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An Act to authorise the corporation of London to execute street improvements at Spitalfields to make provision with respect to the use and testing of high-pressure gas meters within the city of London and for other purposes. A.D. 1914
[7th August 1914.]

WHEREAS the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city of London acting by the mayor aldermen and commons of that city in common council (in this Act referred to as "the common council") assembled (in this Act referred to as "the Corporation") are owners of the Spitalfields Market situate in the metropolitan borough of Stepney:

And whereas it is expedient that certain of the streets forming the approaches to the said market and in the neighbourhood thereof should be widened as by this Act provided:

And whereas it is expedient that more satisfactory provisions should be made with respect to the construction testing and stamping of high-pressure gas meters used or tested within the city of London:

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

And whereas plans and sections showing the lines and levels of the works authorised by this Act 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 for the purposes or under the powers of this Act were duly deposited with the clerk of the peace for the city of London and with the clerk of the peace

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A.D. 1914. — for the county of London and are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans sections and book of reference:

And whereas the objects of this Act 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:—

. PART I.

INTRODUCTORY.

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1914.

Division of Act into Parts. **2.** This Act is divided into Parts as follows:—
Part I.—Introductory.
Part II.—Spitalfields Improvements.
Part III.—High-pressure Gas Meters.
Part IV.—Miscellaneous.

Interpretation. **3.** In this Act unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction the expression—
“The city” means the city of London;
“The improvements” means the widenings improvements and works by this Act authorised;
“The Act of 1859” means the Sale of Gas Act 1859;
“Inspector” means an inspector appointed under and for the purposes of the Act of 1859;
“High-pressure gas” means gas supplied at such pressure as to balance a column of water not less than ten inches high;
“Standard pressure” means a barometric pressure of thirty inches;
“Standard temperature” means a temperature of sixty-two degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer;
“High-pressure meter” means a meter (as defined by the Act of 1859) used or intended to be used within the

city for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of high-pressure gas bought or sold; A.D. 1914.

“Compensating meter” means a high-pressure meter constructed to measure gas supplied at varying pressures;

“General rate” means the general rate of the city of London.

PART II.

SPITALFIELDS IMPROVEMENTS.

4. The provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts (except sections 127 to 131 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845) shall except so far as the same are expressly varied by or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be incorporated with and form part of this Act and for the purpose of such incorporation the term “the promoters of the undertaking” in the said Act shall be construed to mean the Corporation. Incorporation of Lands Clauses Acts.

5. The Corporation may subject to the provisions of this Act in the city and in the metropolitan borough of Stepney and in the lines and according to the levels shown on the deposited plans and sections make and maintain the improvements hereinafter described together with all necessary and proper footways works and conveniences connected therewith (that is to say):— Power to execute improvements.

- (1) A widening of Spital Square on the south side thereof for a distance of twenty-seven yards or thereabouts measured in an easterly direction from Norton Folgate:
- (2) A widening of Spital Square and Lamb Street on the north side thereof for a distance of two hundred and seventeen yards or thereabouts measured in a westerly direction from Commercial Street:
- (3) A widening of Church Passage on the east side thereof for its whole length:
- (4) A widening of White Lion Street on the south side thereof between Church Passage and Commercial Street:
- (5) A widening of Brushfield Street on the south side thereof between Crispin Street and Commercial Street:

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(6) A widening of Crispin Street on the east side thereof between Brushfield Street and Duval Street:

(7) A widening of Duval Street on the north side thereof between Crispin Street and Commercial Street.

Power to deviate.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Corporation may in making the improvements deviate to an extent not exceeding two feet downwards and two feet upwards from the levels defined on the deposited sections and may deviate laterally from the lines of the improvements to any extent within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans.

Alterations of streets &c.

7. For the purposes of or in connection with the construction of the improvements the Corporation may within the limits of deviation defined upon the deposited plans alter both as regards lines and levels use cross break up divert raise lower widen make junctions with or temporarily stop up all such streets roads and footways and may divert alter and remove all such sewers and drains railings posts pavement lights and gratings as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Stopping up streets.

8. The Corporation may stop up and discontinue the whole or any part of the streets known as Drant Street Chapel Street and Little Paternoster Row and thereupon all rights of way thereover shall be extinguished and the site and soil thereof shall vest in the Corporation but the Corporation shall not stop up any such street or portion thereof or appropriate the site and soil thereof unless they are owners in possession of all houses and lands on both sides of the street or portion to be stopped up except so far as the owners lessees and occupiers of such houses and lands may otherwise agree and the Corporation shall not stop up any part of Drant Street until they have acquired possession of the Spitalfields Market Provided that the Corporation shall make full compensation to all parties interested in respect of any private rights of way extinguished by virtue of this section and such compensation shall be settled in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with reference to the taking of lands otherwise than by agreement.

