



CHAPTER xiv.

An Act to extend the limits of supply of the City of Chichester Gas Company to authorise that Company to raise additional capital and for other purposes.

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[2nd June 1911.]

WHEREAS by the Chichester Gas Act 1868 (hereinafter called "the Act of 1868") the City of Chichester Gas Company (in this Act called "the Company") was incorporated for the purpose of supplying gas within the parishes and places following (that is to say) The parish of Saint Peter the Great (otherwise called the Sub-Deanery) All Saints (otherwise called the Pallant or Palationate) Saint Martin Saint Olave Saint Pancras Saint Peter the Less Saint Bartholomew Without Saint Andrew the Precinct of the Cathedral Close and the district of Newtown and the district of Saint James all which parishes and places are in the city of Chichester and county of Sussex and the parishes of Saint Pancras New Fishbourne Oving Rumboldswyke Appledram West Hampnett and Tangmere all in the county of Sussex and the Company was by the Act of 1868 empowered to raise capital not exceeding in amount eighteen thousand pounds and to borrow sums not exceeding four thousand five hundred pounds:

And whereas by the Chichester Gas Order 1881 (confirmed by the Gas Orders Confirmation Act 1881 and hereinafter referred to as "the Order of 1881") the Company was authorised to raise additional capital not exceeding in amount inclusive of any premiums received on the sale thereof ten thousand pounds and to borrow sums not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds:

And whereas by the Chichester Gas Order 1906 (confirmed by the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act 1906 and hereinafter

A.D. 1911. referred to as "the Order of 1906") the Company was authorised to raise additional capital not exceeding in amount inclusive of any premiums received on the sale thereof twenty-five thousand pounds and to borrow any sum not exceeding one-third part of the amount of the additional capital by the Order of 1906 authorised to be raised and at the time actually issued by shares or stock :

And whereas the whole of the capital authorised by the Act of 1868 has been issued and is now represented by the sum of eighteen thousand pounds of A capital stock entitled to a maximum dividend of ten per centum per annum :

And whereas the capital of ten thousand pounds authorised by the Order of 1881 has been raised by the issue of shares to the nominal amount of six thousand and eighty pounds now represented by the sum of six thousand and eighty pounds of B capital stock entitled to a maximum dividend of seven per centum per annum the premiums on the issue of the said capital having amounted to three thousand nine hundred and twenty pounds :

And whereas of the capital of twenty-five thousand pounds authorised by the Order of 1906 there has been issued capital of the nominal amount of thirteen thousand pounds now represented by the sum of thirteen thousand pounds of C capital stock entitled to a maximum dividend of seven per centum per annum the premiums on the issue whereof have amounted to three thousand and eighty-five pounds leaving a sum of eight thousand nine hundred and fifteen pounds inclusive of premiums to be raised :

And whereas the Company has raised a sum of nine thousand and thirty pounds by the issue of debenture stock :

And whereas it is expedient that the limits of supply of the Company should be extended so as to include the parishes of Bosham Chidham Funtington Boxgrove Lavant Merston and West Stoke all in the county of Sussex :

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to raise additional capital for the purposes of this Act and for the general purposes of its undertaking :

And whereas it is expedient that the further powers should be conferred upon the Company as in this Act provided :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and 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 (that is to say):—

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1. This Act may be cited as the Chichester Gas Act 1911. Short title.

2. The following Acts and parts of Acts (so far as they are applicable for the purposes of and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act) are hereby incorporated with this Act (that is to say):—

Incorporation of Acts.

The provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with reference to the following matters (that is to say):—

The distribution of the capital of the Company into shares;

The transfer or transmission of shares;

The payment of subscriptions and the means of enforcing the payment of calls;

The forfeiture of shares for non-payment of calls;

The remedies of creditors of the Company against the shareholders;

The borrowing of money by the Company on mortgage or bond;

The consolidation of the shares into stock;

The general meetings of the Company and the exercise of the right of voting by the shareholders;

The making of dividends;

The giving of notices;

The provision to be made for affording access to the special Act by all parties interested:

Part I. (relating to cancellation and surrender of shares)

Part II. (relating to additional capital) and Part III.

