sale of confectionery, &c. 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 58.

the end of Article 2 thereof the following words were inserted :—

"or

"(4) The sale of fruit, table waters, sweets, chocolates, or other sugar confectionery, or ice cream, until 9.30 p.m. on week days other than Saturdays, and 10 p.m. on Saturdays."

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Shops (Early Closing) Act (1920) Amendment Act, 1921.

CHAPTER 61.

An Act to modify temporarily the provisions of section three of the Forestry Act, 1919.

[8th November 1921.]

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 :—

Suspension of proviso to s. 3 (3) of 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 58.

1. The condition which, under section three of the Forestry Act, 1919, is attached to any grant made under that section shall not apply to a grant so made or agreed to be so made within six months after the passing of this Act, if the Treasury with a view to promoting employment authorise the grant to be made free from that condition.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Forestry Act, 1921.

CHAPTER 62.

An Act to make temporary provision for the payment of grants to unemployed workers towards the maintenance of their wives, dependent husbands, and dependent children, and to suspend the operation of section twenty-seven of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

[8th November 1921.]

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:—

Grants for maintenance of wife and children of unemployed workers.

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, there shall, while this Act continues in force, be payable to every person who is an unemployed worker within the meaning of this Act towards the maintenance of his wife and dependent children or, in the case of an unemployed worker being a woman who has a husband or children dependent on her, towards the maintenance of that husband and those children, a grant at the rate provided by this Act:

Provided that no grant shall be payable under this Act in respect of a wife who is in receipt of unemployment benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921, or under any special scheme made under those Acts, or who is in regular wage-earning employment, or is engaged in any occupation ordinarily carried on for profit.

10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 30. 11 Geo. 5. c. 1.

(2) Where a female person is residing with an unemployed worker, who is a widower or unmarried, for the purpose of having the care of his dependent children and is being maintained by him, or has been and is living as his wife with a person who is such an unemployed worker as aforesaid, a grant under this Act shall be payable to the unemployed worker in respect of that person at the same rate, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions at, in and subject to which a grant would be payable to him under this Act if that person were his wife.

(3) The weekly rate of the grant payable under this Act shall be five shillings in respect of a wife or husband as the case may be, and one shilling in respect of each dependent child.

(4) Grants under this Act shall be paid subject to such conditions as to proof and otherwise and in such manner as the Minister of Labour may direct.

(5) If any question arises as to whether a grant is payable under this Act in respect of any person, that question shall be referred to and decided by the Minister of Labour, who may, if he thinks fit, refer the question to the local employment committee for their report and recommendation.

The decision of the Minister of Labour on any question which is to be decided by him under this Act

shall be final and conclusive and not subject to appeal to any court.

(6) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression "unemployed worker" means a person who, being insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921, or under any special scheme made under those Acts, is in receipt of unemployment benefit under those Acts or under the scheme, as the case may be:

The expression "wife" means a wife who is living with or is being maintained wholly or mainly by her husband, and for the purposes of this Act a husband shall be deemed to be dependent on his wife if he is prevented by physical or mental infirmity from supporting himself and is being maintained wholly or mainly by her:

The expression "a dependent child" means any child under the age of fourteen years who is maintained wholly or mainly at the cost of the person claiming the grant, or any child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who is under full-time instruction in a day school and is so maintained as aforesaid:

The expression "child" includes a step-child, an adopted child and an illegitimate child:

The expression "local employment committee" means any local committee to which questions may be referred under subsection (5) of section thirteen of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

Provision of funds for purposes of the Act.

2.—(1) For the purpose of providing funds for the payment of grants under this Act, every employed person liable to be insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921, or under any special scheme made under those Acts, (in this Act referred to as "an insured person") and the employer of every such person shall be liable to pay contributions at the rates specified in Part I. of the Schedule to this Act, and there shall for the purpose aforesaid be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament a contribution of such an amount as may be determined by the Treasury to be approximately equivalent to the sum which would be produced by weekly contributions paid in respect of insured persons

at the rates specified in Part II. of the said Schedule as respects men, women, boys, and girls respectively.