Land laid into streets to form part thereof.

9. All lands acquired by the Corporation under this Act and laid into or appropriated as part of any street shall form part of that street and shall be maintained and repaired in all respects as the rest of that street is for the time being by law maintained and repaired.

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10. The Corporation may for any purpose in connection with the improvements raise sink or otherwise alter the position of any watercourse waterpipe or gaspipe belonging to or connected with any house or building and also any main pipe or apparatus laid down or used by any company body or person for carrying a supply of water or water for hydraulic power or gas and also any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down or placed for telegraphic or other purposes or for supplying electricity (all of which mains pipes tubes wires and apparatus are in this section included in the expression "apparatus") and may remove any other obstruction making proper substituted works during any alteration and causing as little detriment and inconvenience as circumstances admit to any company body or person and making reasonable compensation to any company body or person for any damage caused by any such alteration Provided always that before the Corporation alter the position of any apparatus laid down or used by any such company body or person they shall (except in cases of emergency) give to the company body or person to whom the same belongs notice of their intention to do so specifying the time at which they will begin to do so such notice to be given seven days at least before the commencement of the work for effecting such alteration and such work shall be done under the superintendence (at the expense of the Corporation) of the company body or person to whom such apparatus belongs unless such company body or person refuses or neglects to give such superintendence at the time specified in the notice for the commencement of such work or discontinues the same during the execution of such work and the Corporation shall execute such work to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer of such company body or person but if within seven days of the receipt of such notice any such company body or person shall give notice to the Corporation of their desire themselves to execute such work they shall forthwith proceed to do so and the cost reasonably incurred by them in so doing shall be repaid to them by the Corporation Provided also that the Corporation shall not cause any street or road to be lowered or raised nor the position of any apparatus to be altered so as to leave over such apparatus in any part a covering of less than two feet where the covering now existing is not less than two feet unless the Corporation shall in such case protect such apparatus from frost or injury by artificial covering to the satisfaction of

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position of
water gas
and other
pipes.

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Notwithstanding the stopping up temporarily of any portion of any street or road in which any apparatus of any such company body or person shall be laid the said company body or person their engineers workmen and others in their employ shall at all times have full free and uninterrupted rights of access to all or any of such apparatus and shall be at liberty to do all such works in and upon any such street or road as aforesaid as may be necessary for inspecting repairing maintaining removing replacing or extending such apparatus.

If any difference arise between the Corporation or their engineer and any such company body or person or their or his engineer touching the amount of any compensation costs expenses or charges under the provisions of this Act to be paid by the Corporation to any such company body or person or touching any work matter or thing with reference to such apparatus under such provisions to be done or executed by the Corporation or the mode of doing or executing the same such difference shall unless otherwise agreed be settled by an engineer to be agreed upon by the engineer of the Corporation and any such company body or person respectively or failing agreement by such engineer as shall on the application of the engineer either of the Corporation or of any such company body or person be named by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Provided that nothing in this section shall extend to prejudice or affect any of the provisions for the protection of any undertakers authorised to supply electrical energy contained in any special Act or any Provisional Order confirmed by Act of Parliament.

For protec-
tion of
Postmaster-
General.

11. The Corporation shall not raise sink divert alter or otherwise interfere with any telegraphic line (as defined by the Telegraph Act 1878) belonging to or used by the Postmaster-General except under and subject to the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878.

12. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Corporation may enter upon take and use all or any of the lands shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference which they may require for the purposes of the improvements or for the purposes of providing space for the erection of buildings adjoining or near thereto or for the purposes of recoupment or exchange or for any purpose in connection with the Spitalfields Market.

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Power to
take lands.

13. The powers of the Corporation for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of this Act shall cease after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Period for
compulsory
purchase of
lands.

14. And whereas in the construction of the improvements or otherwise in the exercise by the Corporation of the powers of this Act it may happen that portions only of certain properties shown or partly shown on the deposited plans will be sufficient for the purposes of the Corporation and that such portions or some other portions less than the whole can be severed from the remainder of the said properties without material detriment thereto Therefore the following provisions shall have effect:—

Owners may
be required
to sell parts
only of
certain lands
and build-
ings.

