CHAPTER 31.

An Act to provide for the further protection of birds. [28th May 1925.]

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:—

Illegal method of taking birds.

1.—(1) If any person shall use as a decoy any live bird which is tethered or is secured by means of braces or other similar appliances or which is blind, maimed, or injured, or shall use bird-lime or any substance of a like nature for the purpose of taking or capturing alive or attempting to take or capture alive any wild bird, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) When any person is convicted of any offence under this section, the court may, in addition to any penalty that may be imposed, order any live decoy bird used by such person for the purpose of taking or attempting to take any wild bird to be forfeited and disposed of as the court may direct.

Illegal confinement of birds.

2.—(1) If any person shall keep or confine a bird in any cage or other receptacle which shall not measure sufficient in height, length and breadth to permit the said bird freely to stretch its wings, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) This section shall not apply to poultry within the meaning of the Poultry Act, 1911, or to any bird kept or confined in a cage or other receptacle which does not comply with the conditions mentioned in the last preceding subsection— 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 11.

(*a*) Whilst being conveyed by land or water; or

(*b*) Whilst being shown for the purpose of public exhibition or competition if the time during which it is so kept or confined does not in the whole exceed seventy-two hours.

Penalties.

3. If any person shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, he shall be liable upon summary conviction

to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, or alternatively, or in addition thereto, to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months.

Short title and extent.

4.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Protection of Birds Act, 1925.

(2) This Act shall not apply to Northern Ireland.

(3) The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of any other enactment imposing penalties for offences of cruelty to birds.

CHAPTER 32.

An Act to prolong the duration of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment, and to postpone the date of expiry of Part II. of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1923, and for purposes consequential thereon. [28th May 1925.]

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 :—

Prolongation of 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 17. and Part II. of 13 & 14 Geo. 5. c. 32.

1.—(1) The Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment, shall continue in force until the twenty-fifth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and in Scotland until the twenty-eighth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

(2) Part II. of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1923, shall continue in force until five years after the expiration of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, so amended as aforesaid.