were substituted for "eight days," and in reckoning time for the purposes of that subsection, or any Order in Council made thereunder, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and any day set apart for a public fast or public thanksgiving, shall be excluded.

Exclusion of s. 1 of Rules Publication Act. 56 & 57 Vict. c. 66.

2. Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, shall not apply, and shall be deemed never to have applied, to Orders in Council made under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and accordingly any such Orders which before the passing of this Act have taken effect provisionally in accordance with the Rules Publication Act, 1893, shall have effect as though they had been made as final Orders with full effect as from the date on which they were made.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1918, and the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and this Act may be cited together as the Representation of the People Acts, 1918.

CHAPTER 51.

An Act to make further provision with respect to pensions payable to police constables and their widows.

[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:

Extension of power to grant pensions to widows of constables.

1.—(1) Where a man to whom this section applies, that is to say:—

(*a*) a constable (including a re-engaged pensioner) who was serving in a police force on the first day of September nineteen hundred and eighteen;

(*b*) a member of a police force who having been called out as a reservist, or having entered or re-entered, enlisted or re-enlisted in any of His Majesty's naval, military, or air forces for the purposes of the present war was on the said first day of September serving in any such force;

(*c*) a constable who having joined a police force after the said first day of September has completed five years' approved service

dies, or has, on or after the said first day of September, died, whilst serving in a police force or in any of His Majesty's naval, military, or air forces for the purposes of the present war, or whilst in receipt of a pension from a police authority, or in

consequence of any disease or injury on account of which he retired from the police force, the police authority shall grant out of the pension fund to his widow (being a woman whom he married before he retired from the police force) a pension of twenty-six pounds a year, or if the constable had attained the rank of inspector thirty-two pounds a year, or if the constable had attained a rank higher than that of an inspector, forty pounds a year:

Provided that if the widow is in receipt of a pension payable out of naval, military, or air-force funds in pursuance of any Royal Warrant or Order in Council, then—

(i) if the pension payable out of such funds is equal to or exceeds the amount prescribed by this section, no pension shall be payable under this section;

(ii) if the pension payable out of such funds is less than the amount prescribed by this section, the pension payable under this section shall be equal to the difference.

(2) Where a pension is granted under this Act to the widow of a constable to whom a gratuity has been granted on retirement from the police force, the pension shall be payable as from such date after the death of the constable as the police authority may determine.

(3) For the purposes of this section, the expressions "police authority," "police force," and "pension fund," as respects the City of London mean the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the City of London in common council assembled, the city police force, and the superannuation fund.

Further provisions as to pensions to widows of constables. 53 & 54 Vict. c. 45.

2.—(1) Paragraph (6) of the First Schedule to the Police Act, 1890, shall have effect as if the amounts of pension specified in section one of this Act were substituted for the amounts of pension specified in that paragraph, and in subsection (3) of section two of that Act the words "within twelve months" shall be repealed.

(2) Where the widow is one to whom a pension or gratuity may be granted under section two of the Police Act, 1890, the police authority shall not grant her a pension or gratuity under that section unless she accepts the same in lieu of a pension under this Act.

(3) A pension payable to a widow under this Act or under section two of the Police Act, 1890, shall, if at any time she re-marries, be suspended, but in the event of her again becoming a widow shall be restored on proof to the satisfaction of the police authority that her circumstances are such that the pension is necessary for her support, and that she is of good character and deserving of bounty from public funds, and accordingly in paragraph (9) of the First Schedule to that Act the words "remains a widow, and" shall be repealed, and that paragraph as so amended shall apply to pensions payable under this Act.

(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