(2) The contributions payable under this Act by an insured person and his employer shall be paid and collected in the same manner as and together with the contributions payable in respect of insured persons under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921, or under any special scheme made thereunder, as the case requires (subject as respects contributions payable in respect of persons insured under special schemes to such modifications as the Minister of Labour may direct), and the provisions of those Acts relating to the payment and collection of contributions (including the provisions of any regulations made under those Acts), and the provisions of those Acts for securing the payment of contributions (including provisions as to penalties and proceedings for the recovery of contributions and the provisions of section twenty-nine of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, which relate to the powers of inspectors), shall, subject to any prescribed modifications, apply accordingly.

The aggregate amount collected by way of contributions under this Act and by way of contributions under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921, shall be apportioned between the fund to be constituted under this Act and the unemployment fund in accordance with directions to be given by the Treasury.

(3) All contributions payable under this Act by employers and insured persons or out of moneys provided by Parliament shall be paid into a fund under the control and management of the Minister of Labour, to be called the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund. The accounts of the said fund shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

(4) The sums to be contributed under this Act out of moneys provided by Parliament shall be paid into the said fund in such manner and at such times as the Treasury may determine, and the contributions paid under this Act in respect of persons insured under any special scheme shall be paid into the said fund in such manner and at such times as may be agreed between the Minister of Labour and the body charged with the administration of the scheme, or in default of agreement may be determined by the Treasury.

(5) Contributions under this Act shall be payable in respect of the period beginning on the seventh day of

November, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and ending on the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, inclusive:

Provided that, if it is certified by the Treasury and the Minister of Labour that the amount of the contributions payable under this Act in respect of the period aforesaid is insufficient to meet the charges on the fund, contributions shall continue to be payable for such further period as is declared by the certificate to be necessary for the purpose of meeting the deficiency.

On a certificate being issued under this section, the Minister of Labour shall cause the certificate, together with a special report with reference thereto, to be laid before Parliament.

(6) If it appears to the Treasury at any time that the rates of contributions under this Act are insufficient to meet the liabilities of the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund, the Minister of Labour shall, if the Treasury so direct, by order make such temporary modifications in the rates of the grants as he thinks necessary in the circumstances of the case.

On an order being made under this subsection, the Minister shall cause the order, together with a special report as to the reasons for making the order, to be laid before Parliament.

(7) Any balance remaining in the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund, after discharging its liabilities under this Act, shall be apportioned equitably, in accordance with directions to be given by the Minister of Labour, between the Unemployment Fund and the several funds out of which benefits under any special schemes are payable.

(8) In this section the expression "the Unemployment Fund" means the fund constituted under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

Arrangements with associations for payment of grants under Act.

3.—(1) Where the Minister of Labour has made an arrangement with any society or association under section seventeen of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, he may, subject to the prescribed conditions, make an arrangement with that society or association that, in lieu of paying grants under this Act to members of the society or association, there shall be repaid periodically to the society or other association out of the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund such sum as appears to be, as nearly as may be equivalent to the aggregate amount which those

members would have received during that period by way of grants under this Act if no such arrangement had been made.

(2) For the purpose of this Act, the amount of any sum which, but for this section, would have been paid to any person by way of a grant under this Act shall be deemed to have been so paid.

(3) It shall be lawful for any association to make any such amendments in the instrument governing its constitution as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the association to become an association with which the Minister may make an arrangement under this section or for the purpose of enabling the association to include any class of its members within the scope of such an arrangement, and if the instrument regulating the constitution of the association contains provisions requiring any interval of time to elapse before any action can be taken or any amendment of the instrument can take effect, those provisions shall not apply to action taken for the purposes aforesaid.

The powers by this subsection conferred on an association may, notwithstanding anything in the instrument governing the constitution of the association, be exercised by the council or other governing body of the association.

In this subsection the expression "instrument" includes any Act, memorandum, articles of association, trust deed, or rules.

Provisions in respect to discharged seamen, marines, soldiers or airmen.

