5. The expression "local authority," in the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Act, 1891, and in this Act, shall include public statutory commissioners or trustees having power to levy a rate as in the said first-mentioned Act defined. **Definition of "local authority."**

6. This Act shall extend to Scotland only. **Extent of Act.**

CHAPTER 9.

An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882. [9th June 1893.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:

Be it therefore 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Corporations Act, 1893. **Short title.**

2. A petition under the thirtieth section of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, may be presented upon a resolution passed by a majority of the whole council, and may pray for the alteration of the boundaries of the wards of a borough without any alteration of their number; and where any such petition prays for the alteration of boundaries only, the provisions of the said section shall apply so far as applicable. **Amendment of 45 & 46 Vict. c. 50. s. 30.**

3. When the powers conferred by the said section, as amended by this Act, have been exercised in pursuance of a petition by the council of any borough, a further petition from the council of the same borough shall not be presented before the expiration of seven years from the date of the previous Order in Council under the said section, as so amended. **No second petition to be presented within seven years.**

CHAPTER 10.

An Act to amend the Police Acts. [9th June 1893.]

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:

1. Where a constable belonging to any police force, in pursuance of any general or special direction of the police authority, acts as a fireman or assists in the extinguishment of fire, or in protecting **Constables employed on fire duty to be deemed to be**

engaged on police duty.

life or property from fire, such constable shall be deemed for the purposes of the Police Act, 1890, to be in the execution of his duty.

Borough police may be employed as fire brigade. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 89.

2.—(1.) The council of a borough may by resolution delegate to the watch committee its powers under sections thirty-two and thirty-three of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, or under any similar enactments in any local Act; and, where such resolution has been passed, the watch committee may employ constables wholly or partially as firemen:

Provided that no constable, who at the passing of this Act is not employed to act as fireman, shall be so employed without his consent.

(2.) The pay of constables exclusively so employed, and the allowances of constables partially so employed, shall be defrayed from the fund or rate which is applicable to the purposes of the fire brigade or fire police.

(3.) The pensions and gratuities granted to such constables, and the allowances and gratuities granted to their widows and children shall be paid out of the police pension fund; but the council shall pay from the fund or rate applicable to the purposes of the fire brigade or fire police to the police pension fund such contribution as the Secretary of State may, by general or special order, determine to be a fair contribution in respect of such pensions, gratuities, and allowances.

Power to increase pension.

3.—(1.) Where a pension is in pursuance of the Police Act, 1890, granted to a constable on the scale applicable to partial disability for earning a livelihood, the police authority may, within three years from the grant of the pension, if satisfied by the evidence of some legally qualified medical practitioner or practitioners selected by the police authority that the disability attributable to the injury received in the execution of duty has become total, increase the pension to the amount allowed by the provisions of the scale applicable to total disability.

(2.) This section shall apply in the case of all pensions granted since the commencement of the Police Act, 1890.

Amendment of 53 & 54 Vict. c. 45. s. 13 (2).

4. The provisions of subsection two of section thirteen of the Police Act, 1890, shall apply to any constable in receipt of a pension who is appointed to any office remunerated out of any parochial, district, or other rate.

Extension of powers of investment of pension fund.

5. A police authority, in addition to the powers of investment conferred by section eighteen of the Police Act, 1890, may invest the capital of the pension fund in debentures or mortgages issued or made by a county council in pursuance of the powers conferred by section sixty-nine subsection eight of the Local Government Act, 1888.

Amendment of Sch. I. 53 & 54 Vict. c. 45.

6. In Schedule I. (11) (*c*) of the Police Act, 1890, for the words ("where a constable has, in the course of the three years "next before the date of his retirement or death, been in more "than one rank") shall be substituted the words ("where a

" constable at the date of his retirement or death holds a rank to " which he has been promoted within the three years previous ").

7. This Act shall be read as one with the Police Act, 1890, and nothing in this Act shall interfere with or diminish the powers of the Secretary of State, under section seventeen of that Act. Construction of Act and saving.

8.—(1.) The words " any mischief by fire and " in section fourteen of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, are hereby repealed, and this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything in any other Act, local or general, to the contrary. Partial repeal of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 89, and amendment of Local Acts.

(2.) Where any local Act or order contains provisions as to a fire brigade or fire police, the Secretary of State may frame and submit to Parliament a provisional order repealing or modifying such provisions so as to bring them into harmony with the provisions of this Act, and he may by such order unite any existing fire brigade pension fund with the police pension fund, and may make any other adjustments which may appear to him to be necessary in order to give effect to this Act.

9. This Act may be cited as the Police Act, 1893; and the Police Acts, 1839 to 1890, and this Act may be cited together as the Police Acts, 1839 to 1893. Short title.

CHAPTER 11.

An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act, 1892.

[9th June 1893.]

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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1893, and shall be construed as one with the Public Libraries Act, 1892 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), and these two Acts may be together cited as the Public Libraries Acts, 1892 and 1893. Short title. 55 & 56 Vict. c. 53.

2.—(1.) Where a library district is an urban district— Modification as to adoption, &c. in urban districts.

(i.) The principal Act may, subject to the conditions contained in the second section of that Act, be adopted, and the limitation of the maximum rate to be levied for the purposes of that Act may within the limits fixed by that Act be fixed, raised, or removed, by a resolution of the urban authority under this Act:

(ii.) The consent of the urban authority given by a resolution of that authority under this Act shall be substituted in an urban