the manner and subject to all the provisions applicable to other certificates in the like circumstances granted, confirmed, transferred, and renewed in terms of the Licensing Acts, and mutatis mutandis may be in the Form No. 2, or in the Form No. 3 (so far as the same is applicable), of Schedule A. of the Public Houses Acts Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1862.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 35.

Penalties for trafficking in sweets without certificate, and for breaches of certificate.

**3.** Every person trafficking in any sweets in any place or premises without having obtained such certificate as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence, and on being convicted thereof shall for each such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and in default of immediate payment thereof shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two months, and all the provisions in the Licensing Acts, or any of them, relating to penalties and forfeiture and to breaches of, or offences against, the terms and conditions of certificates shall apply to breaches of, or offences against, the terms and conditions of certificates granted for the sale of sweets.

# CHAPTER 51.

An Act to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and to amend the Law respecting the Local Loans Fund and Loans made thereout, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans. [6th August 1897.]

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:

*Amendment of Acts.*

Reduction of interest on future local loans on the security of local rates.

**1.** The rates of interest at which loans may be made out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of local rates may be fixed by the Treasury from time to time, having regard to the duration of the loans, and shall be such rates not less than two and three quarters per cent. per annum as in the opinion of the Treasury are sufficient to enable such loans to be made without loss to the Local Loans Fund.

Raising of money for local loans. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

**2.**—(1.) The provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, with respect to local loans stock shall, as respects any stock hereafter issued, be construed as if the rate of interest and period fixed by the Treasury were substituted therein respectively for the rate of three per cent. per annum, and the expiration of twenty-five years after the commencement of the Act.

(2.) Any money which can be raised by the issue of local loans stock may be borrowed from the National Debt Commissioners by a bond for such term and in such form as the Treasury direct, on the security of the charge created by this Act, and shall be paid to the local loans fund, and the nominal amount of local loans stock which can be created shall be reduced by the amount of the money so borrowed.

(3.) The principal and interest of all money secured by any such bond shall be charged on and paid out of the local loans fund, and if and so far as that is insufficient the Consolidated Fund, and all sums so paid out of the Consolidated Fund to meet any such deficiency shall be an advance to be repaid out of the Local Loans Fund, and if not so repaid shall be repaid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and the provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, respecting the income account of the Local Loans Fund shall apply as if the said interest were the dividends on local loans stock. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

**3.** The limit imposed by section three of the Public Works Loans Act, 1879, on the amount which can be advanced by the Public Works Loan Commissioners under any one Act in any one year to one borrower shall be repealed. Abolition of maximum of loan. 42 & 43 Vict. c. 77.

**4.**—(1.) After the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven the annuity of one hundred and thirty thousand pounds, payable out of the Local Loans Fund, under section eleven of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, to the National Debt Commissioners for the purpose of the Restitution Fund shall cease. Abolition of restitution annuity under 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16. s. 11, and variation of provisions as to surplus income of Local Loans Fund.

(2.) After the said day the income account of the Local Loans Fund shall be charged with such sum in respect of expenses in connexion with local loans as the Treasury direct.

(3.) If it is shown by the income account of the Local Loans Fund for any financial year that the income is in excess of the expenditure, that excess shall be carried to a separate account to be applied as Parliament may direct, and until such application shall be invested either in advances for local loans or in the purchase of securities in which the National Debt Commissioners are authorised to invest money held by them on account of savings banks, and the annual income shall be invested in like manner, and accumulated.

**5.** Where any sum payable in respect of any loan made by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland since the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two (whether such sum is payable for interest, or as an instalment of principal, or as a periodical payment of an annuity or rent-charge, or otherwise), is in arrear for more than thirty-one days next after the date at which the sum became due, there shall be payable to those Commissioners interest on the said sum at the rate of five per cent. per annum from the said date, and such interest shall be charged, payable, and recoverable in like manner as the said sum. Provided that such interest shall not be payable by any person other than the person liable for the same at the date at which it became due. Substitution of interest for receiver's fees on arrears. 55 & 56 Vict. c. 61.

*Provision of Money for and Remission of Loans.*

**6.**—(1.) For the purpose of local loans there may be issued by the National Debt Commissioners the following sums, namely— Provision of money for public works loans.

