1. Notwithstanding anything in the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, the use in trade of a weight or measure of the metric system shall be lawful, and nothing in section nineteen of that Act shall make void any contract, bargain, sale, or dealing, by reason only of its being made or had according to weights or measures of the metric system, and a person using or having in his possession a weight or measure of the metric system shall not by reason thereof be liable to any fine. Use of metric weights and measures in trade. 41 & 42 Vict. c. 49.

2.—(1.) The Board of Trade standards which may be made under section eight of the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, shall include metric standards derived from the iridio-platinum linear standard metre and iridio-platinum standard kilogram deposited with the Board of Trade and numbered 16 and 18 respectively. Metric standards and equivalents. 41 & 42 Vict. c. 49.

(2.) It shall be lawful for the Queen by Order in Council to make a table of metric equivalents in substitution for the table in Part I. of the Third Schedule to the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, and, as from the date at which the Order in Council comes into operation, Part I. of the said schedule and sections eighteen and thirty-eight of the said Act shall be repealed.

3. This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Metric System) Act, 1897, and may be cited with the Weights and Measures Acts, 1878 to 1893. Short title.

CHAPTER 47.

An Act to declare the Effect of the Provisions of the Volunteer Act, 1863, with respect to Rules for Volunteer Corps. [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:

1. For removing doubts it is hereby declared that the power under section twenty-four of the Volunteer Act, 1863, to make rules with respect to a volunteer corps, shall extend, and be deemed to have always extended, to rules for securing the efficiency of the members of the corps, and that a fine for the breach of any rule made under the aforesaid section shall be a sum of money recoverable on complaint to a court of summary jurisdiction. Explanation of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 65. ss. 24, 27.

2. This Act may be cited as the Volunteer Act, 1897. Short title.