



CHAPTER lxxvi.

An Act to confirm the construction of widenings of the existing pier and to authorise the construction of a work in and adjoining the urban district of Weston-super-Mare in the county of Somerset and for other purposes.

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[12th July 1932.]

WHEREAS the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Company Limited (in this Act called "the Company") under an indenture made in pursuance of the provisions of the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Act 1916 (in this Act called "the Act of 1916") between the senior official receiver and the Company dated the fourth day of July nineteen hundred and nineteen are the owners of and carry on the existing pier and pier undertaking situate in and adjoining the urban district of Weston-super-Mare in the county of Somerset and authorised by the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Acts 1893 to 1916:

And whereas it is expedient that the construction by the Company of the widenings and the acquisition of the lands and foreshore or rights in connection therewith in this Act mentioned in that behalf should be sanctioned and confirmed and that the Company should be empowered to make and maintain the work authorised by this Act and to acquire the lands and foreshore or rights and easements in and on the same necessary for the construction and maintenance of such work:

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And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act be enacted :

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas plans and sections of the widenings by this Act sanctioned and confirmed and of the lands and foreshore acquired by the Company and of the work authorised by this Act showing the lines and levels thereof respectively and also a book of reference containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of the lands required or which may be taken or used compulsorily for the purposes or under the powers of this Act were duly deposited with the clerk of the county council of Somerset and are in this Act respectively referred to as the deposited plans sections and book of reference :

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 :—

Short and
collective
titles.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Act 1932* and the *Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Acts 1893 to 1916* and this Act may be cited together as the *Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Acts 1893 to 1932*.

Incorporation
of Acts.

2. The following Acts (so far as the same are applicable for the purposes and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act) are hereby incorporated with this Act (namely) :—

(1) The Land Clauses Acts;

(2) The Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 except sections 12 13 16 17 18 19 25 26 and 77 :

Provided that in the application to this Act of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 the expressions "packet boat or Post Office packet" and "Post Office bag of letters" used in that Act shall mean respectively a vessel employed by or under

the Post Office or the Admiralty for the conveyance under contract of postal packets as defined by the Post Office Act 1908 and a mail bag as defined by the same Act: A.D. 1932.

Provided also that nothing in the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 or in this Act shall exempt from rates duties regulations or control any such vessel as aforesaid if she also conveys passengers or goods for hire.

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

(2) In this Act unless the subject or context otherwise requires—

“The Company” means the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Company Limited;

“The pier” means the existing pier (including the approach thereto) and works of the Company constructed under the authority of the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Acts 1893 to 1916 together with the widenings the construction whereof is by this Act sanctioned and confirmed and the works authorised by and constructed under this Act;

“The existing widenings” means the widenings on the north and south side of the existing pier at or near the western end shown on the deposited plans and described thereon as Widenings Nos. 1 and 2 the construction of which is sanctioned and confirmed by this Act;

“The pavilion site” means that part of the existing pier formerly occupied by a pavilion together with the existing widenings;

“The work” means the work authorised by the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is “Power to construct work”;

“The council” means the urban district council of Weston-super-Mare;

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“The Act of 1893” means the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Act 1893;

“The Act of 1916” means the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Act 1916.

Confirming construction of existing widenings and acquisition of lands therefor.

4. The construction by the Company of the existing widenings is hereby sanctioned and confirmed and the Company may maintain repair renew and improve the same as part of their pier undertaking and the acquisition by the Company of the lands shown on the deposited plans for the purposes of the existing widenings is hereby sanctioned and confirmed and the Company may retain hold and use such lands for the purposes of their pier undertaking.

Acquisition of lands.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may purchase or otherwise acquire enter on take appropriate and use such of the lands and foreshore in and adjoining the urban district of Weston-super-Mare in the county of Somerset delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference as may be required for the works by this Act authorised.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

6. The powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of this Act shall cease after the expiration of five years from the first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

Power to construct work.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may in the lines and according to the levels shown on the deposited plans and sections relating thereto make and maintain in and adjoining the urban district of Weston-super-Mare in the county of Somerset the following work (namely) :—

Work No. 1 An extension of openwork construction of the pier at the western end for a landing stage.

