CHAPTER 6.

An Act to extend the Hours of Polling at Parliamentary Elections. [15th August 1913.]

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:

Extension of polling hours.
48 & 49 Vict. c. 10.

1.—(1) Where any candidate at a parliamentary election or a candidate's agent on his behalf gives notice in writing to the returning officer during the nomination time or within one hour afterwards that he wishes the poll at that election—

(*a*) to commence at seven o'clock in the forenoon, or
(*b*) to be kept open till nine o'clock in the afternoon, or
(*c*) to commence at seven o'clock in the forenoon and be kept open till nine o'clock in the afternoon,

the Elections (Hours of Poll) Act, 1885, shall, in relation to that election, be construed as if the hour specified in any such notice, whether as respects the commencement or close of the poll, were substituted for eight o'clock in the forenoon or eight o'clock in the afternoon, as the case may be, being the hours specified in that Act for the commencement and close of the poll respectively.

(2) For the purpose of giving public notice of an extension of the hours of polling under this Act, paragraph 9 of the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, shall, as respects any election to which this Act applies, be construed as if references to the day on which the poll will be or is to be taken included references to the hours at which the poll commences and up to which it will be kept open.
35 & 36 Vict. c. 33.

(3) A notice given by a candidate under this section shall not be of any effect for the purposes of this Act if the candidate is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn under the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872.

(4) In this section—

The expression "agent" means an election agent within the meaning of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883:
46 & 47 Vict. c. 51.

The expression "nomination time" means the time appointed for the election within the meaning of the Ballot Act, 1872.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Extension of Polling Hours Act, 1913.