(1) The owner of and persons interested in any of the properties whereof the whole or part is described in the schedule to this Act and whereof a portion only is required for the purposes of the Corporation or each or any of them are hereinafter included in the term "the owner" and the said properties are hereinafter referred to as "the scheduled properties":

(2) If for twenty-one days after the service of notice to treat in respect of a specified portion of any of the scheduled properties the owner shall fail to notify in writing to the Corporation that he alleges that such portion cannot be severed from the remainder of the property without material detriment thereto he may be required to sell and convey to the Corporation such portion only without the Corporation being obliged or compellable to purchase the whole the Corporation paying for the portion so taken and making compensation for any damage sustained by the owner by severance or otherwise:

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- (3) If within such twenty-one days the owner shall by notice in writing to the Corporation allege that such portion cannot be so severed the jury arbitrators or other authority to whom the question of disputed compensation shall be submitted (hereinafter referred to as "the tribunal") shall in addition to the other questions required to be determined by it determine whether the portion of the scheduled property specified in the notice to treat can be severed from the remainder without material detriment thereto and if not whether any and what other portion less than the whole (but not exceeding the portion over which the Corporation have compulsory powers of purchase) can be so severed:
- (4) If the tribunal determine that the portion of the scheduled property specified in the notice to treat or any such other portion as aforesaid can be severed from the remainder without material detriment thereto the owner may be required to sell and convey to the Corporation the portion which the tribunal shall have determined to be so severable without the Corporation being obliged or compellable to purchase the whole the Corporation paying such sum for the portion taken by them including compensation for any damage sustained by the owner by severance or otherwise as shall be awarded by the tribunal:
- (5) If the tribunal determine that the portion of the scheduled property specified in the notice to treat can notwithstanding the allegation of the owner be severed from the remainder without material detriment thereto the tribunal may in its absolute discretion determine and order that the costs charges and expenses incurred by the owner incident to the determination of any matters under this section shall be borne and paid by the owner:
- (6) If the tribunal determine that the portion of the scheduled property specified in the notice to treat cannot be severed from the remainder without material detriment thereto (and whether or not they shall determine that any other portion can be so

severed) the Corporation may withdraw their notice to treat and thereupon they shall pay to the owner all costs charges and expenses reasonably and properly incurred by him in consequence of such notice : A.D. 1914.

- (7) If the tribunal determine that the portion of the scheduled property specified in the notice to treat cannot be severed from the remainder without material detriment thereto but that any such other portion as aforesaid can be so severed the Corporation in case they shall not withdraw the notice to treat shall pay to the owner all costs charges and expenses reasonably and properly incurred by him in consequence of such notice or such portion thereof as the tribunal shall having regard to the circumstances of the case and their final determination think fit.

The provisions of this section shall be in force notwithstanding anything in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 contained and nothing contained in or done under this section shall be held as determining or as being or implying an admission that any of the scheduled properties or any part thereof is or is not or but for this section would or would not be subject to the provisions of section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.

The provisions of this section shall be stated in every notice given thereunder to sell and convey any premises.

15. The court or person to whom any question of disputed purchase-money or compensation under this Act is referred shall if so required by the Corporation award and declare whether a statement in writing of the amount of compensation claimed has been delivered to the Corporation by the claimant giving sufficient particulars and in sufficient time to enable the Corporation to make a proper offer and if the tribunal shall be of opinion that no such statement giving sufficient particulars and in sufficient time shall have been delivered and that the Corporation have been prejudiced thereby the tribunal shall have power to decide whether the claimant's costs or any part thereof shall be paid by the claimant : Costs of arbitration &c. in certain cases.

Provided that it shall be lawful for any judge of the High Court to permit any claimant after seven days' notice to the

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A.D. 1914. Corporation to amend the statement in writing of the claim delivered by him to the Corporation in case of discovery of any error or mistake therein or for any other reasonable cause such error mistake or cause to be established to the satisfaction of the judge after hearing the Corporation if they object to the amendment and such amendment shall be subject to such terms enabling the Corporation to investigate the amended claim and to make an offer de novo and as to postponing the hearing of the claim and as to costs of the inquiry and otherwise as to such judge may seem just and proper under all the circumstances of the case :

Provided also that this section shall be applicable only in cases where the notice to treat under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 either contained or was endorsed with a notice of the effect of this section.

Compensation in case of recently altered buildings.

