(*b.*) in aid of the expenses incurred, or to be incurred, under any statutory power from time to time vested in them respectively in such manner as they may determine, or

(*c.*) under any scheme of public utility framed by them respectively, subject to the approval of the Secretary for Scotland.

(6.) The balance (if any) standing to the credit of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account shall be applied as an addition to the fee grant in Scotland and be distributed accordingly.

Any moneys received by a county council or a town council or police commissioners under this section, and directed by resolution to be appropriated or to be set aside for any purpose authorised by this section other than the relief of the rates shall, although not expended or specifically contributed or allotted in whole or in part before the end of the financial year, remain applicable for such purposes.

Allocation of fees and compensation to certain teachers for loss of fees.

3. Notwithstanding any provisions in any statute, scheme, provisional order, deed, or instrument, it shall be lawful for the governing body or managers, whether school board or other, of any school to which a grant is made under the provisions of section two, sub-section one, of this Act at any time and from time to time to alter or reduce the fees exigible therein, or to regulate the disposal or application of such fees: Provided, that any teacher of a higher class public school, appointed before the passing of this Act, having a vested right to fees exigible in such school, shall be entitled to receive from the school board compensation in respect of any loss sustained by him under the provisions of this section, and such compensation, failing agreement, may be determined finally by the sheriff, and shall be payable out of the school fund.

Short title and construction.

4.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892.

(2.) This Act shall be construed as one with the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889.

CHAPTER 52.

An Act to authorise an Advance to the Government of the Province of British Columbia. [27th June 1892.]

WHEREAS an arrangement has been made with the Government of the Province of British Columbia for the transfer to and settlement upon the sea coast and islands of that province of a number of families from the parishes in Scotland to which the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, by virtue of a determination under section nineteen of that Act, applies (in this Act referred to as "crofter parishes"), and with a view to carrying into effect the arrangement, it is expedient to authorise a temporary advance out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom to the said Government:

And whereas by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the said Province the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorised to accept the said loan, and to pledge the credit of the Province for the repayment thereof:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the British Columbia (Loan) Act, 1892.

Advance of 150,000*l.* by Treasury to Government of British Columbia.

2.—(1.) In order to assist the Government of the Province of British Columbia to transfer to and settle upon the sea coast and islands of that Province families from the crofter parishes of Scotland, the Treasury may, before the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight advance to the said Government, on the security herein-after mentioned, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, which shall be applied by the said Government for the purpose of effecting the said transfer and settlement on proper conditions.

(2.) The said Government shall repay every sum advanced by equal half-yearly instalments within thirty years from the date of its advance, and the first of such instalments shall be paid within five years from the date of the advance.

(3.) The said Government shall pay interest half-yearly at the rate of three per cent per annum on the amounts advanced for the time being and not repaid.

(4.) The Treasury may agree to add to an advance all or any part of the interest accruing thereon in each of the first five years, and the interest so added in each year shall be deemed thereafter to form part of the advance, but to be in addition to the maximum advance authorised by this Act.

Conditions of advance.

3.—(1.) The said loan shall be advanced in instalments of not more than fifty thousand pounds each.

(2.) Before advancing the first instalment the Treasury shall be satisfied, by such evidence as they require, that suitable arrangements are made for the said purpose.

(3.) Before advancing any instalments after the first the Treasury shall be satisfied by such evidence as they require that the prior instalment or instalments have been duly expended for the said purpose, and that suitable arrangements have been made or are continued for the said purpose.

(4.) An advance in pursuance of this Act shall not be made until the Government of the Province of British Columbia has deposited in such manner as the Treasury require such number of the debentures herein-after mentioned as in nominal amount are equal to the amount of the advance, inclusive of any interest which is likely to be added to the advance.

(5.) The debentures shall be debentures of the said Government issued in pursuance of Act number sixty-one of 1892 passed by

the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, or of an Act to be hereafter passed by the said Legislative Assembly, and shall bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, and have coupons attached for such interest for not less than thirty years: Provided that the Treasury shall not dispose of any such debenture or coupon otherwise than by returning the same to the said Government until default is made in payment of any principal or interest for the time being due from that Government in respect of the advance.

(6.) If it appears to the Treasury that the purposes of this Act have been abandoned before the whole of an advance or any part thereof has been expended, they may require the Government of the Province to repay the amount not so expended, and that Government shall repay the same.

Law of the Province not to impair validity of charge.

4. Every Act hereafter passed by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia which in any way impairs the validity or priority of the charge upon the revenues of the Province of the principal or interest of any advance made or debenture deposited in pursuance of this Act shall, so far as it impairs such validity or priority, be void unless the previous consent of the Treasury has been obtained.

Issue and raising of advances and application of sums repaid.

5.—(1.) Every advance under this Act shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.

(2.) For the purpose of borrowing the amount of the advance, or money to repay to the Consolidated Fund the advance, or of paying off any money borrowed or security issued under this section, the Treasury may, if they think fit, issue exchequer bonds, or exchequer bills, or treasury bills, or otherwise borrow on the credit of the charge created by this Act on the Consolidated Fund, or do all of such things, and the sum arising from such issue or borrowing shall be paid into the Exchequer.

(3.) The principal and interest of all securities issued or sums borrowed under this section shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or out of the growing produce thereof.

(4.) Every exchequer bond issued in pursuance of this Act shall be for a sum of not less than one hundred pounds, and shall provide for the paying off of such bond at par at any period not exceeding five years nor less than twelve months from the date of such bond.

(5.) All sums paid by the Government of the Province in respect of the principal of or interest on any advance under this Act, and all sums arising from the disposal of any debentures deposited in pursuance of this Act or of the coupons thereof shall be paid into the Exchequer.

Extension of 29 & 30 Vict. c. 25. to bonds.

6. Section fifteen of the Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1866 (which section relates to the forgery of exchequer bills), shall apply to all exchequer bonds issued in pursuance of this Act in like

manner as if it were herein enacted with the substitution of exchequer bond for exchequer bill.

Count of advances.

7. An account of all sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act, and of all sums paid by the Government of the Province of British Columbia in respect of the interest or principal of any advance in pursuance of this Act, shall be annually laid before Parliament in such form as the Treasury direct, so long as any such advance remains outstanding.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Public Libraries. [27th June 1892.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Adoption of Act and Constitution of Library Authority.

Extent and application of Act.

1.—(1.) This Act shall extend to every library district for which it is adopted.

(2.) For the purposes of this Act and subject to the provisions thereof every urban district and every parish in England and Wales which is not within an urban district shall be a library district.

(3.) This Act shall have effect as regards any parish which is partly within and partly without an urban district as if the part which is without the district were a separate parish, and the overseers for the parish shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to be the overseers for that part.

Limitations on expenditure for purposes of Act.

2.—(1.) A rate or addition to a rate shall not be levied for the purposes of this Act for any one financial year in any library district to an amount exceeding one penny in the pound.

(2.) This Act may be adopted for any library district subject to a condition that the maximum rate or addition to a rate to be levied for the purposes of this Act in the district or in any defined portion of the district in any one financial year shall not exceed one halfpenny or shall not exceed three farthings in the pound, but such limitation if fixed at one halfpenny may be subsequently raised to three farthings, or altogether removed, or where it is for the time being fixed at three farthings may be removed.

Proceedings for adoption of Act.

3. With respect to—

(*a*) the adoption of this Act for any library district; and

(*b*) the fixing, raising, and removing of any limitation on the maximum rate to be levied for the purposes of this Act; and