Power to deviate.

8. In constructing the work the Company may deviate laterally from the lines thereof as shown on the deposited plans to any extent not exceeding the limits of deviation shown on those plans and they may deviate vertically from the levels of the work as shown on the deposited sections to any extent not exceeding two feet

upwards or to any extent downwards Provided that no deviation either lateral or vertical below high-water mark shall be made without the consent in writing of the Board of Trade. A.D. 1932.
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9. If the works authorised by this Act are not completed within seven years from the thirty-first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty-two then on the expiration of that period the powers by this Act granted to the Company for executing those works or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed But nothing in this section contained shall restrict the Company from at any time carrying out such works as may be necessary for the maintenance of so much of the works as shall be completed within the said period. Period for completion of works.

10. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may erect construct and maintain whether temporarily or permanently all such piles caissons coffer-dams moorings buoys and other works and conveniences as may be requisite or expedient for the purposes of or in connection with the construction and maintenance of the work. Power to construct subsidiary works.

11.—(1) The Company shall on or near the pier or such part thereof as shall be below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides during the whole time of the construction alteration or extension of the same exhibit and keep burning every night from sunset to sunrise such lights (if any) and take such other steps for the prevention of danger to navigation as the Board of Trade shall from time to time require or approve. Lights on works during construction.

(2) If the Company fail to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section they shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to an additional penalty not exceeding two pounds for every day on which after conviction thereof they so fail.

12.—(1) After the completion of the pier the Company shall at the outer extremity thereof below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides exhibit and keep burning every night from sunset to sunrise such Permanent lights on works.

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(2) If the Company fail to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section they shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to an additional penalty not exceeding two pounds for every day on which after conviction thereof they so fail.

Provision
against
danger to
navigation.

13.—(1) In case of injury to or destruction or decay of the pier or any part thereof so far as the same shall be on under or over any tidal waters or tidal lands below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides the Company shall lay down such buoys exhibit such lights or take such other means for preventing so far as may be danger to navigation as shall from time to time be directed by the Corporation of Trinity House Deptford Strond and shall apply to that Corporation for directions as to the means to be taken.

(2) If the Company fail to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section they shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to an additional penalty not exceeding one pound for every day during which they omit after conviction thereof so to apply or refuse or neglect to obey any direction given in reference to the means to be taken.

Abatement
of work
abandoned
or decayed.

14.—(1) In the event of such part of the pier as is situate wholly or partially on under or over the shore or bed of the sea or of any creek bay arm of the sea or navigable river communicating therewith below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides being abandoned or suffered to fall into decay the Board of Trade may by notice in writing either require the Company at their own expense to repair and restore the same or any portion thereof or require them to abate or remove the same and restore the site thereof to its former condition to such an extent and within such limits as the Board of Trade may think proper.

(2) Where any part of the pier which has been abandoned or suffered to fall into decay is situate above the high-water mark of ordinary spring tides and is in

such condition as to interfere or to cause reasonable apprehension that the same may interfere with the right of navigation or other public rights over the foreshore the Board of Trade may include any such part of the pier or any portion thereof in any notice under this section. A.D. 1932.

(3) If during the period of thirty days from the date when the notice is served upon the Company they have failed to comply with such notice the Board of Trade may execute all or any part of the work required to be done by the notice at the expense of the Company and the amount of such expense shall be a debt due from the Company to the Crown and shall be recoverable either as a debt due to the Crown or summarily as a civil debt.

15. If at any time the Board of Trade deems it expedient to order a survey and examination of such part of the pier as shall be on under or over tidal waters or tidal lands below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides or of the site upon which it is proposed to construct the same the Company shall defray the expense of the survey and examination and the amount thereof shall be a debt due from the Company to the Crown and shall be recoverable either as a debt due to the Crown or by the Board of Trade summarily as a civil debt. Survey of works by Board of Trade.