(*a*) for the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of two million five hundred thousand pounds;

(*b*) for the purpose of loans by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one million pounds.

(2.) The sums so issued shall be issued during a period ending on the day on which a further Act providing money for the purposes of those loans comes into operation, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887.

50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

Certain debts not to be reckoned as assets of local loans fund.

**7.** Whereas it is expedient that the principal of the several local loans specified in the First Schedule to this Act should, to the extent specified in the last column of that schedule, not be reckoned as assets of the local loans fund established under the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887; therefore the principal of the said loans shall, to that extent, be written off from the assets of the local loans fund, and the provisions of section fifteen of the said Act as amended by this Act shall, so far as applicable, apply thereto.

Composition with Aberbrothwick Harbour Trustees.

**8.** Whereas on the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven there was due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners from the Aberbrothwick Harbour Trustees, in respect of the loan mentioned in Part II. of the First Schedule to this Act, the amount of eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty-four pounds five shillings and tenpence principal and two thousand seven hundred and thirty-six pounds interest:

And whereas the annual income of the said trustees has for many years proved insufficient to pay the interest on their mortgage debts, and by the Aberbrothwick Harbour Finance Act, 1897, the trustees have been empowered to make arrangements for compounding their several mortgage debts; and in order to facilitate these arrangements, it is expedient that the Commissioners be authorised to compound the said debt as herein-after mentioned:

60 & 61 Vict. c. x.

Therefore the Commissioners may accept in discharge of the said principal debt and interest, the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, and a sum equal to the interest on the said principal debt from the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven until the date of payment of those two sums, and on the payment of those sums the balance of the said debt (including all claims for interest) shall be extinguished and be deemed a free grant by Parliament.

Remission of loans to Clara and Banagher and Ballycastle Railway Companies, and Giant's Causeway Railway and Tramway Company.

**9.** Whereas the property mortgaged as security for the loan mentioned in Part III. of the First Schedule to this Act, and the mortgages to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for securing the loans mentioned in Part IV. of the same Schedule, have been sold with the consent of the Treasury, and it is expedient that the principal sums outstanding on account of the said loans should be extinguished:

Therefore the said debts (including all claims for interest in respect thereof) shall be extinguished, and the amounts thereof shall be deemed free grants from Parliament.

Extension of period of repayment of certain loans under 43 & 44 Vict. c. 8.

**10.** Notwithstanding anything in the Isle of Man Loans Act, 1880, or any Act incorporated with that Act, money borrowed after the commencement of this Act under that Act or any amending enactment, for the purpose of repaying any outstanding part of any loan previously so borrowed, may be repaid within sixty years from the date of the first borrowing under that Act.

**11.** The provisions of this Act with respect to loans on the security of a local rate shall extend— Application of Act to loans under 55 & 56 Vict. c. 43.; 60 & 61 Vict. c. 6.; and 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.

(*a*) to loans under the Military Lands Acts, 1892 and 1897, on the security of land and of a grant out of money provided by Parliament; and

(*b*) to loans under section six hundred and sixty-three of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, on the security of the Mercantile Marine Fund, or of the several dues, rates, fees, and payments to be carried to that fund, or of any part thereof.

*Miscellaneous.*

**12.**—(1.) The expression "local rate" means any rate levied or assessed, the proceeds of which are applicable to public local purposes, and which is levied on the basis of a valuation of property, and includes any sum which though obtained in the first instance by a precept, certificate, or other instrument requiring payment from some authority or officer, is or can be ultimately raised out of a rate as before defined. Definitions, repeal, construction, and short title.

(2.) The expression "security of a local rate" includes a security guaranteed by any such local rate.

(3.) This Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of the Public Works Loans Act, 1875. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 89.

(4.) The Acts specified in the Second Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent and from the date (if any) in the third column of that schedule mentioned.

(5.) This Act may be cited as the Public Works Loans Act, 1897.

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# SCHEDULES.

