

ing appeals in civil cases and such appeals shall have precedence over all cases except criminal cases.]

372.

The Department of Forests and Parks shall have the right and power to condemn lands, earth, gravel, stone, timber or materials, or any improvements in the name of the State, under Article 33A, title "Eminent Domain", of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland [as passed in Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1912] when such action is necessary for carrying out the purpose of any legislative act, or for advancing the aims of forestry, parks or recreation, and the work of the Department of Forests and Parks, and they may pay all costs and expenses thus incurred out of any surplus moneys standing to the credit of the Forest Reserve or Park Reserve funds, not otherwise appropriated; nothing herein contained shall apply to the City of Baltimore; and in connection with the project for which the lands mentioned in Section 370 of this sub-title are to be acquired, such power of condemnation shall not be exercised with respect to any lands located more than one-half mile from the medial line of the said Patapsco River, or either of its branches.

430.

In the event of its being deemed necessary for the said Board to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious disease, to cause any animal or animals so diseased, or exposed to such disease to be slaughtered, the value of such animal or animals shall be appraised under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Agriculture, by two sworn appraisers, to be sworn before any officer authorized to administer oaths and affirmations, one of which appraisers to be appointed by the owner or custodian of such animals, the other by the said Board of Agriculture or its duly authorized representative, or in case the said owner or custodian of such animals shall neglect or refuse to name such appraiser, then by two appraisers to be appointed by said Board of Agriculture or its duly authorized representative, who in case of disagreement shall call in a third; but in no event shall the appraisement, together with the estimated value of the carcass, hide and offal exceed ninety per centum of the fair market value of the animal or animals, or a total of five hundred dollars for any one animal; and which said appraisement when approved by said Board of Agriculture shall be filed with the Comptroller; and the Comptroller shall forthwith issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the amount of said appraisement, in favor of the said owner or owners; and if the owner or owners of such animals or buildings or other property shall not be satisfied with the amount of said appraisement, he may [within sixty days] appeal to the circuit court of the county, or to the Baltimore City Court, if such animals or buildings are within the City of Baltimore [by filing in said court a copy of the appraisement with a petition for a writ of subpoena against the officer representing the said State Board of Agriculture,] and said appeals shall be *heard de novo* [acted on by said court in the same manner as appeals from justices of the peace].