SCHEDULE.

Section 3.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Session and Chapter.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
10&11 Geo.5. c. 29.	The Overseas Trade (Credits and Insurance) Act, 1920.	In section one the words "being one of the countries "specified in the Schedule "to this Act" and the words "specified in the "Schedule to this Act"; in section one, subsection (*b*) (ii), the words "to an "alien, or to a firm in "which the majority of "the partners are aliens, "or to a company where "British subjects do not "form a majority of the "directors, or where a "majority of the voting "power is not in the "hands of British sub-"jects"; section three; Schedule.
11&12 Geo.5. c. 26.	The Overseas Trade (Credits and Insurance) Amendment Act, 1921.	Section two.

CHAPTER 66.

An Act to extend temporarily the period during which persons who are unemployed may remain insured under the general provisions of the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1921.

[10th 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 :—

Extension of period during which persons ceasing to be employed may remain insured.

7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 62.

1.—(1) Where an insured person, being a member of an approved society, continues to be unemployed after the expiration of the period of twelve months mentioned in subsection (1) of section thirteen of the National Health Insurance Act, 1918 (which relates to the position of insured persons ceasing to be employed), he shall, notwithstanding anything in that subsection, remain while this Act continues in force an insured person if and so long as the conditions laid down by this section are fulfilled in his case.

(2) The conditions to be fulfilled by an insured person for the purposes of this section are—

(*a*) that the approved society of which he is a member is satisfied, or in the case of a dispute it is decided in manner provided by the National Insurance Act, 1911, that the insured person has not since the commencement of the period aforesaid been unemployed by reason of having entered upon or become engaged in some occupation which is not employment within the meaning of Part I. of the said Act.

1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 55.

(*b*) That the total number of the contributions, to be calculated in the prescribed manner, paid by or in respect of the insured person during the two years ending on the fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty, was not less than eighty, or in the case of a person who entered into insurance after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eighteen, that the total number of contributions, calculated as aforesaid, paid by or in respect of him either during the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty, or during the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the date on which he ceased to be employed, was a number not less than three-quarters of the number of weeks comprised in the period.

Amendment of provisions relating to continuance in insurance of married women.

2. The provisions of subsection (1) of section twenty-two of the National Health Insurance Act, 1918 (which relates to the position of a married woman who ceases to be employed), shall not, while this Act continues in force, apply in the case of any woman as respects whom the approved society of which she is a member is satisfied, or as respects whom in the case of a dispute it is decided in manner provided by the National Insurance Act, 1911, that she did not voluntarily cease work, and that since the date on which she ceased work, she has, except when incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement, been available for, but unable to obtain, employment.

Short title and operation.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Prolongation of Insurance) Act, 1921, and shall be included among the Acts which may be cited together as the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1921.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have had effect as from and after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty, and shall continue in operation until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-two:

Provided that—

(*a*) if any person who has, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, remained in insurance is at the date of the expiration of this Act, or was within the period of four weeks preceding that date, incapable of work, he shall not cease to be an insured person until four weeks after the date on which he again becomes capable of work; and

(*b*) no person shall, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, become entitled to any benefit in respect of any period before the passing of this Act; and

(*c*) 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.

CHAPTER 67.

An Act to make further provision with respect to the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund and with respect to rating and to the finance of certain Local and Public Authorities.

[10th 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:—

Temporary extension of charges on the Metropolitan Poor Fund.

33 & 34 Vict. c. 18.

1.—(1) Subsection (3) of section one of the Metropolitan Poor Amendment Act, 1870 (which relates to repayments out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund in respect of the maintenance of paupers in workhouses or asylums), shall, as respects the half-year current at the passing of this Act and any subsequent half-year ending before the expiration of this section, have effect as though the words "at the rate of one shilling and threepence per day" were substituted for the words "at the rate of fivepence per day".

(2) In respect of the same half years there shall be included amongst the expenses to be repaid out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund the expenses incurred in respect of out-door relief, so however that no repayment shall be made in respect of relief granted in excess of such scale or in contravention of such conditions as shall be prescribed by regulations of the Minister of Health. Such scale and regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

The power of the Minister of Health to make such regulations shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers possessed by him of making rules, orders, or regulations respecting the grant of out-door relief.

(3) Where the Minister of Health is satisfied that proper investigation has not been made within a reasonable time of the granting of out-door relief, no repayment shall be made in respect of that relief.

(4) This section shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and no longer, but the expiration of this section shall not affect any liability to make contributions or right to be repaid expenses in respect of any half-year ending before such expiration.

Power to appoint receiver where metropolitan borough council fails to meet precept.

2.—(1) Where, in pursuance of a precept issued by an authority either before or after the passing of this Act, any sum is payable, directly or indirectly, by the council of a metropolitan borough to that authority, and the Minister of Health is satisfied that the council have refused or neglected to raise the amount by a rate, or that, having raised the amount by a rate, the council have refused or neglected to pay the amount due under the precept, the Minister may issue a certificate to that effect, and thereupon the authority shall have the like power of applying for the appointment of a receiver, and a receiver may, upon such application, be appointed in like manner and, when appointed, have the like power as if the authority were a secured creditor of the council for the sum due under the precept with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the date when the amount became payable under the precept, and that sum and interest were due under a security issued under the Local Loans Act, 1875, charging the same on the rates leviable by and on all other property of the council, and the conditions under which a receiver may, in such a case, be appointed under section twelve of that Act were fulfilled, and that section shall apply accordingly:

38 & 39 Vict. c. 83.