## FIRST SCHEDULE. Sections 7, 8, 9.

### LOANS WRITTEN OFF.

### PART I.

### LOANS BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND.

| Name of Borrower. | Act authorising Advance. | Amount advanced. | Amount repaid. | Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| John Ahern | The Landed Property Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1847 (10 Vict. c. 32.). | 150 0 0 | 86 17 0 | 63 3 0 |
| Wm. Dalton | Do. | 120 0 0 | 29 8 3 | 41 15 6 |
| John McCarthy | Do. | 60 0 0 | 6 2 1 | 53 17 11 |
| Michael Nunan | Do. | 200 0 0 | 70 14 0 | 129 6 0 |
| Margaret Killion | Do. | 145 0 0 | 41 15 11 | 41 19 7 |
| D. D. O'Brien | Do. | 250 0 0 | 38 2 2 | 211 17 10 |
| Daniel Grace | Do. | 400 0 0 | 33 4 8 | 12 2 0 |
| Gore D'A. Cochrane | Do. | 600 0 0 | 148 19 4 | 282 11 1 |
| Sundry Items | Do. (s. 15.) | 90 15 0 | Nil | 90 15 0 |

| Name of Borrower. | Act authorising Advance. | Amount advanced. | | | Amount repaid. | | | Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Patrick Cusack | The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 88.). | 172 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 161 | 16 | 6 |
| Patrick Cusack (senior). | Do. | 92 | 14 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 83 | 13 | 8 |
| Patrick Halligan | Do. | 32 | 0 | 8 | | — | | 32 | 0 | 8 |
| J. Doorly | Do. | 73 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 71 | 1 | 11 |
| Elias Thompson | Do. | 158 | 16 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 5 | 143 | 7 | 2 |
| Mrs. Fanny Beggs (now W. C. Roberts). | Do. | 577 | 3 | 5 | 509 | 18 | 9 | 67 | 4 | 8 |
| Matthew Flood | Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870 (33 & 34 Vict. c. 46.). | 432 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 10 | 8 | 220 | 9 | 4 |
| J. S. Clarke | Do. | 1,800 | 0 | 0 | 755 | 8 | 0 | 1,044 | 12 | 0 |
| John Kelly | Do. | 366 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 19 | 1 | 166 | 0 | 11 |
| Hanora Callaghan | Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881 (44 & 45 Vict. c. 49. s. 19.). | 60 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 57 | 14 | 10 |
| Jeremiah Mullane | Do. | 50 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 47 | 12 | 10 |
| Wm. Gelshinan | Do. | 68 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 62 | 19 | 6 |
| Peter Coleman | Do. (s. 31.) | 150 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 6 | 3 | 115 | 13 | 9 |
| John Arthur | Do. | 100 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 87 | 16 | 10 |
| Thomas Doherty | Do. | 56 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 11 | 49 | 5 | 1 |
| Daniel Barry | Do. | 100 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 19 | 0 |
| Thomas Higgins | Do. | 55 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 10 | 40 | 12 | 2 |
| Thomas Fox | Do. | 95 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 82 | 10 | 4 |
| Patrick Costelloe | Do. | 75 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 11 | 57 | 3 | 1 |
| W. Flannery | Do. | 100 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 85 | 16 | 6 |
| J. Small | Do. | 65 | 0 | 0 | | — | | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| John Murphy | Do. | 150 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 142 | 18 | 7 |
| John Murphy | Do. | 245 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 6 | 241 | 2 | 6 |
| Benjamin Tyner | Do. | 70 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 64 | 12 | 7 |
| William Charleton | Do. | 30 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 23 | 14 | 0 |
| John Casey | Do. | 60 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 58 | 17 | 10 |
| John Kelly | Do. | 50 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 41 | 5 | 9 |
| P. and A. Cunningham. | Do. | 50 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 39 | 12 | 7 |
| W. Hamilton | Do. | 150 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 11 | 4 | 117 | 8 | 8 |
| Michael Moley | Do. | 54 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 47 | 14 | 9 |
| L. Tracy | Do. | 80 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 74 | 13 | 2 |
| D. McClelland | Do. | 100 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 93 | 13 | 2 |
| | | | | | Total | | | 4,611 | 18 | 2 |

## PART II.

### LOAN BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS.

| Name of Borrower. | Act authorising Advance. | Amount advanced. | Amount repaid or to be repaid. | Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund and to be extinguished. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| The Aberbrothwick Harbour Trustees. | 57 Geo. 3. c. 34 and other Acts relating to local loans. | 20,000 0 0 | 16,335 14 2 | 3,664 5 10 |

## PART III.

### LOAN BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND.

| Name of Borrower. | Act authorising Advance. | Amount advanced. | Amount realised by Sale of Undertaking. | Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund and to be extinguished. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| The Clara and Banagher Railway Company. | 1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 33. - | 30,000 0 0* | 5,000 0 0 | 25,000 0 0 |

* Exclusive of a loan of 30,000*l.*, the repayment of which is guaranteed by the barony of Garrycastle, King's County.

