mater of other than the first class weighing not in excess of two pounds, 15 cents for mail matter of any class weighing more than two pounds but not in excess of ten pounds, and 20 cents for mail matter of any class weighing in excess of ten pounds.

SEC. 4. To procure the most expeditious handling and transportation practicable of mail matter of the fourth class, special-handling stamps shall be affixed thereto, in addition to the regular postage, in accordance with the following schedule: Matter weighing not more than two pounds, 10 cents; matter weighing more than two but not more than ten pounds, 15 cents; matter weighing more than ten pounds, 20 cents: Provided, That, under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, ordinary postage stamps of equivalent value may be accepted in lieu of the special-handling stamps herein specified.

SEC. 5. Section 212., Title II, of the Act of February 28, 1925, reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes (43 Stat. 1069; U. S. C., title 39, secs. 166, 170), and so much of section 207 of Title II of said Act as relates to the expeditious handling, transportation, and delivery of mail matter of the fourth class (43 Stat. 1067; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 294), as amended (sec. 8, Act of May 29, 1928; 45 Stat. 943, 944; U. S. C., Supp. III, title 39, secs. 166, 294), and all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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be, granted, where the right of such permittee or lessee was initiated prior to such location, to use so much of the surface of the land as may be necessary for prospecting for, mining, and removing the oil and gas deposits therein without compensation to the locator or patentee, in accordance with section 29 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437).

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CHAP. 374.—An Act To relieve restricted Indians in the Five Civilized Tribes whose nontaxable lands are required for State, county, or municipal improvements or sold to other persons or for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any nontaxable land of a restricted Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes is sold to the State of Oklahoma, or to any county or municipality therein, for public-improvement purposes, or is acquired, under existing law, by said State, county, or municipality by condemnation or other proceedings for such public purposes, or is sold under existing law to any other person or corporation for other purposes, the money received for said land may, in the discretion and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, be reinvested in other lands selected by said Indian and such land so selected and purchased shall be restricted as to alienation, lease, or incumbrance, and nontaxable in the same quantity and upon the same terms and conditions as the nontaxable lands from which the reinvested funds were derived and such restrictions to appear in the conveyance.

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CHAP. 375.—An Act For the retirement of employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all employees of the Panama Canal on the Isthmus of Panama, and all employees of the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States and whose tenure of employment is not intermittent nor of uncertain duration, shall come within the provisions of this Act.

AUTOMATIC SEPARATION

SEC. 2. All employees to whom this Act applies shall, after reaching the age of sixty-two years and having rendered at least fifteen years of service on the Isthmus of Panama, be automatically separated from the service and retired on the annuity provided for herein; and all salary, pay, or compensation shall cease from that date: Provided, That if the Governor of the Panama Canal certifies to the Civil Service Commission that by reason of his efficiency and willingness to remain in the service, the continuance of such employee therein would be advantageous to the service, such employee may be retained for a term not exceeding two years, upon the approval and certification by the Civil Service Commission, and, at the end of the two-year term, by similar approval and certification, be continued for an additional term not exceeding two years: