THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

Section 107.

Session and Chapter.	Title or Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
38 & 39 Vict. c. 60.	The Friendly Societies Act, 1875.	The whole Act, except so far as it relates to societies to which section thirty applies and to industrial assurance companies.
46 & 47 Vict. c. 47.	The Provident Nominations and small Intestacies Act, 1883.	So much as relates to registered societies.
50 & 51 Vict. c. 56.	The Friendly Societies Act, 1887.	The whole Act, except in section two so much as relates to section thirty of the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, and sub-section two of section eight, sub-section four of section nine, and sections twelve and eighteen.
51 & 52 Vict. c. 15.	The National Debt (Supplemental) Act, 1888.	Section six.
56 & 57 Vict. c. 30.	The Friendly Societies Act, 1893.	The whole Act.
58 & 59 Vict. c. 26.	The Friendly Societies Act, 1895.	The whole Act, except sections fifteen and nineteen.

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to consolidate the Enactments relating to Friendly Societies and Industrial Assurance Companies which receive Contributions and Premiums by means of Collectors. [7th August 1896.]

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:

Application of Act.

1. This Act shall apply to every such—

(*a*) friendly society or branch, whether registered or unregistered (in this Act referred to as a collecting society); and

(*b*) person or body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, granting assurances on any one life for a less sum than twenty pounds (in this Act referred to as an industrial assurance company),

as receives contributions or premiums by means of collectors at a greater distance than ten miles from the registered office or principal

place of business of the society or company, and, in the case of an industrial assurance company, at less periodical intervals than two months:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall, except as expressly provided thereby, apply to any assurance with an industrial assurance company the premiums in respect of which are receivable at greater periodical intervals than two months.

Copies of rules and policies.

2.—(1.) A collecting society shall deliver to every person, on his becoming a member of or insuring with the society, a copy of the rules of the society, together with a printed policy signed by two of the committee and by the secretary, at a price not exceeding one penny for the rules and one penny for the policy.

(2.) In the case of a family enrolled in one book or card, one copy of rules and one family policy shall be sufficient.

Notice before forfeiture.

3. A forfeiture shall not be incurred by any member or person insured in a collecting society or industrial assurance company by reason of any default in paying any contribution until after—

(*a*) notice stating the amount due by him, and informing him that in case of default of payment by him within a reasonable time, not being less than fourteen days, and at a place to be specified in the notice, his interest or benefit will be forfeited, has been served upon him by or on behalf of the society or company; and

(*b*) default has been made by him in paying his contribution in accordance with that notice.

Transfers without written consent.

4.—(1.) A member of or person insured with a collecting society or industrial assurance company shall not, except in the case of—

(*a*) as respects a collecting society, an amalgamation transfer of engagements or conversion into a company under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896; or

59 & 60 Vict. c. 25.

(*b*) as respects an industrial assurance company, an amalgamation or transfer of business under the Life Assurance Companies Acts, 1870 to 1872,

33 & 34 Vict. c. 61. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 58. 35 & 36 Vict. c. 42.

become or be made a member of or be insured with any other such society or company without his written consent, or, in the case of an infant, without the consent of his father or other guardian.

(2.) The society or company to which the member or person is sought to be transferred shall, within seven days from his application for admission to that society or company, give notice thereof in writing to the society or company from which he is sought to be transferred.

General meetings

5.—(1.) At least one general meeting of every collecting society and industrial assurance company shall be held in every year.

(2.) Except where the day, hour, and place of an annual or other periodical meeting is fixed by the rules, notice of every general meeting shall either be given by the society or company to the members by advertisement to be published at least twice in two or more of the newspapers in general circulation in every county where the society or company carries on business, or be served upon every member.

(3.) The notice shall specify the day, hour, and place, and the objects of the meeting, and in case any amendment of a rule is intended to be proposed shall contain a copy of every such amendment.

(4.) The society or company shall publish the last of such advertisements, or serve such notice as aforesaid, at least fourteen days before the day appointed for the meeting, and shall during those fourteen days keep a copy of the notice in legible characters affixed in some conspicuous place in or outside every office at which the business of the society or company is carried on.

(5.) For the purposes of this section the several ridings of the county of York, the several Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man respectively, shall be deemed to be counties.

Balance sheets and annual returns.

6.—(1.) A copy of every balance sheet of a collecting society shall, during the seven days next preceding the meeting at which the balance sheet is to be presented, be kept open by the society for inspection at every office at which the business of the society is carried on, and shall be delivered or sent by post to every member on demand.

(2.) The annual returns required to be sent to the registrar under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, shall, in the case of a collecting society, be certified by some person not an officer of the society (otherwise than as auditor thereof) carrying on publicly the business of an accountant, and if not so certified shall be deemed not to have been made.

Disputes.

7. In all disputes between a collecting society or industrial assurance company and any member or person insured, or any person claiming through a member or person insured, or under the rules, that member or person may, notwithstanding any provisions of the rules of the society or company to the contrary, apply to the county court, or to the court of summary jurisdiction for the place where that member or other person resides, and the court may settle that dispute according to the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896.

Disabilities of collector.

8. A collector of a collecting society or industrial assurance company shall not, whilst he is such, be capable of—

(*a*) being a member of the committee; or

(*b*) holding any other office in the society or company except that of superintending collectors within a specified area; or

(*c*) voting at or taking part in the proceedings of any meeting of the society or company.

Name of collecting societies.

9. In the case of any collecting society registered after the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, the last words in the name of the society shall be "collecting society."

Foregoing provisions to be contained in rules.

10. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall be set forth in the rules of every collecting society and, where applicable, of every industrial assurance company established after the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

Exemption from foregoing provisions.

11.—(1.) The chief registrar may, on the application of a collecting society registered or applying for registry, with the approval in each case of the Treasury, grant to the society a certificate of exemption from the foregoing provisions of this Act, in any case in which he is of opinion that the society is not one to which those provisions ought to apply.

(2.) The certificate shall be subject to revocation by the chief registrar, with the approval in each case of the Treasury, but shall remain in force until so revoked, and until notice of the revocation has been advertised in the London Gazette and in some newspaper in general circulation in the neighbourhood of the registered office of the society, and also transmitted by a registered letter to the society.

(3.) So long as the certificate is in force the society shall be subject to all the provisions and entitled to all the privileges of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, as if it were a friendly society not receiving contributions by means of collectors at a greater distance than ten miles from the registered office.

59 & 60 Vict. c. 25.

Inspectors, special meetings, and dissolution of collecting societies.

12. The provisions of section seventy-six and sections seventy-eight to eighty-three of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, relating to the appointment of inspectors, the calling of special meetings, and the dissolution of registered societies, shall apply to every collecting society, and in the case of a society having branches shall so apply without the consent of the central body of the society.

Assurances on children's lives by industrial assurance companies.

13.—(1.) The provisions of sections sixty-two to sixty-seven and section eighty-four of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, relating to payments on the death of children, shall extend to industrial assurance companies, as if the word society where used in those sections included all industrial companies assuring the payment of money on the death of children under the age of ten years.

(2.) An assurance made, or to be made by an industrial assurance company, of a sum of money payable on the death of a child under the age of ten years, which would be valid if effected with a registered society, shall not be invalidated by reason of any provision contained in the Life Assurance Act, 1774.

14 Geo. 3. c. 48.

(3.) The provisions of this section shall extend to industrial assurance companies which do not receive premiums by means of collectors at a greater distance than ten miles from their principal place of business, and to assurances with any such company the premiums in respect of which are receivable at greater periodical intervals than two months.

Offences.

14.—(1.) It shall be an offence under this Act if—

(*a*) a collector of a collecting society or industrial assurance company becomes a member of the committee, or holds any other office (except as in this Act provided) in the society or company, or a member of the committee becomes a collector, or a collector votes at or takes part in the proceedings of a general meeting;

(*b*) a person attempts to transfer a member or person insured from one collecting society or industrial assurance company

to another without such written consent as is by this Act required;

(*c*) a collecting society or industrial assurance company to which a member or person is sought to be transferred fails to give such notice as is by this Act required.

(2.) The provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, with respect to offences under that Act and the procedure relating thereto, shall apply in the case of offences under this Act, and as so applied shall extend to unregistered collecting societies and industrial assurance companies as if they were registered societies.

Fine for falsification.

15. If any person wilfully makes, orders, or allows to be made any entry, erasure in, or omission from a contribution or collecting book, with intent to falsify that book, or to evade any of the provisions of this Act, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds recoverable at the suit of the chief or any assistant registrar, or of any person aggrieved.

Notices.

16. Where any notice is required by this Act to be served upon any member or other person, the notice shall be in writing, and either delivered or sent by post to him, or, in the case of a notice of default, left at his last known place of abode.

Interpretation.

17.—(1.) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression "collector" shall include every paid officer, agent, or person, howsoever remunerated, who, by himself or by any deputy or substitute, collects contributions for a collecting society or industrial assurance company, or holds any interest in a collecting book thereof, but shall not include—

(*a*) the secretary or other officer of a branch of a society who receives contributions on behalf of the society or of any other branch thereof; or

(*b*) any officer appointed to superintend and receive moneys from collectors within a specified area, not being himself a collector; or

(*c*) any agent appointed and remunerated by members, and not under the control of the society or company, or of any officer thereof.

Other expressions have the same meaning as in the Friendly Societies Act, 1896.

(2.) The power of the Treasury to make regulations for carrying the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, into effect shall extend to the making of regulations for carrying this Act into effect.

(3.) The application of this Act to Scotland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands shall be subject to the same modifications as are expressed in the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, with respect to the application of that Act.

Repeals.

18. The Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in the third column of that schedule.

Commencement and extent of Act.

19. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January next after the passing thereof, and shall extend to the whole of the British Islands.

Short title and construction.

20. This Act may be cited as the Collecting Societies and Industrial Assurance Companies Act, 1896.

SCHEDULE.

Session and Chapter.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
38 & 39 Vict. c. 60. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1875.	The whole Act so far as it is unrepealed.
50 & 51 Vict. c. 56. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1887.	The whole Act so far as it is unrepealed.
52 & 53 Vict. c. 22. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1889.	The whole Act.
58 & 59 Vict. c. 26. -	The Friendly Societies Act, 1895.	The whole Act so far as it is unrepealed.

CHAPTER 27.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Cabs in London.

[7th August 1896.]

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:

Penalties for defrauding cabmen.

1. If any person commits any of the following offences with respect to a cab, namely:—

(*a*) hires a cab, knowing or having reason to believe that he cannot pay the lawful fare, or with intent to avoid payment of the lawful fare; or

(*b*) fraudulently endeavours to avoid payment of a fare lawfully due from him; or

(*c*) having failed or refused to pay a fare lawfully due from him, either refuses to give to the driver an address at which he can be found, or, with intent to deceive, gives a false address,

he shall be liable on summary conviction to pay, in addition to the lawful fare, a fine not exceeding forty shillings, or, in the discretion of the court, to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding fourteen days; and the whole or any part of any fine imposed may be applied in compensation to the driver.