16.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the pier shall only be constructed so far as the same shall be on under or over tidal waters or tidal lands below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides in accordance with plans and sections approved by the Board of Trade under the hand of one of the secretaries or assistant secretaries of the Board of Trade and subject to such restrictions and regulations as the said Board may prescribe before the same is begun. Works below high-water mark to be subject to approval of Board of Trade.

(2) Any alteration or extension of the pier shall be subject to the like approval.

(3) If any part of the pier be commenced or completed contrary to the provisions of this section the Board of Trade may abate and remove the same and restore the site thereof to its former condition at the cost of the Company and the amount of such cost shall be a debt due from the Company to the Crown

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Work to be part of pier undertaking.

17. Subject to the provisions of this Act the existing widenings and the work shall for the purposes of collection of rates and for all other purposes be deemed to be part of the undertaking of the Company as if the same had been authorised by the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Acts 1893 to 1916 and the provisions of those Acts shall extend and apply and be read and have effect accordingly.

Power to erect buildings &c. and to provide entertainments.

18.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may construct and maintain on the pier and may furnish and equip and make such reasonable charges as they think fit for the use of and admission to fishing platforms pavilions saloons theatres assembly concert lecture exhibition waiting refreshment reading dancing and other rooms shelters bandstands shops kiosks aquaria and other buildings bicycle stands automatic machines and other mechanical contrivances lavatories baths and sanitary and other conveniences and may lay out with all necessary enclosing rails or barriers portions of the pier for use as skating rinks and for other purposes and may make such reasonable charges as they think fit for the use of and admission to such portions of the pier.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may provide or carry on or arrange for the provision or carrying on of public theatrical performances concerts entertainments carnivals exhibitions and other amusements and may make such reasonable charges as they think fit for the admission to and enjoyment of such performances concerts entertainments carnivals exhibitions and amusements as aforesaid.

As to construction of pavilion.

19.—(1) The Company shall not erect a pavilion or any similar building (in this section referred to as "the pavilion") on the pavilion site except according to the plans sections elevations and specification signed in quadruplicate by Robert Croft Bourne the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred one set of which plans sections elevations and specification is deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of

Lords another set in the Committee and Private Bill Office of the House of Commons the third set with the Company at their registered office and the fourth set with the council at their office Provided nevertheless that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any variations from the said plans sections elevations and specification which shall have been first approved of and agreed to in writing by the council.

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(2) If the pavilion is not completed within one year from the thirty-first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty-two or within such extended period as the Board of Trade may approve then on the expiration of that or of any such extended period the powers of the Company for erecting the same or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

20. For the protection of the council the following provisions shall notwithstanding anything contained in this Act apply and have effect (that is to say) :—

For protec-
tion of
council.

(1) In this section unless the subject matter or context otherwise requires—

“Signed plan” means a plan signed in quadruplicate by Robert Croft Bourne the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred one copy of which plan is deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords another copy in the Committee and Private Bill Office of the House of Commons the third copy with the Company at their registered office and the fourth copy with the council at their office;

“Plan No. 1” means the signed plan marked “Plan No. 1”;

“The blue area” means so much of the pier as is coloured blue on Plan No. 1;

“The red area” means so much of the pier as is coloured red on Plan No. 1;

“The brown area” means so much of the pier as is coloured brown on Plan No. 1;

“The restricted area” means the blue area the red area and the brown area;

“The green area” means so much of the pier as is coloured green on Plan No. 1;

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“The yellow area” means so much of the pier as is coloured yellow on Plan No. 1;

“Plan No. 2” means the signed plan marked “Plan No. 2”;

“Building or erection” includes any fishing platform pavilion saloon theatre assembly concert lecture waiting refreshment reading dancing or other room shelter bandstand shop kiosk aquarium or other building automatic machine or other mechanical contrivance lavatory bath or sanitary or other convenience enclosing rail barrier turnstile toll-house or toll-gate;

“The prescribed dimensions” means—

in relation to any stall or kiosk eight feet in height ten feet in width and five feet in depth; and

in relation to any automatic machine eight feet in height five feet in width and four feet in depth:

