" local authority " means the council of any county borough or county district, the council of a metropolitan borough or the Common Council of the City of London and in Scotland means the council of any county or burgh;

" pedigree animal " means an animal of any description which is by its breeding eligible for registration with a recognised club or society keeping a register of animals of that description;

" premises " includes any stall or barrow in a market, but save as aforesaid does not include any stall or barrow or any part of a street or public place;

" veterinary surgeon " means a person who is for the time being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons;

" veterinary practitioner " means a person who is for the time being registered in the Supplementary Veterinary Register.

Short title, extent and commencement.

**8.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Pet Animals Act, 1951.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

(3) This Act shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

## CHAPTER 36

An Act to repeal the words in paragraphs (1) and (4) of section two and paragraph (2) of section three of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885, which restrict the operation of those paragraphs in the case of a woman or girl who is a common prostitute or of known immoral character or whose usual place of abode is a brothel. [22nd June 1951.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:—

Repeal in 48 & 49 Vict. c. 69, ss. 2 and 3.

**1.** In sections two and three of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885, the following words are hereby repealed, that is to say—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) of the said section two (which deals with a person who procures a girl or woman under twenty-one, not being a common prostitute or of known immoral character, to have sexual intercourse with a third person, or who attempts to do so) the words " not being a common prostitute or of known immoral character ";

(*b*) in paragraph (4) of the said section two (which deals with a person who procures a woman or girl to leave her usual place of abode in the United Kingdom (such place not being a brothel) for a brothel, or who attempts to do so) the words " (such place not being a brothel) ";

(*c*) in paragraph (2) of the said section three (which deals with a person who procures a woman or girl, not being a common prostitute or of known immoral character, to have sexual intercourse with anyone by false pretences or false representations) the words " not being a common prostitute or of known immoral character ".

Short title, extent and commencement.

**2.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1951.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

(3) This Act shall come into force at the expiration of one month beginning with the date of its passing.

## CHAPTER 37

An Act to increase the maximum rate for ordinary written telegrams. [22nd June 1951.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:—

Increased maximum rate for ordinary telegrams.

48 & 49 Vict. c. 58.

6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 26.

3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 25.

**1.**—(1) A maximum rate of one shilling and sixpence for the first twelve words of an ordinary written telegram or for an ordinary written telegram of less than twelve words (counting as words, in each case, the names and addresses of the sender and addressee of the telegram) and three-halfpence for each additional word over twelve words shall be substituted for the maximum rate specified in section two of the Telegraph Act, 1885, as amended by the Telegraph Act, 1943.

(2) Section four of the Post Office and Telegraph Act, 1940 (which provides that regulations may be made prescribing special terms and rates for certain telegrams and that a special rate so prescribed may exceed the maximum rate for telegrams provided by the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1926), shall have effect as if the references therein to the said Acts included references to subsection (1) of this section.