



CHAPTER 48.

An Act to amend the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1914, A.D. 1919.
with respect to the Hours of Employment below Ground. —
[15th August 1919.]

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 :

1. The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, in its application to mines in which coal is worked shall have effect subject to the following modifications—

Reduction of
hours of em-
ployment
below ground.
8 Edw. 7. c. 57.

- (a) as from the sixteenth day of July nineteen hundred and nineteen, this Act shall have effect as if in subsections (1) and (2) of section one thereof for "eight hours" there were substituted "seven hours," and as if in proviso (a) to subsection (7) of section one thereof for "nine hours and a half" there were substituted "eight hours"; and
- (b) if, after the end of the year nineteen hundred and twenty, a Resolution is passed by both Houses of Parliament that the economic position of the coal industry is such as to allow a further reduction of working hours, then, as from the thirteenth day of July nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the Act shall have effect as if in subsections (1) and (2) of section one thereof for "eight hours" there were substituted "six hours," and as if in proviso (a) to subsection (7) of section one thereof for "nine hours and a half" there were substituted "seven hours"; and
- (c) in proviso (a) to subsection (7) of section one thereof the word "onsetter" shall be omitted :

Provided that the Secretary of State, after consultation with the workmen affected or their representatives, may, in the case of persons employed on work which requires to be carried on continuously by day and night, allow them to be employed

A.D. 1919. below ground for not more than eight hours during any
consecutive twenty-four hours.

Short title and
extent.

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Coal Mines Act, 1919, and the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1914, and this Act may be cited together as the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1919.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Ireland unless and until applied thereto by Order in Council, and any such Order may provide that in the application of this Act to Ireland such later dates as may be fixed by the Order shall be substituted for the dates mentioned in section one.

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