- (2) The Company shall not obstruct or interfere with the free user by the public of the slopes or landings situate upon any part of the lands numbered 1 on the plans deposited in respect of the Act of 1893:
- (3) Save as provided by subsection (4) of this section it shall not be lawful for the Company to construct reconstruct or maintain on the restricted area any building or erection (other than a bandstand and such number of ornamental shelters to be used solely as such as the council shall agree to and to be constructed according to such designs and of such height and materials as the council shall approve):
- (4) The restriction imposed by subsection (3) of this section shall not extend to prevent the Company from constructing reconstructing or maintaining—
 - (a) on the blue area—
 - (i) one weighing machine provided that such machine shall not be placed otherwise than in or about the situation marked “W” on Plan No. 2;

(ii) not more than eight automatic machines provided that of such machines seven shall not exceed six feet in height two feet in width and two feet six inches in depth and one may exceed those dimensions but shall not exceed eight feet in height four feet in width and four feet in depth and that none of such eight machines shall be placed otherwise than in or about the situations marked " M " on Plan No. 2;

(b) on the red area—

(i) not more than four permanent stalls or kiosks provided that no such stall or kiosk shall exceed the prescribed dimensions or be placed otherwise than under the roof of the windscreen or covered way shown on Plan No. 1 Provided also that no such stall or kiosk shall be constructed reconstructed or maintained otherwise than in accordance with such plans sections elevations and description of materials as shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the council or in default of such approval settled by arbitration under this section;

(ii) not more than two moveable stalls or kiosks provided that no such stall or kiosk shall exceed the prescribed dimensions or be placed otherwise than west of the line marked " X Y " on Plan No. 1 or remain so placed between the fourteenth day of October in any one year and the Saturday next before Whitsuntide in the ensuing year Provided also that no such stall or kiosk shall be constructed otherwise than in accordance with such plans sections elevations and description of materials as shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the council or in default of such approval settled by arbitration under this section;

(iii) not more than sixty automatic machines provided that no such machine shall exceed the prescribed dimensions or

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be placed otherwise than against the outer balustrades of the pier or against the existing lavatory buildings Provided also that the said machines shall be reasonably distributed so as not to cause undue obstruction to the view;

(c) on the brown area—

such number of automatic machines as the Company may require Provided that no such machine shall exceed the prescribed dimensions or be placed otherwise than against the pavilion or other building erected on the yellow area (for which purpose any veranda of the said pavilion or other building shall be deemed to be part of such pavilion or other building) or so as to obstruct the exits from the said pavilion or other building;

(d) on the restricted area—

(i) the existing toll-house turnstiles toll-gates and barriers lavatories windscreen and covered way Provided that no such existing toll-house turnstile toll-gate barrier lavatory windscreen or covered way shall be reconstructed otherwise than in accordance with such plans sections elevations and description of materials as shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the council or in default of such approval settled by arbitration under this section;

(ii) such temporary barriers and turnstiles as may be reasonably necessary for the purposes of shutting off or separating any part or parts of the pier for such temporary purposes as the Company require or of regulating the entrance or exit or passage of persons using the pier Provided that no such barrier or turnstile shall exceed three feet six inches in height:

(5) Where two or more automatic machines are placed upon one stand which with the machines thereon does not exceed the dimensions prescribed in relation to any one

automatic machine such stand and the machines thereon shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be one automatic machine : A.D. 1932.

- (6) The provisions of the agreement dated the twentieth day of January nineteen hundred and twenty-eight and made between the council of the one part and the Company of the other part shall not prevent the construction reconstruction or maintenance by the Company of the stalls or kiosks referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of subsection (4) (b) of this section :
- (7) It shall not be lawful for the Company to construct reconstruct or maintain any building or erection on the green area so as to obstruct the exits from the pavilion or other building erected on the yellow area nor shall the Company construct reconstruct or maintain any building or erection exceeding eight feet in height on the green area otherwise than in accordance with such plans sections elevations and description of materials as shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the council or in default of such approval settled by arbitration under this section :
- (8) If the pavilion or similar building referred to in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "As to construction of pavilion" shall not have been constructed within the period or extended period referred to in the said section the Company shall not after the expiration of the said period or extended period construct reconstruct or maintain on the yellow area any building or erection otherwise than in accordance with such plans sections elevations and description of materials as shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the council or in default of such approval settled by arbitration under this section :
- (9) If the pavilion or similar building referred to in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "As to construction of

