CHAPTER 63.

An Act to amend the Acts regulating the pay of certain officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary Force, and for other purposes connected therewith. [18th August 1882.] A.D. 1882.

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1882.

Revised scale of pay for certain officers.

2. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant at any time within three months after the passing of this Act, with the sanction of the Commissioners of the Treasury, to fix the annual salaries to be paid to the several county inspectors and sub-inspectors of constabulary, at rates not exceeding those specified in the schedule to this Act.

The rates of salaries so fixed shall be in lieu of those at present in force, and shall take effect from and after the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two. The salaries so appointed shall be in addition to any good service pay at present authorised to be paid.

Pensions and allowances. 37 & 38 Vict. c. 80.

3. From and after the passing of this Act, the third section of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1874, shall, so far as it determines the proportion which county inspectors and sub-inspectors may receive of their salaries on being superannuated, be amended as follows:

(*a.*) The gratuity referred to in sub-section one of the said section may be granted to any county inspector or sub-inspector whose service has exceeded five years and has been less than ten years.

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(*b.*) The annual pension which may be granted to any county inspector or sub-inspector shall be as follows:

To any such officer who shall have served for ten years and upwards, and under eleven years, an annual pension not exceeding ten sixtieths of his annual salary:

And an addition to the annual pension, not exceeding one sixtieth of such annual salary in respect of each additional year of such service, until the completion of a period of service of forty years, when an annual pension not exceeding forty sixtieths may be granted, and no addition shall be made in respect of any service beyond forty years.

For the purpose of calculating the amount of any pension which may be granted under this Act, the term salary shall include all allowances for lodging, house-rent, and servant: Provided that the allowance in respect of lodging or house-rent shall not exceed one-sixth of the actual salary and other emoluments.

This section shall apply to all county inspectors and sub-inspectors appointed at any time before or after the passing of this Act, subject to the following exception in the case of such of them as were appointed before the passing of this Act:

Every county inspector and sub-inspector appointed before the passing of this Act who shall have served for so many years as to be qualified in respect of his length of service under the statutes in force at the time of the passing of this Act to retire upon a pension, shall continue to be so qualified in respect of the same length of service, after the passing of this Act:

In the case of every county inspector and sub-inspector appointed before the passing of this Act to whom the pension granted under this Act is of less amount than might have been granted to him if this Act had not been passed, such annual addition shall be made to the pension granted to him under this Act as shall make it equal to the pension which might have been granted to him if this Act had not been passed.

Provided that no county inspector or sub-inspector appointed before the passing of this Act shall be entitled to receive any pension exceeding the amount which may be granted to him under the scale provided by this Act, or the amount which it would have been lawful to grant to him if this Act had not been passed; but every such county inspector or sub-inspector shall, on retirement, and if otherwise qualified for a pension, be entitled to elect between such amounts respectively.

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Retirement of officers.

4. On the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, every assistant inspector-general and county inspector and sub-inspector shall cease to be a member of the constabulary force if he has then attained the age herein-after defined as the specified age for retirement, and shall be qualified to receive the maximum pension of the rank and class in which he is then serving, notwithstanding that he may not then have served for the full number of years which qualify him to receive the same.

After the said first day of October every assistant inspector-general, county inspector, and sub-inspector, shall cease to be a member of the force when he fulfils the two following conditions; that is to say, when he attains the specified age for retirement, and when also he has by the length of his service become qualified to receive the maximum pension of the rank and class in which he is then serving; Provided that the second of the said two conditions shall be deemed to be fulfilled in the case of any assistant inspector-general, county inspector, and sub-inspector to whom respectively the Commissioners of the Treasury on the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant agree, within six months of the passing of this Act, to grant such maximum pension, notwithstanding that he may not then have served the full number of years which qualify him to receive the same.

The specified age for retirement shall be for an assistant inspector-general and county inspector the age of sixty-five years, and for a sub-inspector the age of sixty years.

In this section the term county inspector shall include the inspector of constabulary for the town of Belfast.

An additional county inspector may be appointed.

5. The Lord Lieutenant may, if he thinks fit, add one county inspector to the number of county inspectors who may be appointed under the Acts in force at the time of the passing of this Act.

Provision for the performance of the duties of deputy inspector general in certain cases.

6. Any Acts which might lawfully be done by the deputy inspector general of the Royal Irish Constabulary, acting instead of the inspector general, in accordance with the statutes in that behalf, may from time to time be lawfully done by any other officer of the force, not being under the rank of assistant inspector general, authorised by writing under the hand of the Lord Lieutenant.

Interpretation.

7. In this Act the term "Lord Lieutenant" includes any chief governor or governors of Ireland for the time being.

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SCHEDULE.

RATES OF PAY.

For county inspectors - -	350*l.* per annum on appointment to that rank, increasing by 20*l.* per annum to 450*l.*
For sub-inspectors:	
For sub-inspectors of the 3rd class - - -	125*l.* per annum.
For sub-inspectors of the 2nd class - -	165*l.* per annum during the first five years of service in that class; 180*l.* per annum during the remaining service in that class.
For sub-inspectors of the 1st class - - -	225*l.* per annum during the first three years of service in that class; 250*l.* per annum during the subsequent three years of service in that class; 275*l.* per annum during the subsequent six years of service in that class; and 300*l.* per annum during the remaining years of service in that class.

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