CHAPTER 49.

An Act to make better provision for filling up Casual Vacancies in Parish Councils in Scotland.

[6th August 1897.]

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 and construction. 57 & 58 Vict. c. 53.

1. This Act may be cited as the Parish Councils Casual Vacancies (Scotland) Act, 1897, and shall be construed as one with the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894.

Provisions for filling up casual vacancies in parish councils in parishes partly landward and partly burghal, &c.

2. In the event of a casual vacancy in the parish council of a parish which is partly landward and partly burghal, or comprises a police burgh or part of a police burgh, the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the filling up of such vacancy (that is to say):—

The parish councillors who are not members of the Landward Committee of such parish council shall not be entitled to vote in filling up any casual vacancy in such parish council, except a vacancy caused by the death, resignation, or disqualification of a parish councillor who was not a member of such Landward Committee.

CHAPTER 50.

An Act to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1887.

[6th August 1897.]

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 and extent of Act.

1. This Act may be cited as the Licensing Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1897, and shall be construed as one with the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1887, so far as consistent with the tenor of those Acts respectively, and those Acts may be cited together as the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1897, and shall apply to Scotland only.

Excise retail license for sweets not to be granted without a certificate.

2. No license for the sale of sweets by retail, whether to be drunk or consumed on the premises of the person licensed or not, shall be granted by the Commissioners or by any officer of Inland Revenue to any person who shall not produce to the said commissioners or officer a certificate granted in terms of the Licensing Acts enabling the party to obtain such license, and such certificate shall be applied for, granted, confirmed, transferred, and renewed in

the manner and subject to all the provisions applicable to other certificates in the like circumstances granted, confirmed, transferred, and renewed in terms of the Licensing Acts, and mutatis mutandis may be in the Form No. 2, or in the Form No. 3 (so far as the same is applicable), of Schedule A. of the Public Houses Acts Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1862.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 35.

Penalties for trafficking in sweets without certificate, and for breaches of certificate.

3. Every person trafficking in any sweets in any place or premises without having obtained such certificate as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence, and on being convicted thereof shall for each such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and in default of immediate payment thereof shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two months, and all the provisions in the Licensing Acts, or any of them, relating to penalties and forfeiture and to breaches of, or offences against, the terms and conditions of certificates shall apply to breaches of, or offences against, the terms and conditions of certificates granted for the sale of sweets.

CHAPTER 51.

An Act to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and to amend the Law respecting the Local Loans Fund and Loans made thereout, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans. [6th August 1897.]

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:

Amendment of Acts.

Reduction of interest on future local loans on the security of local rates.

1. The rates of interest at which loans may be made out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of local rates may be fixed by the Treasury from time to time, having regard to the duration of the loans, and shall be such rates not less than two and three quarters per cent. per annum as in the opinion of the Treasury are sufficient to enable such loans to be made without loss to the Local Loans Fund.

Raising of money for local loans. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

2.—(1.) The provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, with respect to local loans stock shall, as respects any stock hereafter issued, be construed as if the rate of interest and period fixed by the Treasury were substituted therein respectively for the rate of three per cent. per annum, and the expiration of twenty-five years after the commencement of the Act.

(2.) Any money which can be raised by the issue of local loans stock may be borrowed from the National Debt Commissioners by a bond for such term and in such form as the Treasury direct, on the security of the charge created by this Act, and shall be paid to the local loans fund, and the nominal amount of local loans stock which can be created shall be reduced by the amount of the money so borrowed.