voting papers being received by the secretary, under cover, not later than twelve o'clock noon on the day on which the election takes place.

Extent of Act.

6. This Act shall not extend to Ireland.

Short title of Act.

7. This Act may be cited as the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Act, 1898.

Repeal.

8. The enactments mentioned in the schedule to this Act to the extent specified in the third column of that schedule are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Session and Chapter.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
15 & 16 Vict. c. 56.	Pharmacy Act, 1852	In section ten, the words "and "every such person duly "registered as an assistant "shall be eligible for admis- "sion as an associate of the "said Society."
31 & 32 Vict. c. 121.	Pharmacy Act, 1868	Sections eighteen, nineteen, twenty, and twenty-one.

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to amend the Companies Act, 1867.

[2nd August 1898.]

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:

Court empowered to grant relief for non-compliance with 30 & 31 Vict. c. 131. s. 25.

1.—(1.) Whenever, before or after the commencement of this Act, any shares in the capital of any company under the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1890, credited as fully or partly paid up shall have been or may be issued for a consideration other than cash, and at or before the issue of such shares no contract or no sufficient contract is filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, in compliance with section twenty-five of the Companies Act, 1867, he company or any person interested in such shares or any of

them may apply to the court for relief, and the court, if satisfied that the omission to file a contract or sufficient contract was accidental or due to inadvertence, or that for any reason it is just and equitable to grant relief, may make an order for the filing with the registrar of a sufficient contract in writing, and directing that on such contract being filed within a specified period it shall, in relation to such shares, operate as if it had been duly filed with the registrar aforesaid before the issue of such shares.

(2.) Any such application may be made in the manner in which an application to rectify the register of members may be made under section thirty-five of the Companies Act, 1862, and either before or after an order has been made or an effective resolution has been passed for the winding-up of such company, and either before or after the commencement of any proceedings for enforcing the liability on such shares consequent on the omission aforesaid, and any such application shall, if not made by the company, be served on the company. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89.

(3.) Any such order may be made on such terms and conditions as the court may think fit, and the court may make such order as to costs as it deems proper, and may direct that an office copy of the order shall be filed with the registrar aforesaid, and the order shall in all respects have full effect.

(4.) Where the court in any such case is satisfied that the filing of the requisite contract would cause delay or inconvenience, or is impracticable, it may, in lieu thereof, direct the filing of a memorandum in writing, in a form approved by the court, specifying the consideration for which the shares were issued, and may direct that on such memorandum being filed within a specified period it shall in relation to such shares operate as if it were a sufficient contract in writing within the meaning of section twenty-five of the Companies Act, 1867, and had been duly filed with the registrar aforesaid before the issue of such shares. The memorandum shall before the filing thereof be stamped with the same amount of ad valorem stamp duty as would be chargeable upon the requisite contract unless the contract has been produced to the registrar duly stamped, or unless the registrar is otherwise satisfied that the contract was duly stamped.

2. The jurisdiction by the Act given to the court is not by implication to curtail or derogate from its jurisdiction to grant relief in any such case under section thirty-five of the Companies Act, 1862, or otherwise. Jurisdiction cumulative.

3. This Act may be cited as the Companies Act, 1898, and shall be read with the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1893. Short title and construction.