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INTRODUCTION.

"Ignorantia legis neminem excusat." That every citizen must be presumed to know the law — though as a matter of fact not even the wisest jurist can know it in its entirety — seems at first blush to be a harsh rule. Further consideration, however, shows that it is the only possible rule for civilized society, and must be strictly adhered to. If ignorance of the law were once allowed as a defence it would of course be pleaded by the defendant in all cases, and in most cases the defendant would be able to prove his plea.

It is with the object of helping the citizens of Massachusetts, and especially the farmers, to know a small part of what they are already presumed to know as a whole that this little book has been compiled. It contains the Massachusetts laws dealing with agriculture as they stood at the prorogation of the General Court of 1916. To avoid duplication, however, certain statutes, though more or less closely related to agriculture, have not been included as they have been published in other compilations. Among these are the dairy statutes and decisions, published by the Dairy Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture; the "Forestry Laws" and those relating to the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moth, published by the State Forester; the laws relating to the suppression of cattle diseases, compiled by the Department of Animal Industry; the "Fish and Game Laws," issued by the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game; and the "Weights and Measures Laws," issued by the Department of Weights and Measures. On account of the importance of the deer, pheasant and dog laws, in their relation to the farmer, however, these have been included, as well as the sections from the weights and measures act, fixing the weights of farm produce.

On account of the arrangement of the statutes according to subject the laws are not in chronological or numerical order. A particular statute of a certain year may be found by looking in the index of statutes, on page 173.

Digests of the most important decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court on the agricultural law have been also included in the book. In most cases the reporter's headnote has been used, though in a few cases it has seemed better to use an extract from the decision itself. The cases are indexed by both name and volume. A list of the officials charged with the enforcement of the various laws relating to agriculture has also been included, and will be found on page 169. — EDITOR.

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