

opinion of the commission will be of the greatest benefit to the agricultural, industrial, geological and military requirements of the State of Maryland, and to publish special reports dealing with the various mineral products and with the natural resources of each county in the State of Maryland.

An. Code, sec. 25. 1904, sec. 25. 1896, ch. 51. 1898, ch. 129, sec. 3.

25. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this sub-title, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the said amount shall be drawn from the treasury by the said commission in the same manner as the other funds of the survey.

### Grade Crossings.

An. Code, sec. 29. 1906, ch. 312, sec. 4.

26. Whenever any railroad or railway company hereafter constructed shall cross said road it shall be required to keep its own road-bed and the bed of the said highway in proper repair or else to have constructed an overhead or undergrade crossing subject to the approval of the said commission or in conformity to the provisions of article 23 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws as to crossings of railroad companies in regard to flagmen and electric bells; and the tracks of such railroads or railways shall be so constructed as to give absolutely safe and easy approach to and crossing thereof; and in case of failure so to construct, the said commission shall construct the same, and upon certification of said construction and the cost thereof, after due notification to such company to construct and its failure so to do the cost thereof shall *ex parte* be rendered a judgment against such company by any justice of the peace in such counties before whom such proceedings shall have been instituted.

### Public Roads.

An. Code, sec. 33. 1908, ch. 141, sec. 32A. 1918, ch. 224, sec. 33. 1922, ch. 29, sec. 33 (p. 64).

27.<sup>1</sup> The Governor is hereby authorized and directed to appoint three competent persons, citizens and residents of this State, who shall constitute a special commission, to be known as the "State Roads Commission." In making appointments to and selection for members of the State Roads Commission, the Governor shall always so make his selection and appointments, that at least one member of the State Roads Commission shall bona fide belong to or be affiliated with that one of the two leading political parties in the State opposite to the Governor's own political party. The Governor shall have the power, in his discretion, to remove any member of said Commission at any time, and to appoint another person in his stead, and to fill any vacancy in said Commission occasioned by the resignation, removal, death, incapacity, permanent absence from this State,

<sup>1</sup> Ch. 511 of 1920 makes the fiscal year of the state roads commission coincident with that of the state, *viz.*, October 1 to September 30.