(relating to debenture stock) of the Companies Clauses

Act 1863 as amended by subsequent Acts the Gasworks

Clauses Acts 1847 and 1871 provided that section 13 of the

former Act shall be read as if the words "or any premises"

were inserted after the words "private building" and as if

the words "Provided also that every such contract entered

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“ into by the Company shall be alike in terms and amount
 “ under like circumstances to all consumers ” were added at
 the end of that section.

Interpreta-
tion.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith shall have the same respective meanings unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction.

Extension
of limits of
supply.

4. From and after the passing of this Act the limits of the Company for the supply of gas shall extend to and include the following parishes (that is to say):—

In the rural district of Westbourne in the county of Sussex—

The parishes of Bosham Chidham and Funtington :

In the rural district of West Hampnett in the said county—

The parishes of Boxgrove Lavant Merston and West Stoke :

And the Company may subject to the provisions herein contained within such parishes exercise all such powers as they are by the Act of 1868 the Order of 1881 and the Order of 1906 authorised to exercise in relation to the supply of gas within the limits defined by the said Act and Orders.

Price of gas
in added area.

5. Notwithstanding anything in section 27 of the Order of 1906 contained the Company may within the parishes named in the section of this Act the marginal note whereof is “ Extension of limits of supply ” charge for gas supplied by it to persons who shall burn the same by meter any price not exceeding by more than sixpence per one thousand cubic feet the price charged within the limits defined by the Act of 1868.

Additional
capital.

6. The Company may from time to time raise additional capital not exceeding in the whole twenty thousand pounds by the creation and issue of C capital stock to rank pari passu with the existing C capital stock of the Company or by the creation and issue of preference shares or stock or wholly or partially by one or more of those modes respectively but the Company shall not issue any stock of less nominal value than five pounds nor any share of less nominal value than ten pounds Provided that it shall not be lawful for the Company to create and issue under the powers of this Act any greater nominal amount of capital than shall be sufficient to produce including

any premiums which may be obtained upon the sale thereof the sum of twenty thousand pounds Provided also that the Company shall not raise by the issue of preference shares or stock a greater amount of such additional capital than ten thousand pounds.

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7. The capital in new shares or stock created by the Company under this Act and the new shares or stock therein and the holders thereof respectively shall be subject and entitled to the same powers provisions liabilities rights privileges and incidents whatsoever in all respects as if that capital were part of the now existing capital of the Company of the same class or description and the new shares or stock were shares or stock in that capital.

New shares or stock to be subject to same incidents as other shares or stock.

8. The capital in new shares or stock so created shall form part of the capital of the Company.

New shares or stock to form part of capital of Company.

9. Every person who becomes entitled to new shares or stock shall in respect of the same be a holder of shares or stock in the Company and shall be entitled to a dividend with the other holders of shares or stock of the same class or description proportioned to the whole amount from time to time called up and paid on such new shares or to the whole amount of such stock as the case may be.

Dividends on new shares or stock.

10. Except as otherwise expressly provided by the resolution creating the same no person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any new shares or stock to which a preferential dividend shall be assigned.

Restriction as to votes in respect of preferential shares or stock.

11.—(1) All shares or stock created under the powers of this Act shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of this section.

New shares or stock to be sold by auction or tender.

(2) All shares or stock so to be issued shall be offered for sale by public auction or tender in such manner at such times and subject to such conditions of sale as the Company shall from time to time determine Provided as follows:—

(A) Notice of the intended sale shall be given in writing to the town clerk of the city of Chichester to the clerk of the council of every district wholly or partially included in the limits of supply of the Company and to the secretary of the London Stock Exchange at least twenty-eight days before the day of auction or

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the last day for the reception of tenders as the case may be and shall also be duly advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating within the said limits:

- (B) A reserve price shall be fixed and notice thereof shall be sent by the Company in a sealed letter to be received by the Board of Trade not less than twenty-four hours before but not to be opened till after the day of auction or last day for the receipt of tenders as the case may be:
- (C) No lot offered for sale shall comprise shares or stock of greater nominal value than one hundred pounds:
- (D) In the case of a sale by tender no preference shall be given to one of two or more persons tendering the same sum. In the case of a sale by auction a bid shall not be recognised unless it is in advance of the last preceding bid:
- (E) It shall be one of the conditions of sale that the total sum payable by the purchaser shall be paid to the Company within three months after the date of the auction or of the acceptance of the tender as the case may be.

(3) Any shares or stock which have been so offered for sale and are not sold may be offered at the reserve price to the holders of ordinary and preference shares or stock of the Company in accordance with the provisions of sections 18 19 and 20 of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 and to the employees of the Company and to the consumers of gas supplied by the Company in such proportions as the Company may think fit or to one or more of these classes of persons only. Provided in the case of an offer to holders of shares or stock that if the aggregate amount of shares or stock applied for shall exceed the aggregate amount so offered as aforesaid the same shall be allotted to and distributed amongst the applicants as nearly as may be in proportion to the amounts applied for by them respectively.

(4) Any shares or stock which have been offered for sale in accordance with subsection 2 or with subsections 2 and 3 and are not sold shall be again offered for sale by public auction or by tender in accordance with the provisions of this section and any such shares or stock then remaining unsold may be otherwise disposed of at such price and in such manner as the

directors may determine for the purpose of realising the best price obtainable. A.D. 1911.

(5) As soon as possible after the conclusion of the sale or sales the Company shall send a report thereof to the Board of Trade stating the total amount of the respective shares or stock sold the total amount obtained as premium (if any) and the highest and lowest prices obtained for the respective shares or stock.

12. The Company shall not in any year declare or make out of their profits any larger dividends on such part of the new capital by this Act authorised to be raised as may be issued as preference capital than six pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid up thereon. Limit of dividend on new capital.

13. The Company may subject to the provisions of this Act borrow on mortgage of the undertaking any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one-third part of the amount of the additional capital which at the time of borrowing has been raised under the powers of this Act. But no sum shall be borrowed in respect of any capital so raised until the Company has proved to a justice of the peace before he gives his certificate under the fortieth section of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 that the whole of the stock or shares at the time issued together with the premium (if any) realised on the sale thereof have been fully paid up. Power to borrow.

14. Section 22 (For appointment of receiver) of the Order of 1906 is hereby repealed but without prejudice to any appointment heretofore made or to any proceedings pending at the passing of this Act and in lieu thereof the mortgagees of the undertaking may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal or principal and interest due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver and in order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less than two thousand pounds in the whole. Appoint-ment of receiver.

15. The Company may create and issue debenture stock subject to the provisions of Part III. of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 and of section 18 of the Order of 1906. Debenture stock.

16. All moneys raised under this Act including premiums shall be applied only to purposes to which capital is properly applicable and any sum of money which may arise by way of Application of moneys.

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Stock only to be transferable in multiples of one pound.

17. The Company shall not be obliged to register any transfer of stock of any class (including debenture stock) other than a transfer of one pound or a multiple of one pound of such stock except where such transfer is a transfer of the whole amount of stock of such class held by the transferor nor except as aforesaid shall the Company be obliged to register any transfer of stock which would involve the separate holding of a less amount of stock of any class than five pounds.

For protection of county council of West Sussex.

18. In exercising the powers by this Act authorised and conferred so far as the same affect roads bridges and other property vested in or under the jurisdiction of the county council of West Sussex (in this section referred to as "the council") the following provisions for the protection of the council shall unless otherwise agreed between the council and the Company have effect (that is to say) :—

- (1) All mains pipes and works to be laid in or along any main road for the time being repairable by the council or in upon or across any county or main road bridge vested in the council or any roadway over the same or approaches thereto so repairable shall be laid in such position in or at the side thereof and at such depth as the council in writing under the hand of their surveyor may reasonably direct:
- (2) The provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the breaking up of streets for the purpose of laying pipes shall subject to the provisions of this section extend and apply to any such main roads and county or main road bridges and any such roadway over the same and any such approaches thereto and to all other property of the council opened and broken up or interfered with by the Company in the exercise of the powers of this Act Provided that the notice required by the eighth section of that Act shall (except for laying connecting or repairing consumers' service pipes as to which three days' notice shall be given and except in cases of accidental leakage or burst or other emergency in which case no notice shall be required) be not less than in the case of any such bridge or any such approaches

thereto fourteen days instead of three days and in all other cases seven days instead of three days: A.D. 1911.

- (3) If the Company in the execution of any works in or affecting any such road street bridge or roadway as aforesaid shall cause any damage injury or disturbance to such road street bridge or roadway and shall neglect or refuse to make good all such damage injury or disturbance to the reasonable satisfaction of the council then it shall be lawful for the council after reasonable notice to the Company of the alleged neglect or refusal and of the works which they propose to execute to do all works necessary for making good all such damage injury or disturbance and the Company shall repay to the council all costs charges and expenses which the council shall reasonably and properly incur in carrying out such works including all reasonable expense of superintendence:
- (4) Nothing in this Act contained shall interfere with prejudice or affect the right of the council to alter the level of or deviate or improve in any manner they think fit any main road in or along which any mains pipes or works of the Company shall have been laid and the Company shall forthwith on receiving notice in writing under the hand of the clerk or surveyor to the council so to do alter the position of any such mains pipes or works in the manner and to the extent prescribed by such notice or as in case of difference shall be determined by arbitration in the manner hereinafter prescribed and the council shall repay to the Company the expense reasonably incurred by the Company in effecting any such alteration of the position of any such mains pipes or works:
- (5) Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the right of the council at any time to remove alter rebuild widen or repair any county or main road bridge or the approaches thereto or the roadway over the same in over or attached to which any mains pipes or works of the Company are carried in the same manner as the council might have removed altered rebuilt widened or repaired such bridge or the roadway over the same or the approaches thereto

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if such Act had not passed and such mains pipes or works had not been laid in over or attached to such bridge approaches or roadway and the council shall not make any compensation to the Company for any expense or loss to which the Company may be put by reason or in consequence of any such removal alteration rebuilding widening or reparation and in the event of any such bridge or the roadway over the same or the approaches thereto in over or attached to which any such mains pipes or works are laid being removed altered rebuilt widened or repaired as aforesaid the Company shall at its own cost in all things alter the position of any works by which such mains or pipes are carried in over or attached to such bridge or the roadway over the same or the approaches thereto as aforesaid. Provided that during the removal alteration rebuilding widening or reparation of such bridge or the roadway over the same or the approaches thereto as aforesaid the council shall afford to the Company all reasonable facilities for temporarily carrying such mains pipes and works across any stream or river so as not to interrupt the continuous supply of gas or to diminish the pressure of such supply through such mains or pipes and the Company may carry such mains and pipes accordingly and shall reimburse the council all reasonable expenses incurred by the council in affording such facilities:

- (6) If any difference at any time arises between the council and the Company touching this section or anything to be done or not to be done thereunder such difference shall be settled by an arbitrator to be agreed upon between them or failing such agreement to be appointed on the application of either party by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers and subject as aforesaid the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1889 shall apply to any such reference to arbitration as aforesaid.

For protec-
tion of
London
Brighton
and South

19. For the protection of the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Brighton Company") the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the exercise by the Company within the parishes by this Act

added to the existing limits of supply of the powers by this Act conferred upon the Company:—

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Coast Rail-
way Com-
pany.

- (1) All works executed in pursuance of this Act or of any Act incorporated therewith and involving interference with or in any way affecting the railways bridges roads approaches level crossings works lands and property of the Brighton Company (hereinafter together referred to as "the railways of the Brighton Company") and all works of maintenance repair renewal and removal involving such interference or affection (the said works executed in pursuance of this Act or of any incorporated Act and the said works of maintenance repair renewal or removal being hereinafter referred to as "the said works") shall be done under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the principal engineer of the Brighton Company (hereinafter referred to as "the engineer") and according to plans to be previously submitted to and approved by him in writing within one month after such submission or in the case of difference as may be determined by arbitration in manner hereinafter provided:
- (2) The said works shall be done by and at the expense of the Company who shall restore and make good to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer any portion of the railways of the Brighton Company which may be disturbed or interfered with and the said works shall be carried out so as to cause as little injury as may be to the railways of the Brighton Company and so as not to cause any interference with the passage or conduct of traffic thereover Provided nevertheless that if the engineer shall think it necessary that the said works or any of them shall be done or carried out by the Brighton Company and shall notify such desire to the Company the said works in respect of which the engineer shall have notified such desire shall be done or carried out by the Brighton Company accordingly at the cost of the Company and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company's engineer:
- (3) The Company shall bear and on demand pay to the Brighton Company all costs of the superintendence by the engineer of the said works when the same

