Commencement and extent of Act.

19. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January next after the passing thereof, and shall extend to the whole of the British Islands.

Short title and construction.

20. This Act may be cited as the Collecting Societies and Industrial Assurance Companies Act, 1896.

SCHEDULE.

Session and Chapter.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
38 & 39 Vict. c. 60. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1875.	The whole Act so far as it is unrepealed.
50 & 51 Vict. c. 56. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1887.	The whole Act so far as it is unrepealed.
52 & 53 Vict. c. 22. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1889.	The whole Act.
58 & 59 Vict. c. 26. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1895.	The whole Act so far as it is unrepealed.

CHAPTER 27.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Cabs in London.

[7th August 1896.]

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:

Penalties for defrauding cabmen.

1. If any person commits any of the following offences with respect to a cab, namely:—

(*a*) hires a cab, knowing or having reason to believe that he cannot pay the lawful fare, or with intent to avoid payment of the lawful fare; or

(*b*) fraudulently endeavours to avoid payment of a fare lawfully due from him; or

(*c*) having failed or refused to pay a fare lawfully due from him, either refuses to give to the driver an address at which he can be found, or, with intent to deceive, gives a false address,

he shall be liable on summary conviction to pay, in addition to the lawful fare, a fine not exceeding forty shillings, or, in the discretion of the court, to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding fourteen days; and the whole or any part of any fine imposed may be applied in compensation to the driver.

2. Section eighteen of the London Hackney Carriage Act, 1853, is hereby repealed from "and in case of any dispute" to the end of the section. Repeal. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 33.

3. In this Act the expression "cab" shall mean any hackney carriage within the meaning of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869. Meaning of cab. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 115.

4. This Act may be cited as the London Cab Act, 1896. Short title.

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other Duties, to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue, and to make provision for the Financial Arrangements of the Year.

[7th August 1896.]

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 raising the necessary supplies to defray Your Majesty's public expenses, and making an addition to the public revenue, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the several duties 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:

PART I.

CUSTOMS.

Tea.

1. The duty of customs now payable on tea shall continue to be charged, levied, and paid, on and after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):— Duty on tea.

Tea, the pound - - - - Fourpence.

Beer.

2.—(1.) In addition to the duties of customs payable on and after the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, on beer of the descriptions called mum, spruce, or black beer, imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall be charged, Addition to customs duties on special kinds of beer.