

be propagated at one of the existing field stations of the Department of Agriculture in such area, and seedlings and cuttings and seeds of such trees, shrubs, and vines to be distributed free of charge under such regulations as he may prescribe for experimental and demonstration purposes within such area.

SEC. 2. That for carrying out the purposes of this Act, including purchase of land and erection of buildings, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$35,000, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year thereafter necessary appropriations to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry on the experiments contemplated by this Act.

Approved, April 16, 1928.

Distribution from Agricultural Department field station free for experiments, etc.

Amount authorized for land and buildings. *Post*, p. 1201.

Annual appropriations authorized for experiments.

CHAP. 378.—An Act To extend the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 20, 1922, entitled "An Act to consolidate national forest lands."

April 16, 1928.
[H. R. 9829.]
[Public, No. 279.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 20, 1922 (Forty-second Statutes, page 465), Section 485, Title 16, Code of Laws of the United States, an Act entitled "An Act to consolidate national forest lands," be, and the same are hereby, extended and made applicable to any lands within former Spanish or Mexican land grants which lie partly within or contiguous to the boundaries of the Carson, Manzano, or Santa Fe National Forests in the State of New Mexico. The lands conveyed to the United States under this Act shall, upon acceptance of title, become parts of the national forests within or near whose exterior boundaries they are located.

Approved, April 16, 1928.

National forests.
Exchange of lands authorized within Spanish or Mexican grants, for additions to Carson, Manzano, or Santa Fe, forests, N. Mex.
Vol. 42, p. 465.
U. S. Code, p. 420.

CHAP. 379.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to carry into effect provisions of the convention between the United States and Great Britain to regulate the level of Lake of the Woods concluded on the 24th day of February, 1925," approved May 22, 1926.

April 18, 1928.
[H. R. 10884.]
[Public, No. 280.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to carry into effect provisions of the convention between the United States and Great Britain to regulate the level of Lake of the Woods concluded on the 24th day of February, 1925," approved May 22, 1926, is amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, as soon as practicable after the enactment of this Act, by purchase or by condemnation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize condemnation of land for sites for public buildings, and for other purposes,' approved August 1, 1888, and in accordance with the constitutional provisions of the State of Minnesota which provide that private property shall not be taken, destroyed, or damaged for public use without just compensation therefor first paid or secured, the flowage easements up to elevation one thousand and sixty-four sea-level datum upon all lands in such State bordering on the Lake of the Woods, Warroad River, and Rainy River, and such lands or interests therein as are necessary to provide for the protective

Lake of the Woods.
Vol. 44, p. 617, amended.
Vol. 44, p. 2108.

Acquiring flowage, easements, etc., in lands, in Minnesota, bordering said lake, etc., to regulate level thereof, under treaty engagement with Great Britain.
Vol. 25, p. 357.

Lands for protective works, etc.

Treaties, Vol. 44, p. 2110.

Condemnation proceedings.
Vol. 44, p. 617, amended.

Witness fees, etc., assessed against United States.

Damages.
Vol. 44, p. 617, amended.

Prior claims for damages due to artificial obstruction to outlets to be investigated.
Post, p. 930.

Report to Congress.

Proviso.
Claims to be presented in 30 days.

works and measures in such State along the shores of the Lake of the Woods and the banks of the Warroad River and the Rainy River as specified in article 8 of the convention signed at Washington on the 24th day of February, 1925, between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain providing for the regulation of the level of the Lake of the Woods."

SEC. 2. Section 1 of such Act approved May 22, 1926, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

"In such condemnation proceedings fees and mileage of witnesses shall be assessed against the United States to the same extent in any given case as if the proceeding had been initiated by a private corporation."

SEC. 3. Section 3 of such Act approved May 22, 1926, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be investigated, as soon as practicable, all claims for damages caused, prior to the acquisition of flowage easements under this Act, to the inhabitants of the United States by fluctuation of the water levels of the Lake of the Woods due to artificial obstructions in outlets of said lake, and after due notice and opportunity for hearing, shall ascertain and determine the loss or injury, if any, that may have been sustained by the respective claimants and to report to Congress for its consideration the amount or amounts he may find to be equitably due such claimants, together with a statement in each case of the substantial facts upon which the conclusion is based: *Provided*, That all claims not presented to the Secretary of War under this provision prior to the expiration of thirty days from the date of the passage of this amendatory Act, shall not be considered by him and shall be forever barred."

Approved, April 18, 1928.

April 19, 1928.
[H. R. 7191.]
[Public, No. 281.]

CHAP. 380.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey certain land in Cook County, Illinois, to the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company, its successors or assigns, under certain conditions.

Bureau of Standards.
Site of master-track scale, etc., depot, in Cook County, Ill., conveyed to Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company.

Location.

Description.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey by the usual quitclaim deed to the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, its successors or assigns, the present site of the master-track scale and test-car depot of the Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, in the clearing yard of the Belt Railway Company, of Chicago, more particularly described as follows:

"A tract of land in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 20, township 38 north, range 13 east of the third principal meridian, Cook County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point seven hundred and seven and forty-six one hundredths feet south of, measured at right angles to the east and west center line of said section 20, from a point therein nine hundred and seventy and eight one-hundredths feet west of the northeast corner of said northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, measured along said east and west center line, thence southeasterly a distance of ninety-four feet to a point seven hundred and thirty-four and twenty-two one-hundredths feet south of said east and west center line, measured at right angles thereto from a point therein eight hundred and seventy-nine and ninety-seven one-hundredths