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of any person entitled to compensation under the provisions of this Act, the amount of such compensation shall be paid the widow, or if no widow, then to the children, or if no children, then to the estate of such person.

Credits directed in accounts for payments made heretofore.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General is authorized and directed, notwithstanding the provisions of such Act of May 22, 1920, to credit the accounts of all disbursing officers or agents of the Department of the Treasury with the amounts heretofore paid in good faith for temporary services to such persons who had reached the age for retirement or who had been retired.

Approved, January 14, 1925.

January 14, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 259.]
[Pub. Res., No. 43.]

CHAP. 79.—Joint Resolution Establishing a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniverr sary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, authorizing an appropriation to be utilized in connection with such observance, and for other purposes.

Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission.

Creation and appointment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of eleven commissioners, as follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, four Senators by the President of the Senate, and four Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Post, p. 963.

Amount authorized for expenses.
Post, p. 754.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of $5,000 to be expended by the commission for actual and necessary traveling expenses and subsistence while discharging its official duties outside the District of Columbia.

Amount authorized for participation in celebration.
Post, p. 754.

SEC. 3. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $10,000 to be utilized in the discretion of the commission for the appropriate participation on the part of the United States in the celebration and observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord to be commemorated on or about April 19 and 20, 1925.

Special commemorative postage stamps to be issued.

SEC. 4. That the Postmaster General is hereby authorized and directed to issue a special series of postage stamps, in such denominations and of such designs as he may determine, commemorative of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord and of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of such other major events of the Revolutionary War as he may deem appropriate.

Silver 50-cent pieces to be coined.

Number.

SEC. 5. That in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Legal tender.

Coinage laws applicable.

SEC. 6. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or

counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Proviso.
No expense for dies, etc.

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January 15, 1925.
[S. 1782.]
[Public, No. 323.]

CHAP. 81.—An Act To provide for the widening of Nichols Avenue between Good Hope Road and S Street southeast.

District of Columbia.
Nichols Avenue SE.
Acceptance of strip for widening.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That within ninety days after the dedication to the District of Columbia by the owners of lots numbered 29 to 35, both inclusive, in square numbered 5601, of a strip of land seven feet in width for widening of Nichols Avenue between Good Hope Road and S Street southeast, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and are hereby, authorized to acquire by purchase, at a price deemed by them to be reasonable and fair, otherwise by condemnation, under and in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 1 of chapter 15 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, all of those pieces or parcels of land taxed as lots numbered 816 and 821 and the following-described part of that parcel of land taxed as lot numbered 827, in square numbered 5601, beginning for the same at the southwest corner of lot taxed as lot numbered 827, in square numbered 5601, said corner being at the intersection of the eastern line of Nichols Avenue and the northern line of Good Hope Road; thence running with the northern line of Good Hope Road south fifty-nine degrees forty minutes thirty seconds east fourteen and ninety-three one-hundredths feet to the southwest corner of lot taxed as lot numbered 803, in square numbered 5601; thence leaving Good Hope Road and running with the dividing line between said lots numbered 827 and 803 north thirteen degrees twenty-three minutes thirty seconds east seventy-five feet to the northwest corner of said lot numbered 803; thence leaving said lot numbered 803 and running in a parallel line to the eastern line to Nichols Avenue and seven feet southeasterly therefrom north nineteen degrees fifteen minutes fifteen seconds east twenty-five and thirteen one-hundredths feet to the northern line of said lot numbered 827; thence with the northern line thereof north seventy-six degrees thirty-six minutes thirty seconds west ninety-one one-hundredths feet to the most eastern corners of lots taxed as lots numbered 816 and 821; thence with the dividing line between said lots numbered 821 and 827 south thirty-nine degrees twenty-eight minutes west seventeen and thirty-nine one-hundredths feet to the eastern line of Nichols Avenue; thence with the eastern line thereof south nineteen degrees fifteen minutes fifteen seconds west eighty and forty one-hundredths feet to the beginning, containing nine hundred and twelve and sixty one-hundredths square feet, more or less, as shown on the plat books of the surveyor's office of the District of Columbia, for the widening of the said Nichols Avenue between Good Hope Road and S Street southeast: *Provided, however*, That the entire cost of the property if acquired by condemnation under and in accordance with this Act plus the cost of court proceedings incident thereto shall be assessed as benefits against any property in the District of Columbia which in the judgment of the condemnation jury is benefited.

Purchase or condemnation of additional land.
Vol. 34, p. 151.

Description.

Proviso.
Damages assessed as benefits.