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Expiring Laws Bill, 1946

Enactments to be continued and the reasons for continuation.

1. The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868
2. The Corrupt Practices Commission Expenses Act, 1869

The two Acts relate to the trial of election petitions and should be continued pending the codification of the electoral law. A preliminary investigation of the existing electoral law with a view to its ultimate codification is being completed in the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

3. The Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883

This Act is the basis of the Labourers Acts Code which enables Sanitary Authorities to carry out improvement schemes for providing houses for agricultural labourers. The Public Health Acts give power to borrow for the purpose of the Labourers Acts. The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, in addition to simplifying preliminary procedure in regard to acquisition of land, provide for the payment of subsidies in respect of the erection of labourers cottages. The Labourers Act, 1936, enables local authorities to sell the cottages to the tenants.

A Bill to codify the Housing of the Working Classes Acts and Labourers Acts is being prepared, and it is hoped to have it ready in the course of next year.

4. The Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918

This Act enables certain Statutory Undertakings to apply for leave to increase their charges above the amount authorised by Statute. The only reason for continuing the Act now is to enable sanitary authorities to avail themselves of its provisions in regard to charges for supplying water. The preparation of a permanent measure to replace the provisions of the Act is in progress.



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5. Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925

This Act makes provisions for the purchase of commodities by local Authorities from Contractors appointed officially with a view to the obtaining of such commodities by Local Authorities at the lowest possible price and for other matters connected therewith. Provision is made in the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1939, for the repeal of the 1925 Act, but it is not proposed to bring the 1939 Act into operation until manufactured articles and goods required by local bodies are in regular supply.

6. The Local Government Act, 1941 - Section 65

Section 65 of this Act relates to temporary borrowing by Local Authorities for current expenses. Normally any such borrowing must be repaid out of revenue of the local authority received in respect of the financial year in which the expenses were incurred. Section 65 permits the period of repayment to be extended up to 10 years, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in respect of moneys borrowed during the continuance of the Section. The Section will expire on 31st December, 1946, and it is desired to continue it for a further period, pending consideration of a comprehensive bill dealing with borrowing by local authorities.

Samhain, 1946



Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1932

The Act makes provisions for the purchase of commodities by local authorities from contractors appointed officially with a view to the obtaining of such commodities by local authorities at the lowest possible price and for other matters connected therewith. Provision is made in the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1932, for the repeal of the 1925 Act, but it is not proposed to bring the 1932 Act into operation until manufactured articles and goods required by local bodies are in regular supply.

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