(4) Subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Police Act, 1890, shall, in England and Wales, subject to the necessary modifications, extend to a pension payable, whether under that Act or under this Act, to the widow of a constable who has served in more than one police force.

Repeal of limitation on pensions payable to constables appointed to offices remunerated out of public funds. 6 & 7 Geo. 5. c. 31.

3. Subsection (2) of section thirteen of the Police Act, 1890, and section one of the Police, Factories, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916, which limit the amount of the pension payable to constables who are appointed to offices remunerated out of public funds are hereby repealed.

Reckoning of service in naval, military, and air forces as approved service. 4 & 5 Geo. 5. c. 80. 5 & 6 Geo. 5. c. 41.

4. The consent of the Chief Officer of Police referred to in subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section two of the Police Constables (Naval and Military Service) Act, 1914, as amended by the Police (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1915, may, in the case of any man who has entered, re-entered, enlisted or re-enlisted in any of His Majesty's naval, military or air forces, be given after the time when he so entered, re-entered, enlisted, or re-enlisted, and when given after that time shall, for the purposes of the enactments relating to pensions and gratuities, have the same effect as if the consent had been given before that time.

Application to Scotland. 53 & 54 Vict. c. 67.

5. This Act shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, apply to Scotland with the substitution for references to the Police Act, 1890, and particular provisions of that Act of references to the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, and the corresponding provisions of that Act.

Short title and construction.

6.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Police (Pensions) Act, 1918.

(2) This Act shall in its application to police forces to which the Police Act, 1890, and the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, apply, be construed as one with those Acts respectively.

CHAPTER 52.

An Act to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and getting Petroleum, and for purposes connected therewith. [21st November 1918.]

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:

Prohibition on persons other than the Crown getting, &c., petroleum.

1. No person other than a person acting on behalf of His Majesty, or holding a licence under this Act for the purpose, shall search or bore for or get petroleum within the United Kingdom, and if any person gets petroleum in the United

Kingdom in contravention of this provision, he shall forfeit to His Majesty a sum equal to three times the value of any petroleum gotten by him.

Powers of Minister of Munitions.

2.—(1) The Minister of Munitions on behalf of His Majesty may grant licences conferring authority to search and bore for and get petroleum to such persons and upon such terms and conditions as the Minister of Munitions may think fit:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed as conferring on any person any right to enter on or interfere with land for the purpose of searching or boring for or getting petroleum which he does not enjoy apart from this Act, or shall prejudice or affect the rights, if any, of any person interested in any land in respect of petroleum gotten through or from the land in which he is so interested.

(2) Where any such licence is granted a copy thereof shall be laid before Parliament as soon as may be after the grant thereof.

Powers to inspect plans of mines.

3.—(1) For the purpose of ascertaining on behalf of the Minister of Munitions the position of the workings, actual and prospective, of any mines or abandoned mines through or near which it is proposed to sink any shaft or borehole for the purpose of searching for or getting petroleum, any officer, appointed by the Director of the Geological Survey, shall have the same rights as to the production and examination of plans and sections kept in pursuance of sections twenty or twenty-one of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, or sections fourteen or nineteen of the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act, 1872, as are by those Acts conferred on inspectors, and those sections shall apply accordingly.

1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50.
35 & 36 Vict. c. 77.

(2) Any person entitled to sink a shaft or borehole for the purpose of searching for or getting petroleum shall before commencing to sink the same give notice in writing of his intention to the Director of the Geological Survey and shall keep a journal of any such shaft or borehole, and shall retain for a period of not less than six months such specimens of the strata passed through as may have been obtained in the course of the sinking thereof, either as cores or fragments, and shall allow the Director of the Geological Survey or any officer appointed by him to have free access to any such shaft or borehole whilst in process of being sunk, and to inspect all specimens so obtained and kept and the journals of such shafts and boreholes, and if any person fails to comply with any obligation imposed on him by this provision he shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

Records of petroleum gotten.

4.—(1) Any person acting on behalf of His Majesty or holding a licence under this Act who gets petroleum shall keep and furnish to the Minister of Munitions a record of any petroleum gotten by him and made available for use, distinguishing the amount gotten from each separate borehole, and if any such person fails so to keep and furnish any such record, or knowingly furnishes a record which is false in any material particular, he

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

(2) The records so furnished to the Minister of Munitions in respect of any particular borehole shall be open to inspection by any person interested in land in the neighbourhood of the borehole.

Interpretation.

5.—(1) For the purposes of this Act the expression "petroleum" means all petroleum and its relative hydrocarbons (except coal and bituminous shales and other stratified deposits from which oil can be extracted by distillation) and natural gas, existing in its natural condition in strata.

(2) His Majesty may by Order in Council transfer to any Government Department or authority all or any of the powers conferred by this Act on the Minister of Munitions, and in such case references in this Act to the Minister of Munitions shall, as respects the powers so transferred, be construed as references to such other Government Department or authority.

Savings.

6.—(1) Nothing in this Act shall prejudice the right of any person who, at the passing of this Act, is using any supply of natural gas for any commercial purpose to continue to use the gas for that purpose.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as imposing any liability on any person where, in the course of mining or other lawful operations petroleum is set free.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited as the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1918.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Pay and Pensions of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police and for other purposes in connection with those Forces. [21st November 1918.]

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:

Alteration of rates of pay in certain ranks of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police.
45 & 46 Vict. c. 63.
6 & 7 Geo. 5. c. 59.

1.—(1) The pay of county inspectors and district inspectors of the Royal Irish Constabulary shall be according to the rates specified in Part I. of the First Schedule to this Act instead of the respective rates fixed in pursuance of section two of the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1882, or specified in Part I. of the First Schedule to the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1916 (in this Act referred to as "the Act of 1916").