operation of such machine or mechanical contrivance, whether such operation is automatic or not.

(2) Any person who being the owner, lessee, occupier, keeper, manager or person in charge of any shop, office, room, or place, or being the owner, lessee, or person in charge, or having control, of any such machine or mechanical contrivance, contravenes the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty days.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act, 1917, and shall apply to Scotland only. Short title and extent.

## CHAPTER 24.

An Act to amend the Trade Union Act Amendment Act, 1876, with respect to the amalgamation of Trade Unions.

[10th July 1917.]

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:

**1.**—(1) Any two or more trade unions may become amalgamated together as one trade union if in the case of each or every such trade union, on a ballot being taken, the votes of at least fifty per cent. of the members entitled to vote thereat are recorded, and of the votes recorded those in favour of the proposal exceed by twenty per cent. or more the votes against the proposal; and, accordingly, section twelve of the Trade Union Act Amendment Act, 1876, shall have effect as if for the words "by the consent of not less than two thirds of the "members of each or every such trade union" there were substituted the words "if in the case of each or every such "trade union, on a ballot being taken, the votes of at least "fifty per cent. of the members entitled to vote thereat are "recorded, and of the votes recorded those in favour of the "proposal exceed by twenty per cent. or more the votes "against the proposal." Amalgamation of unions. 39 & 40 Vict. c. 22.

(2) For removing doubts it is hereby declared that the said section twelve applies to the amalgamation of one or more registered trade unions with one or more unregistered trade unions.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Act, 1917, and the Trade Union Acts, 1871 to 1913, and this Act may be cited together as the Trade Union Acts, 1871 to 1917. Short title and citation.