4. For the purpose of defraying the cost of grants under this Act in respect of persons who have served as seamen, marines, soldiers or airmen, the Admiralty, Army Council and Air Council, respectively, shall, out of moneys provided by Parliament for Navy, Army and Air Force services, respectively, pay to the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund in respect of every seaman, marine, soldier or airman who is discharged from the service during the period during which grants are payable under this Act and in respect of whom a payment is made under section forty-one of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, an additional sum of thirty shillings, and the Treasury shall, out of moneys provided by Parliament, pay to the said fund in respect of every such seaman, marine, soldier or airman, a sum equal to three-fourths of the

additional sum to be paid by the Admiralty, Army Council, or Air Council as the case may be under this section.

Expenses of Minister and regulations.

5.—(1) Any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour in carrying this Act into effect, and any expenses incurred by any other Government department for the purposes of or in connection with this Act, shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and there shall be paid out of the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund and applied, in accordance with the directions of the Treasury, as an appropriation in aid of the moneys provided by Parliament for the expenses of the Minister of Labour an amount equal to the moneys provided under this subsection.

(2) The Minister of Labour may make regulations generally for carrying this Act into effect and for prescribing anything which by this Act is to be prescribed, and may by those regulations apply, with or without modifications or adaptations, for the purposes of this Act any of the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921, or any of the provisions of any regulations made under those Acts.

Outdoor relief.

6.—(1) In determining whether outdoor relief shall or shall not be granted to a person in receipt of or entitled to receive a grant under this Act, the authority having power to grant the relief shall take into account the amount of the grant.

(2) The operation of section twenty-seven of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920 (which provides that unemployment benefit shall not, except in so far as it exceeds ten shillings a week, be taken into account in determining whether outdoor relief is or is not to be granted), shall be suspended while this Act continues in force.

Grants to be inalienable.

7. Every assignment of or charge on, and every agreement to assign or charge, any grant payable under this Act shall be void, and on the bankruptcy of any person to whom any such grant is payable the grant shall not pass to any trustee or other person acting on behalf of his creditors.

Penalty for false statements.

8. If, for the purpose of obtaining a grant under this Act either for himself or for any other person, any person knowingly makes any false statement or false representation, he shall be liable on summary conviction

to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months with hard labour.

Short title, application, and duration.

9.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Unemployed Workers' Dependants (Temporary Provision) Act, 1921.

(2) In the application of this Act to Ireland a reference to a court of referees shall be substituted for the reference to a local employment committee, and for the purposes of section six of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, this Act shall be deemed to be an Act passed before the appointed day. 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 67.

(3) This Act shall come into operation on the tenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and shall, subject as hereinbefore provided, continue in force for a period of six months from that date:

Provided that section thirty-eight of the Interpretation Act, 1889 (which relates to the effect of repeals), shall, in relation to the provisions of this Act with respect to contributions, have effect as if those provisions had been repealed by another Act passed on the expiration of the period during which contributions continue to be payable under this Act, and in relation to the other provisions of this Act, have effect as if those provisions had been repealed by another Act passed immediately after the expiration of the period of six months above-mentioned. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

SCHEDULE.

Section 2.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

PART I.

BY INSURED PERSONS AND EMPLOYERS.

From the insured person for each week:—

In the case of men - - - - -	2*d.*
In the case of women, boys, and girls - -	1*d.*

From the employer for each week:—

In the case of an insured person being a man - - - - - - - - -	2*d.*
In the case of an insured person being a woman, boy, or girl - - - - -	1*d.*

PART II.

OUT OF MONEYS PROVIDED BY PARLIAMENT.

For every contribution paid in respect of a man -	3*d.*
For every contribution paid in respect of a woman, boy, or girl - - - - - - - -	2*d.*

CHAPTER 63.

An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and to appropriate the further Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament. [10th November 1921.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum hereinafter mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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:—

GRANT OUT OF CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Issue of 15,919,100*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund.

1. The Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, the sum of fifteen million nine hundred and nineteen thousand one hundred pounds.

Power for the Treasury to borrow.

2.—(1) The Treasury may borrow from any person, by the issue of Treasury Bills or otherwise, and the Bank