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pavilion" is wholly or partially destroyed by fire or otherwise or if the Company desire to demolish wholly or partially and to rebuild the said pavilion or similar building or any part thereof the provisions of the said section shall not apply to any pavilion or similar building to be erected by the Company to replace the pavilion or similar building or any part thereof so destroyed or demolished Provided always that the Company shall not construct reconstruct or maintain on the yellow area any building or erection in place of the pavilion or similar building or any part thereof destroyed or demolished as aforesaid otherwise than in accordance with such plans sections elevations and description of materials as shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the council or in default of such approval settled by arbitration under this section :

- (10) If within six weeks after the submission to the council of any plans sections elevations or description of materials under the foregoing provisions of this section the council shall have failed to signify their approval thereof they shall be deemed to have disapproved the same :
- (11) It shall be lawful for the Company to keep on the blue area a moveable board for the purpose of displaying advertisements relating solely to the business of the Company whether carried on by the Company or by any lessee or tenant of the Company and to any entertainment or exhibition on the pier provided that such moveable board shall not exceed the following dimensions :—

Eight feet in height three feet six inches in width and three feet nine inches in depth :

- (12) The Company shall not at any time permit the pier or any building or erection thereon to be in want of any repair which shall be reasonably necessary for securing the safety and freedom from injury of all persons who may from time to time be lawfully on or in the vicinity of the pier nor shall they at any

time permit any want of painting or repair (decorative or otherwise) which may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing any building or erection on the pier from becoming unsightly or unkempt or a disfigurement or injury to the view of Weston Bay and to the amenities of the district of the council and no building or erection on the pier shall at any time be painted with any colour other than white or such other colour as the council on the application of the Company may reasonably approve nor shall the piles or supports of the pier be painted otherwise than in black Provided that for the purposes of this subsection an automatic machine shall be deemed to be painted white if the back of such machine is painted white : A.D. 1932.

- (13) The Company shall not without the authority of a further Act of Parliament or Provisional Order make any extension of the pier :
- (14) The business of the Company and any other business and any exhibition or entertainment carried on on the pier or in any building or erection on the pier shall be so conducted as to ensure that order and decency are maintained on the pier and in such building or erection and the Company shall not cause or suffer any indecent improper or disorderly show exhibition or entertainment to be exhibited or given on the pier or in any building or erection on the pier :
- (15) No drink of an intoxicating character shall be sold on the pier or in any building or erection on the pier :
- (16) The Company shall during such hours as the public frequent the pier during the months of June to September inclusive and at such other times as may be necessary employ and keep engaged upon the pier such number of constables in uniform as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of ensuring that order and decency are maintained :
- (17) The Company shall not affix or exhibit or permit to be affixed or exhibited any advertisement

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upon any part of the pier (including the girders piles and columns supporting the same or connected therewith) or upon any part of any building or erection on the pier :

Provided that this subsection shall not prevent the exhibition in such position and in such manner as not to disfigure the natural beauty of the view of Weston Bay from the Marine Parade the Marine Drive the sea beach or the sands of advertisements relating solely to the business of the Company whether carried on by the Company or by any lessee or tenant of the Company and to any entertainment or exhibition on the pier :

Provided also that this subsection shall not prohibit the exhibition of advertisements in the interior of any building or erection and not visible from the exterior of such building or erection :

- (18) No cattle or sheep or any merchandise which in the opinion of the council may be objectionable shall be shipped or unshipped at the pier :
- (19) All pleasure boats belonging to or employed by the Company and all boatmen or other persons in charge thereof shall be subject to the byelaws for the time being in force of the council so far as such byelaws are applicable to any such pleasure boats boatmen or other persons :
- (20) The Company shall not create or send forth or permit to be created or sent forth any steam smoke mechanical or other music or noise in such a manner as to cause a nuisance :
- (21) The Company shall provide and keep in good order and ready for use on the pier such a number of fire extinguishers as the chief of the Weston-super-Mare fire brigade may reasonably require and shall provide and keep in good order fire hydrants in such positions on the four-inch water main as may be agreed between the council and the Company or in default of agreement settled by arbitration under this section The Company shall extend the existing

four-inch water main to the western extremity of the pier and shall cause their servants and workmen to be properly and efficiently instructed in the use of all fire-fighting appliances which shall be kept upon the pier : A.D. 1932.