## PART IV.

### LOANS BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND—*continued.*

| Name of Borrower. | Act authorising Advance. | Amount advanced. | Amount repaid and realised by Sale of Mortgage. | Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund and to be extinguished. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| The Ballycastle Railway Company. | 1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 33. - | 20,000 | 12,000 | 8,000 |
| The Giant's Causeway, Portrush and Bush Valley Railway and Tramway Company. | 1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 33. - | 10,000 | 6,725 | 3,275 |

PART

LOANS BY THE FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

Loans to Fishermen under the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886 (49 & 50 Vict. c. 29.).

| District. | Amount advanced. | Amount repaid and realised by Sale of Boats. | Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Wick - - | 400 0 0 | 263 16 5 | 136 3 7 |
| Stornoway - - | 392 0 0 | 290 8 6 | 101 11 6 |
| | | | 237 15 1 |

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

ACTS REPEALED.

| Session and Chapter. | Short Title. | Extent of Repeal. |
|---|---|---|
| 36 & 37 Vict. c. 86. | The Elementary Education Act, 1873. | In section ten the words "at the rate "of three and a half per centum "per annum." |
| 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55. | The Public Health Act, 1875. | In section two hundred and forty-three, from "at the rate of three and a half" down to "loss to the Exchequer." |
| 38 & 39 Vict. c. 74. | The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, Amendment Act, 1875. | Section three, from "at the rate of three and a half" down to "loss to the Exchequer." |
| 40 & 41 Vict. c. 27. | The Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877. | Section three, from "at the rate of three and a half" down to "Exchequer." |
| 41 & 42 Vict. c. 52. | The Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878. | Section two hundred and forty-six, from "at the rate of three and a half" down to "loss to the Exchequer." |
| 42 & 43 Vict. c. 77. | The Public Works Loans Act, 1879. | Section three. |
| 49 & 50 Vict. c. 45. | The Public Works Loans Act, 1886. | Section ten. |
| 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16. | National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887. | As from the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven—<br>Section eleven, down to "Sinking Fund Act, 1875," namely, to the end of sub-section two. |

| Session and Chapter. | Short Title. | Extent of Repeal. |
|---|---|---|
| | | Section twelve, the words in sub-section three "in respect of the "annual sum payable to the resti- "tution fund, and" and sub-section four;<br>And section fifteen, in sub-section one the words "to be made good by "means of the Restitution Fund "under this Act." |
| 55 & 56 Vict. c. 31. | The Small Holdings Act, 1892. | Section nineteen, from "every loan by the Public" down to "Ex-chequer," being sub-section three. |
| 55 & 56 Vict. c. 61. | The Public Works Loans Act, 1892. | Section six. |
| 56 & 57 Vict. c. 42. | Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893. | Section five, from "and shall bear such rate" to the end of the section. |

## CHAPTER 52.

An Act to extend the Age under which the Employment of Young Persons in dangerous Performances is prohibited. [6th August 1897.]

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:

Extension to young persons of 42 & 43 Vict. c. 34.

**1.** The Children's Dangerous Performances Act, 1879, shall apply in the case of any male young person under the age of sixteen years, and any female young person under the age of eighteen years, in like manner as it applies in the case of a child under the age of fourteen years.

Restriction on prosecutions.

**2.**—(1.) Except where an accident causing actual bodily harm occurs to any child or young person, no prosecution or other proceeding shall be instituted for an offence against the Children's Dangerous Performances Act, 1879, as amended by this Act, without the consent in writing of the chief officer of police of the police area in which the offence is committed.

(2.) For the purposes of this section the expression "chief officer of police,"—

(*a*) with respect to any place in England other than the City of London, has the meaning assigned to it by the Police Act, 1890; 53 & 54 Vict. c. 45.

(*b*) with respect to the City of London, means the Commissioners of City Police;