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are done or carried out by the Company and all proper costs of watching lighting and protection of the railways of the Brighton Company during the carrying out of the said works but such superintendence by the Brighton Company shall not relieve the Company from liability for any accident which may be occasioned by or through the said works or by its contractors agents and workmen :

- (4) If any injury to or interruption of the traffic of the Brighton Company shall arise from or be in any way owing to the said works or to the bursting leakage or failure of any mains pipes apparatus or works of the Company the Company shall make full compensation to the Brighton Company in respect thereof :
- (5) The Company shall from time to time pay to the Brighton Company any additional expense which the Brighton Company may incur in effecting any repair renewal widening or alteration of the railways of the Brighton Company by reason of the existence of any mains pipes apparatus or works of the Company in over upon across or under the railways of the Brighton Company :
- (6) The Brighton Company may at any time or times hereafter upon giving to the Company not less than twenty-one days' notice thereof in writing signed by the engineer call upon the Company to divert or alter the level of any main pipe apparatus or other work of the Company passing in over upon across or under or in any way affecting the railways of the Brighton Company so as to admit of any repairs renewals widenings or alterations of the railways of the Brighton Company which it may think necessary without being liable to pay the costs of such diversion or alteration or to pay any compensation in respect thereof :
- (7) Any dispute or difference which may arise between the Company and the Brighton Company with reference to the provisions of this section or in any way arising thereout or as to any works to be carried out in pursuance thereof shall be settled by arbitration by an engineer to be agreed upon between the Company

and the Brighton Company or failing agreement by an engineer to be appointed by the Board of Trade on the application of the Company and the Brighton Company or either of them. A.D. 1911.

20. The following sections of the Act of 1868 are hereby repealed (that is to say):— Repeal of provisions of Act of 1868.

Section 33 (Consumers may be required to consume by meter);

Section 34 (Register of meters *prima facie* evidence);

Section 36 (Quality and purity of Company's gas);

Section 37 (How sulphur in Company's gas to be estimated);

Section 39 (Company to erect a meter to test quality of gas);

Section 40 (Power to test the illuminating power of the gas);

Section 41 (Cost of experiments to be paid according to events);

Section 43 (Company to supply gas in certain event at request of owner or occupier);

Section 44 (Security for payment of rate);

Section 45 (Justices may determine nature of security);

Section 47 (Fraudulently injuring meters);

Section 60 (Power to remove meters and fittings);

Section 61 (Incoming tenant not liable to pay arrears of gas);

Section 63 (Contents of warrant);

Section 64 (Warrant may include costs);

Section 65 (Recovery of sums by action);

Section 66 (Penalties not cumulative);

Section 67 (Liability to gas rate not to disqualify justices); and

Section 68 (Rent for gas and fittings under £20).

21. From and after the passing of this Act the sums of money damages costs and expenses specified in section 62 of the Act of 1868 shall cease to be recoverable in the manner in the said section provided but the Company may recover any sums of money due to it for the hire or fixing of fittings in the manner provided by section 40 of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871. Recovery of sums due.

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Testing.

22.—(1) For the purposes of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 the prescribed testing place shall be the testing place already provided by the Company at its works.

(2) The quality of the gas supplied by the Company shall with respect to its illuminating power be such as to produce at the testing place when burned at the rate of five cubic feet per hour a light equal in intensity to the light produced by fourteen sperm candles of six to the pound each consuming one hundred and twenty grains of sperm per hour and shall be in all respects in accordance with the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871.

(3) For testing the illuminating power of the gas the burner to be used shall be that known as the Metropolitan Argand No. 2 the photometer shall be the bar photometer the standard light shall be that supplied by Harcourt's ten-candle pentane lamp and in making the test the burner shall be so used as to obtain from the gas when burned at the rate aforesaid the greatest amount of light. Provided that the Board of Trade may on the application of the Company or the local authority approve the use of any other burner photometer or standard light which may appear to the Board to be equally or more suitable for the testing.

(4) The Company shall within three months after the passing of this Act provide all the apparatus required by this Act for the testing of gas and shall at all times keep the same in proper order and repair.

Power to lay pipes in streets not dedicated to public use.