(22) The Company shall carry out all such works and make all such arrangements as the council shall reasonably require for securing the provision of proper sanitary accommodation for the persons using the pier and for securing the proper discharge of sewage and drainage and the disposal of waste material and refuse from the pier and the approach thereto and the buildings or erections thereon :

(23) Any dispute or difference which may arise between the council and the Company under this section (save as to the construction of this section) and any plans sections elevations or description of materials required by this section to be settled by arbitration shall be referred to and settled by an arbitrator to be appointed by agreement between the parties or failing such agreement to be appointed on the application of either party (after notice thereof in writing to the other) by the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects and subject as aforesaid the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1889 shall apply to the reference and settlement In settling any plans sections elevations or description of materials under this section the arbitrator shall have regard inter alia to whether any building or erection proposed is by reason of the design or size thereof or the materials to be used for its construction unsuitable to the position in which it is proposed to be placed on the pier or likely to disfigure the view of Weston Bay or injuriously to affect the amenities of the district of the council Provided that the arbitrator shall not be entitled to require any pavilion or similar building proposed to be erected on the yellow area to be of smaller size than the pavilion or similar building referred to in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "As to construction of pavilion."

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Power to
charge
higher rates
at certain
times.

21.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of 1893 the Company may charge for every person entering upon and using the pier between the hours of six p.m. and ten p.m. on any day on which a concert or other public entertainment (lasting for at least one and a half hours between the said hours of six p.m. and ten p.m.) is held on the pier or in any pavilion building or room for the time being on the pier any sum not exceeding sixpence.

(2) Any person who having already paid the ordinary charge for using the pier remains on the pier after six p.m. on any such day as in the preceding subsection mentioned shall have credit for the sum already paid by him and shall be liable in addition thereto to pay only the difference between the special charge and the sum already paid by him as aforesaid.

(3) The Company shall notwithstanding the progress of any concert or other public entertainment reserve a sufficient passage along the pier for all persons landing or embarking at the pier or jetties and that reserved passage shall be open for use by such persons at the ordinary charge and without payment of the special rate by this section authorised so long as they use the pier as a passage only and do not remain upon it.

(4) A copy of this section shall be exhibited in print at the entrance to the pier and in some conspicuous place or places on the pier.

Power to
close pier
on special
occasions.

22.—(1) The Company may on any special occasions but not on more than twelve days in any one year or for more than three days consecutively close the pier against the public and may on such occasions admit any persons to the pier on payment of such special rates of admission not exceeding one shilling for each person as the Company may determine.

(2) On all such occasions the Company shall reserve a sufficient passage along the pier between the landing steps and the shore for any persons landing or embarking at the pier the reserved passage to be open for use by those persons at the ordinary charge and without payment of any special rates so long only as they use the pier as a passage and do not remain upon it.

(3) The special rate charged under this section shall be in lieu of and not in addition to the rate specified in the schedule to the Act of 1893 and any person paying the special rate shall not be liable to pay any further or other rate or sum for admission to the pier on the day for which the special rate is charged. A.D. 1932.

(4) During at least two days before the day on which the pier is to be closed the Company shall exhibit conspicuously at the entrance to the pier a notice of their intention to close the pier under this section.

23.—(1) The Company may grant pass tickets or family tickets to passengers and promenaders or others for the use of the pier (either inclusive or exclusive of admission to any building or room for the time being thereon) at such rates on such terms and for such periods not exceeding one year as the Company may determine and may issue books containing any number of pass tickets at a reduced rate and day tickets available for one day or part of a day only for any number of admissions on such day or part of a day at a reduced rate but so that no preference be given to any person. Pass and family tickets.

