

8. After Part VII. of the Principal Act the following Part and sections are inserted :—

“PART VIII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

“35.—(1.) All referendum papers provided for by this Act or the regulations may, subject to the postal regulations, be transmitted through the post free of charge. Referendum papers to be sent free by post.

“(2.) All referendum papers posted for transmission by post and properly addressed shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be deemed to have been duly received by the addressees thereof on the days when in the ordinary course of post they should have been so received.

“36.—(1.) Forms A, B, and D in the Schedule are repealed. Forms.

“(2.) Form C in the Schedule may from time to time be altered by the regulations.

“(3.) If Form C in the Schedule is altered by the regulations, any reference in this Act to that form shall be deemed to be a reference to that form as so altered.”

INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS NO. 2.

No. 21 of 1909.

An Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908*.

[Assented to 13th December, 1909.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1909 No. 2*. Short title and citation.

(2.) Sub-section (3) of section one of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1909* is repealed.

(3.) The *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908*, as amended by the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1909* and by this Act, may be cited as the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1909*.

Amendment of
definition of
word Income.

2. The definition of the word "Income" in section four of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908* is amended—

(a) by adding to paragraph (b) thereof at the end of that paragraph the word "or", and

(b) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph :—

"(c) By way of allowance under the Miners Accident Relief Act 1900 of the State of New South Wales."

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 22 of 1909.

An Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

[Assented to 13th December, 1909.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *High Commissioner Act 1909*.

High
Commissioner.
See Can. 49 Vic.
c. 16, s. 1.
Vict. No. 1061,
s. 3.

Term of office.
Vict. ib. s. 5.

2. The Governor-General may appoint some person to be the High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

3.—(1.) The High Commissioner shall be appointed to hold office, subject to this Act, for a period not exceeding five years from the date of appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2.) The High Commissioner may at any time be removed from office by the Governor-General for misbehaviour or incapacity, or upon a joint address of both Houses of the Parliament.

Duties of the
High
Commissioner.
See Can.
ib. s. 2.

4. The High Commissioner shall—

(a) act as representative and resident agent of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom, and in that capacity exercise such powers and perform such duties as are conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor-General ;

(b) carry out such instructions as he receives from the Minister respecting the commercial, financial, and general interests of the Commonwealth and the States in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.