23. The Company may on the application of the owner or occupier of any premises within the limits of supply as extended by this Act abutting on or being erected in any street or road laid out or made but not dedicated to public use supply such premises with gas and may lay and from time to time take up alter relay or renew in across or along such street or road such pipes as may be requisite or proper for the furnishing such supply and the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the breaking up of streets for the purpose of laying pipes and for the protection of pipes when laid so far as they are respectively applicable shall extend and apply mutatis mutandis to and for the purposes of this section.

Power to lay down and utilise pipes for ancillary purposes.

24. The Company may lay down place repair alter remove and renew mains pipes and culverts within the limits of supply as extended by this Act for the purpose of procuring conducting

or disposing of any oil or other materials used by it in or resulting from any manufacture of gas or any residual products thereof or for any purpose connected with its business and the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the breaking up of streets for the purpose of laying pipes and for the protection of pipes when laid shall so far as applicable extend and apply to the laying down and placing repairing altering or removing and protection of such mains pipes and culverts.

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25. In order to enable the Company to ensure a satisfactory supply of gas to its consumers the following provisions shall have effect:—

As to construction and placing of pipes &c. between mains and meters.

- (1) The Company may specify the size and material of the pipes with the fittings thereof which are to be laid by the consumer either in the first instance or on the occasion of any renewal between the Company's mains and the meter and (so far as the same are intended to be covered over) on the consumer's premises:
- (2) The Company may if it thinks fit make different specifications for different classes of premises having regard to the probable maximum consumption of gas thereon at any one time:
- (3) The specification shall be published twice in some newspaper circulating within the limits of supply and a copy thereof shall be kept exhibited in the office of the Company:
- (4) Every meter to be used in a new building or a building not previously supplied with gas or in connection with a new or substituted pipe laid by the consumer between the main and the consumer's meter shall be placed as near as reasonably practicable to the Company's main but within the outside wall of the building:
- (5) When any such pipe or meter as aforesaid has been laid or placed notice thereof shall be given to the Company and the pipe shall not be covered over until after the expiration of twenty-four hours from the service of such notice on the Company Any officer of the Company duly appointed may between nine o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon attend and inspect such pipes (with their fittings) and meter and if the officer is not permitted to make the inspection or if the pipes or fittings are

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not according to the Company's specification or if the meter is not placed as required by this section the Company may refuse to supply gas to the premises until the provisions of this section have been complied with:

- (6) Any person to whom the Company refuses a supply of gas under the provisions of this section may appeal to a petty sessional court against such refusal and the court may after hearing the parties and considering any questions as to the reasonableness of the Company's specification make such order as seems to them proper in the circumstances and may order by which of the parties the costs of and incident to the appeal shall be paid.

Power to enter premises and remove fittings.

26. The power to enter premises and to remove pipes meters fittings or apparatus conferred upon the Company by section 22 of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 shall extend to all cases in which any person entering into occupation of any premises previously supplied with gas by the Company shall not require to take a supply of gas from the Company or to hire from the Company all or any of the pipes meters fittings or apparatus belonging to the Company and let by it on hire to any former occupier of such premises.

Company may contract with local authority &c. for supply in bulk.

27. The Company may contract with any local authority company or persons supplying gas under Parliamentary powers in any district adjacent to the Company's limits of supply for the supply to them respectively of gas in bulk upon such terms and conditions and for such periods not exceeding in any case seven years from the making of the contract as may be agreed upon but nothing in this section shall authorise the Company to lay any mains or interfere with any street beyond its limits of supply.

Anti-fluctuators for gas engines.

28. Every consumer of gas supplied by the Company who uses a gas engine shall if required to do so by the Company use an effective anti-fluctuator together with an effective non-return valve and shall at all times at his own expense keep such anti-fluctuator and valve in proper order and in default of his so doing the Company may cease to supply gas to such consumer The Company shall have access to and be at liberty to take off remove test inspect and replace any such anti-fluctuator and valve at all reasonable times such taking off

removal testing inspecting and replacing to be done at the expense of the Company if the anti-fluctuator and valve be found in proper order but otherwise at the expense of the consumer. A.D. 1911.

29. The Company may purchase or take on lease houses cottages and other buildings for persons in its employ and offices showrooms and other buildings for the purposes of its undertaking and may erect maintain and let any such buildings upon any lands for the time being belonging or leased to the Company. Dwelling-houses for persons in Company's employ.

30. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company and may in whole or in part be charged against revenue. Costs of Act.

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