(2) The Company shall have power to prescribe the conditions on which pass tickets and family tickets are issued and the persons by whom such tickets may be used.

(3) A pass ticket shall not be transferable and shall not be used by any person except the person to whom it is granted. A pass ticket or family ticket shall not be used otherwise than in accordance with the conditions on which it is issued or after the period limited for its use.

(4) There shall be printed on every pass ticket or family ticket the terms and conditions upon and subject to which the same is issued.

(5) If any person wilfully and with intent to defraud acts in any way in contravention of the provisions of this section or uses or attempts to use any false or counterfeit ticket he shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings.

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Annual
accounts to
be sent to
Minister of
Transport.

24.—(1) The Company shall within two months after the date to which their annual accounts and balance sheet are made up send a copy of the same to the Minister of Transport and the sixteenth section of the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 Amendment Act shall apply to and include the Company and any and every such accounts.

(2) The Company shall as from the expiration of that period be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds for every week or part of a week during which they refuse or neglect to comply with the foregoing provisions.

(3) The accounts of the Company referred to in this section and in section 50 of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 respectively shall be made up to the end of the thirty-first day of March in each year.

Application
of provisions
of Act of
1893.

25. The following provisions of the Act of 1893 shall with the necessary modifications extend and apply to the work and the exercise of the powers of this Act and to the pier and pier undertaking of the Company as if the same were re-enacted in this Act (namely):—

The Act of 1893—

- Section 25 (Penalty for obstructing works);
- Section 26 (Power to vary extinguish &c. rights and privileges (if any));
- Section 27 (Power to take easements &c. by agreement);
- Section 36 (Limits of Act);
- Section 37 (Pier to be deemed part of parish of Weston-super-Mare);
- Section 52 (Pier not exempt from provisions of present and future general Acts);
- Section 56 (Company not exempt from provisions of Local and Public Health Acts);
- Section 57 (Saving rights of the corporation of Bristol):

Provided that the provisions of section 36 (Limits of Act) of the Act of 1893 as extended and applied as aforesaid shall be read and have effect as if the words "three hundred yards" were substituted in such section for the words "six hundred yards." A.D. 1932.

26. The following provisions of the Acts of 1893 and 1916 are hereby repealed (namely):—

Repeal of provisions of Acts of 1893 and 1916.

The Act of 1893—

Section 20 (Company may provide refreshment and other rooms);

Section 33 (Plans &c. of pier to be approved by Board of Trade);

Section 34 (Board of Trade may order local survey);

Section 49 (As to lights during construction of works); and

Section 50 (As to lights after completion of works).

The Act of 1916—

Section 12 (For protection of urban district council of Weston-super-Mare).

27. Nothing in this Act affects prejudicially any estate right power privilege or exemption of the Crown and in particular nothing herein contained authorises the Company to take use or in any manner interfere with any portion of the shore or bed of the sea or of any river channel creek bay or estuary or any land hereditaments subjects or rights of whatsoever description belonging to His Majesty in right of His Crown and under the management of the Commissioners of Crown Lands or of the Board of Trade respectively without the consent in writing of the Commissioners of Crown Lands or the Board of Trade as the case may be on behalf of His Majesty first had and obtained for that purpose. Crown rights.

28.—(1) The Company shall forward to the Registrar of Companies a printed copy of this Act and it shall be recorded by him and if such copy is not forwarded within three months from the passing of this Act the Company shall incur a penalty not exceeding two pounds for every day after the expiration of those

Copy of Act to be registered &c.

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(2) There shall be paid to the registrar by the Company on such copy being registered the like fee as is for the time being payable under the Companies Act 1929 on registration of any document other than a memorandum of association or the abstract required to be filed with the registrar by a receiver or manager or the statement required to be sent to the registrar by the liquidator in a winding up in England.

(3) Every penalty under this section shall be recoverable summarily.

Costs of
Act.

29. All the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company.

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