Provided that the application may be made by the Minister instead of by the authority if the Minister thinks fit.

(2) Where an authority have issued a precept to a board of guardians in the administrative county of London and the Minister is satisfied that the board of guardians have failed to include the amount of the precept in any precept issued by them to a metropolitan borough council, the Minister may, by order, cancel the precept to the guardians and authorise the authority to issue a precept to the council for the amount due under the precept to the guardians, and in that case the amount specified in the precept to the council shall become payable to the authority in the same manner as it would

have become payable to the guardians if the precept had been issued by them.

(3) The power of the receiver appointed under this section to levy a rate may be exercised, notwithstanding that the expenses of the authority to meet which the rate is made were incurred in a period prior to that in which the rate is made, and notwithstanding that the council may have already made and levied a rate for such expenses.

(4) Where, in pursuance of a precept issued by an authority either before or after the passing of this Act, any sum is payable, directly or indirectly, by the council of a metropolitan borough to that authority, the authority may set off any sum payable to the council by the authority against the sum payable by the council in pursuance of the precept, without prejudice to proceedings for the recovery of the balance (if any) of the last-named sum under the provisions of this section.

(5) For the purposes of this section—

the expression "authority" means any body or person having power to issue a precept payable either directly or indirectly out of the general rate leviable by a metropolitan borough council;

the expression "precept" includes a warrant or contribution order.

(6) The powers conferred by this section shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers of enforcing compliance with a precept issued by an authority.

Borrowing on short term loans by local authorities.

3.—(1) A local authority may from time to time, for the purpose of providing temporarily for any current expenses that may be incurred by them in the execution or performance of any of their powers and duties (including the payment of sums due by them to meet the expenses of other authorities), with the consent of the Minister of Health, borrow by way of temporary loan or overdraft from any bank or otherwise, such sums as they may from time to time resolve, not exceeding in the aggregate at any time such amount as may be sanctioned by the Minister of Health.

(2) Any amount borrowed under this section shall be charged on the funds, properties, rates and revenues of

the local authority pari passu with all other mortgages, stock, and other securities affecting the same.

(3) All sums borrowed by a local authority under this section together with the interest thereon shall be repaid out of the revenue of the local authority received in respect of the financial year in which the expenses were incurred:

Provided that, as respects money borrowed under this section before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the Minister may, if satisfied that the particular circumstances of the case justify such a course, extend the term within which such repayment is to be made for a period not exceeding ten years from the date on which the money is borrowed.

(4) Where money is borrowed under this section for the purpose of defraying any expenses repayable out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund, or for the purpose of meeting any precept of the Minister of Health issued under the enactments relating to that fund, the amount of any interest paid on the sums so borrowed shall be repaid out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund.

(5) The powers conferred by this section on any local authority shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers of borrowing exercisable by the authority.

Power to suspend sinking fund payments, &c., in case of money borrowed for revenue-producing works.

4. Where money is borrowed by a local authority for the purpose of the construction of new or extension or alteration of existing works forming or to form part of an undertaking of a revenue-producing character, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Act, it shall be lawful for the annual provision required to be made by the local authority for the repayment of the money so borrowed to be suspended while the expenditure out of that money remains unremunerative for such period and subject to such conditions as the Minister of Health or other authority by whom the borrowing is sanctioned may determine. Provided that such suspension shall not be for a longer period than five years from the commencement of the financial year next after that in which such expenditure commences to be incurred.

Modification of provisions

5.—(1) Where any local authority owing to circumstances arising out of the war have been unable to make

for repayment of loans.

the required provision by means of a sinking fund or otherwise for the due discharge of any loan, the authority may submit to the Minister of Health a scheme varying any statutory provision requiring the loan to be discharged within any particular time or in any particular manner, and the Minister may, if he thinks fit, approve any such scheme either with or without modifications.

(2) Any scheme approved by the Minister under this section shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

(3) Provided that nothing in any scheme shall in any manner prejudice or affect the security, rights, or remedies of any mortgagee or other person from whom the loan was raised.

Relaxation of limit of borrowing powers of local authorities in certain cases.

6.—(1) Any money borrowed by a local authority before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, if certified by the Minister of Health to have been borrowed for the purpose of any work undertaken by the authority with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and any money borrowed under the provisions of this Act for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the local authority for the purposes of any enactment limiting the powers of borrowing by that authority.

(2) Until the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, subsection (3) of section two hundred and thirty-four of the Public Health Act, 1875 (which prohibits the Minister of Health from sanctioning a loan in certain cases until one of his inspectors has held a local inquiry and reported to the Minister), shall cease to have effect.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

Definition of local authority.

7. For the purposes of this Act, "local authority" means the council of any borough and any authority whose accounts are subject to audit by district auditors.

Extent.

8.—(1) This Act shall not apply to Scotland.

(2) This Act shall apply to Ireland, subject to the following modifications:—

(*a*) A reference to the Local Government Board for Ireland shall be substituted for any reference to the Minister of Health or the Minister, and a reference to section two hundred

and thirty-eight of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, shall be substituted for the reference to section two hundred and thirty-four of the Public Health Act, 1875; 41 & 42 Vict. c. 52.

(*b*) "Local authority" shall mean the council of any county, county borough or county district, and the board of guardians of any union;

(*c*) 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

9. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921. Short title.