CHAPTER 28.

An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four. [27th July 1893.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

Issue of 5,834,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1894.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four the sum of five million eight hundred and thirty-four thousand pounds.

Power to the Treasury to borrow.

2. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sum any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of five million eight hundred and thirty-four thousand pounds, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said moneys were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1893.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants. [27th July 1893.]

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:

Schedule of hours of

1.—(1.) If it is represented to the Board of Trade, by or on behalf of the servants, or any class of the servants, of a railway

company, that the hours of labour of those servants, or of that class, or, in any special case, of any particular servants engaged in working the traffic, on any part of the lines of the company, are excessive, or do not provide sufficient intervals of uninterrupted rest between the periods of duty, or sufficient relief in respect of Sunday duty, the Board of Trade shall inquire into the representation. labour of railway servants.

(2.) If it appears to the Board of Trade, either on such representation or otherwise, that there is, in the case of any railway company, reasonable ground of complaint with respect to any of the matters aforesaid, the Board of Trade shall order the company to submit to them within a period specified by the Board such a schedule of time for the duty of the servants, or of any class of the servants, of the company, as will in the opinion of the Board bring the actual hours of work within reasonable limits, regard being had to all the circumstances of the traffic and to the nature of the work.

(3.) If a railway company fail to comply with any such order, or to enforce the provisions of any schedule submitted to the Board in pursuance of any such order and approved by the Board, the Board may refer the matter to the Railway and Canal Commission, and thereupon the Railway and Canal Commission shall have jurisdiction in the matter, and the Board may appear in support of the reference and the Commissioners may make an order requiring the railway company to submit to the Commission, within a period specified by the Commission, such a schedule as will, in the opinion of the Commission, bring the actual hours of work within reasonable limits.

(4.) If a railway company fail to comply with any order made by the Railway and Canal Commission in pursuance of this section, or to enforce the provisions of any schedule submitted to the Railway and Canal Commission in pursuance of any such order, and approved by that Commission, the company shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds for every day during which the default continues.

(5.) The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, shall apply in the case of any jurisdiction exercised or order made by the Railway and Canal Commission under this Act as if it were exercised or made under or for the purposes of that Act: Provided that notwithstanding anything in section five of that Act the jurisdiction of the Commission for the purposes of this Act may be exercised by the two appointed Commissioners. 51 & 52 Vict. c. 25.

(6.) The Board of Trade and the Railway and Canal Commission respectively may from time to time rescind or vary any order made by them under this section, and make such supplemental orders as the circumstances of the case may appear to require.

(7.) This Act shall not apply to any servant of a railway company who is in the opinion of the Board of Trade wholly employed either in clerical work or in the company's workshops.

Annual report to Parliament.

2. A report of all proceedings under this Act shall be made annually to Parliament by the Board of Trade.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, and shall be read with the Railway Regulation Acts, 1840 to 1889.

CHAPTER 30.

An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1875. [27th July 1893.]

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:

Short title.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 60.

1. This Act may be cited as the Friendly Societies Act, 1893, and shall be construed as one with the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, herein-after called the principal Act, and the Acts amending the same, and those Acts and this Act may be cited together, collectively, as the Friendly Societies Acts, 1875 to 1893.

Court or registrar not to be compelled to state special case.

52 & 53 Vict. c. 49.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Arbitration Act, 1889, or in any other Act, the court, the chief or other registrar, or any arbitrator or umpire to whom a dispute is referred in pursuance of section twenty-two of the principal Act, shall not be compelled to state a special case on any question of law arising in the case, but the court, the chief or other registrar, may do so on the request of either party as provided in section twenty-two, sub-section (*e.*) of the principal Act.

CHAPTER 31.

An Act to explain the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876. [27th July 1893.]

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:

Explanation of 39 & 40 Vict. c. 75. s. 3 as to drainage into streams.

1. Where any sewage matter falls or flows or is carried into any stream after passing through or along a channel which is vested in a sanitary authority, the sanitary authority shall, for the purposes of section three of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, be deemed to knowingly permit the sewage matter so to fall, flow, or be carried.

Construction and short title.

2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876; and the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, and this Act may be cited for all purposes as the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts, 1876 and 1893.