2. To this end there is hereby created the office of director of farm marketing. Such director shall be appointed by the director of the agricultural experiment station of the State College of Washington by and with the approval of the governor, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the said director and until his successor qualifies. The word "director" wherever it shall hereafter appear in this act, shall mean director of farm marketing. The salary of said director shall be fixed by the director of the agricultural experiment station, and shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum, and he shall be allowed an additional sum as may be necessary for clerical and other assistance, traveling and other expenses, detailed vouchers for which, approved by the director of the experiment station, shall be filed with the state auditor.

Appoint-
ment and
salary.

Duties.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the director to investigate and promote, in the interest of the state, economical and efficient distribution of all farm products, for this purpose cooperating to the fullest extent practicable with the United States department of agriculture and with other agencies of the federal government of this state and of other states, engaged in similar activities. He shall have power:

Powers.

(a) To maintain a market news service by publication of bulletins and through newspapers, giving information as to prices, available supplies of different farm products, demand in local and foreign markets, freight rates, and any and all other such matters of interest to producers and consumers.

(b) To aid and assist producers and consumers in establishing economical and efficient systems and methods of distribution, in promoting more direct business relations through the organization of cooperative societies of sellers and buyers, and in every practicable way to reduce the waste, expense and cost of marketing, that the producer may secure more adequate returns and the consumer a lower cost of food products.

(c) To investigate the methods of commission merchants and of all others who buy, sell, handle on commission or otherwise, or deal in farm products, to the end that distribution of such commodities in this manner may be efficiently and economically and honestly accomplished. In such investigation, he may hear complaints and suggestions and shall have power to visit the place of business of any individual, firm, corporation or association, and examine under oath such individuals and the officers and employees of such firms, corporations and associations for the purpose of obtaining accurate information. If the director shall find legislation necessary for the regulation of such distribution of farm products, he shall recommend to the governor not later than the fifteenth of November of each even numbered year.

(d) To investigate the feasibility of direct dealing between producers and consumers through the agency of the parcel post and the employment of mail order methods.

(e) To receive applications for farm help and for employment in farm work, assisting in bringing the job and the man together without expense to either employer or laborer, and to this end to cooperate with the authorities of the United States, the state or municipalities that may be engaged in similar work.

(f) To investigate transportation of farm products, methods, delays and charges, and advise and assist producers in relation thereto.

SEC. 4. The director shall prepare and submit to the director of the agricultural experiment station, on or before the first of December of each year a report of his department and such other facts, suggestions or recommendations as he may deem of value to the people.

Annual reports.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) or as much there-

Appropriation.
\$15,000.

of as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1917.

Passed the House March 6, 1917.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 120.

[S. B. 317.]

AMENDING WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of injured workmen in our industries and the compensation of their dependents where such injuries result in death, providing for the collection and disbursement of funds for such purpose, providing penalties and amending section 6604-4 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, as amended by section 1 of chapter 188, Session Laws of 1915 of the State of Washington, and amending sections 6604-3, 6604-8, 6604-22 and 6604-23 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6604-3 of Rem. & Bal. Code
Definitions. be amended to read as follows:

Section 6604-3. In the sense of this act words employed mean as here stated, to-wit:

Factories. Factories mean undertakings in which the business of working at commodities is carried on with power-driven machinery, either in manufacture, repair or change, and shall include the premises, yard and plant of the concern.

Workshop. Workshop means any plant, yard, premises, room or place wherein power-driven machinery is employed and manual labor is exercised by way of trade for gain or otherwise in or incidental to the process of making, altering, repairing, printing or ornamenting, finishing or adapting for sale or otherwise any article or part of article, machine or thing, over which premises, room or place the employer of the person working therein has the right of access or control.