CHAPTER 50.

An Act to amend the Law for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland in respect to rating and chargeability on Poor Law Unions. [11th August 1876.]

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An "Act for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland," and of the several Acts altering, amending, or affecting the same (in this Act referred to as "the Poor Law Acts"), it is provided that the board of guardians of every union should cause accounts to be kept of the expense incurred in respect of the persons relieved in any workhouse within such union (in this Act referred to as "indoor relief expenses"), and that such accounts should be made up at the end of every six calendar months; and that the board of guardians should charge against each electoral division at the end of such period the proportion of indoor relief expenses which should appear to have been incurred in respect of every person so relieved who shall be chargeable to such electoral division; and that in making any rate necessary for defraying the expenses incurred in the execution of the said Acts, the guardians of every union should have due regard to the amount which shall, in manner aforesaid, have been ascertained to be chargeable upon any electoral division in respect of its proportion of the indoor relief expenses during the period to which the last account of such expenses shall extend:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the Poor Law Acts, so far as they relate to chargeability and rating, in the manner by this Act provided:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Poor Law Rating (Ireland) Act, 1876.

Construction.

2. The Poor Law Acts as amended by this Act and this Act shall be construed together.

As to charging expense of relief to electoral divisions.

3. For the purpose of charging the expense of relief to any electoral division, every person making application for relief after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have been resident in such electoral division in which, during the period of five years next before his application for relief, he shall have been longest usually resident, whether by occupying any tenement situate, or by usually sleeping within such electoral division: Provided always, that where any such person shall not have occupied a tenement or slept within any such electoral division for at least four years in the whole during the said period of five years, the expense of the relief of such person shall in such case be borne by and charged against the whole union in which he or she is relieved: Provided also, that where any person chargeable to any electoral division shall have received relief, and shall cease to be relieved, and shall thereafter within the period of six months again begin to receive relief, such last-mentioned relief shall be charged on the electoral division to which such person was in the first instance chargeable: Provided also, that the cost for the relief of the destitute poor who shall not have resided in the union where such relief is given for the last five years next previous to receiving such relief, shall be charged and chargeable according to the provisions of an Act passed in the tenth year of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Relief of the destitute Poor "in Ireland:" Provided also, that in estimating the time of residence in the union or electoral division residence in the workhouse shall be considered to be residence in the union, and also in the electoral division if there be any such to which the pauper during such residence shall be chargeable, but shall not be considered to be residence in the electoral division in which the workhouse is situate unless the pauper be chargeable to such division. The first section of the Act of the session of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-three, shall be and the same is hereby repealed: Provided always, that when any application for relief has been made before the passing of this Act the provisions of the said section shall, notwith-

standing such repeal, continue in force and apply so far as they affect chargeability in respect of relief given or to be given to any person in the first instance in pursuance of such application as aforesaid.

Expenses of deaf-and-dumb, and blind, to be charged upon union.

4. The expenses incurred by the guardians of any poor law union in Ireland in respect of the maintenance of any destitute poor deaf and dumb or blind person in the workhouse, and in the conveyance of any destitute poor deaf and dumb or blind person to any deaf and dumb or blind asylum, and of the maintenance therein of any such person, shall be borne by and charged against the whole union.

Limitation of rate upon electoral divisions in certain cases.

5. The guardians of a poor law union, when making any rate for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by them in the execution of the Poor Law Acts, shall have regard to the following provisions:—

The sum to be charged upon any electoral division in each half year in respect of its proportion of the indoor relief expenses under the Poor Law Acts as amended by this Act shall in no case exceed the amount which would be raised by a poundage rate, limited in manner herein-after prescribed, upon all the hereditaments rated to the relief of the poor in such electoral division; and any further moneys necessary to make up the amount chargeable against such electoral division in respect of such indoor relief expenses shall be borne by and be charged against the whole union:

Such poundage rate, in the case of any electoral division forming part of a union in which the average union rate does not exceed fourpence, shall not exceed sixpence, and in the case of any electoral division forming part of a union in which the average union rate does exceed fourpence shall not exceed the average union rate together with one half of such average union rate:

The term "average union rate" in this section shall at the time of the making of any rate be taken to mean the poundage rate upon the several hereditaments rated to the relief of the poor in such union which would be necessary for raising the amount then required to defray the indoor relief expenses chargeable against the several electoral divisions constituting such union, if the same, instead of being so chargeable as aforesaid, were charged against the whole union.

Local Government Board to prescribe mode of carrying Act into effect.

6. For the purpose of carrying this Act into effect, the books and accounts of the several poor law unions in Ireland shall be kept, and all other necessary acts shall be done by the guardians of the several poor law unions and their officers, in such manner and form in all respects as the Local Government Board shall by order from time to time prescribe.

CHAPTER 51.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to Cattle Disease in Ireland.

[11th August 1876.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provisions to prevent the introduction into Ireland and the occurrence or spreading therein of cattle plague or rinderpest pleuro-pneumonia sheep-pox and glanders, and for such purpose to amend the Cattle Disease Act (Ireland), 1866, and the Acts amending the same:

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:

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as The Cattle Disease (Ireland) Act, 1876.

Interpretation.

2. The term "principal Acts" in this Act shall mean the Cattle Disease (Ireland) Acts, 1866–1874; and the term "animal" in this Act shall, in addition to the meaning assigned to the same term by the principal Acts, include horse.