16. In determining any question of disputed purchase-money or compensation payable in respect of lands taken in pursuance of this Act the tribunal shall not award any sum of money for or in respect of any improvement alteration or building made or erected or for or in respect of any interest in the land created after the thirtieth day of November one thousand nine hundred and thirteen if in the opinion of the tribunal the improvement alteration or building or the creation of the interest in respect of which the claim is made was not reasonably necessary and was made or created with a view to obtaining or increasing compensation under this Act.

Persons under disability may grant easements &c.

17. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Acts to sell and convey or release lands may (if they think fit) subject to the provisions of those Acts and of this Act grant to the Corporation any easement right or privilege (not being an easement right or privilege of water in which persons other than the grantors have an interest) required for the purposes of this Act in over or affecting any such lands and the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges so far as the same are applicable in this behalf shall extend and apply to such grants and to such easements rights and privileges as aforesaid respectively.

Correction of errors in deposited plans and book of reference.

18. If there be any omission misstatement or wrong description of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands shown on the deposited plans or specified in the

deposited book of reference the Corporation after giving ten days' notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands in question may apply to two justices acting for the city for the correction thereof and if it appear to the justices that the omission misstatement or wrong description arose from mistake they shall certify the same accordingly and they shall in their certificate state the particulars of the omission and in what respect any such matter is misstated or wrongly described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the city of London and shall be kept by such clerk of the peace with the other documents to which it relates and thereupon the deposited plans and book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate and it shall be lawful for the Corporation to take the lands and execute the works in accordance with such certificate.

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19. The following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed between the London County Council (in this section called "the council") and the Corporation apply and have effect (that is to say):—

For protec-
tion of Lon-
don County
Council.

- (1) The Corporation before in any manner interfering under the powers of this Part of this Act with the premises (in this section called "the existing premises") numbered 62 on the deposited plans and belonging to and used by the council for the purposes of gas-meter testing shall provide and convey free of charge to the council such suitable site as may be reasonably approved by the council on which new premises (in this section called "the reinstated premises") can be erected and used for all such purposes as the existing premises are now used:
- (2) The Corporation shall at their own expense clear the new site for possession by the council and upon obtaining possession the council shall with all reasonable despatch erect and equip the reinstated premises and remove thereto such appliances apparatus and conveniences from the existing premises as are suitable for removal and for use for the purpose of gas-meter testing and the Corporation shall not take or interfere with the existing premises or render the same less suitable or convenient for the purpose for

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which they are now used until such erection and equipment are completed:

(3) The Corporation shall pay or recoup the council all the expenses incurred by the council—

(A) In erecting the reinstated premises so as to contain the like accommodation and to be of like character and equally suitable and convenient for the purpose of gas-meter testing as the existing premises;

(B) In or incidental to the removal from the existing premises to the reinstated premises and in providing and fitting up on the reinstated premises such appliances apparatus and conveniences as are necessary to render the reinstated premises equally suitable and convenient for the purpose of gas-meter testing as the existing premises:

Such expenses shall be paid by the Corporation in such instalments and at such times as may reasonably be required by the council who shall be entitled to require payments in advance:

(4) If any question shall arise under the foregoing provisions of this section as to the new site or as to the expenses to be paid or recouped or as to the sufficiency of the reinstatement the same shall in default of agreement be determined by arbitration in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts:

(5) So soon as any street is closed and discontinued as a public highway under the powers of this Part of this Act the Corporation shall give notice in writing thereof to the council:

(6) The Corporation shall carefully preserve and remove all objects of geological or antiquarian interest discovered by them in the execution of the improvements and subject to the rights of the Crown and except so far as the same may be proved to be the property of any other person any such objects as may be found outside the city shall be subject to the disposal of the council in such manner as the council may hereafter resolve and the Corporation

shall use all reasonable means for securing compliance with the provisions of this subsection: A.D. 1914.

- (7)---(A) The Corporation shall not commence any works under the powers of this Part of this Act which shall or may pass over under or by the side of or so as to interfere with any sewers of the council until they shall have given to the council twenty-eight days' previous notice in writing of their intention to commence the same by leaving such notice at the principal office of the council with plans and sections thereof as hereinafter defined and until the council shall have signified their approval of the same unless the council do not signify their approval disapproval or other directions within twenty-eight days after service of the said plans and sections as aforesaid and the Corporation shall comply with and conform to all reasonable orders directions and regulations of the council in the execution of the said works and shall provide by new altered or substituted works in such manner as the council shall reasonably require for the proper protection of and for preventing injury or impediment to the said sewers by reason of the intended works or any part thereof and shall save harmless the council against all expenses to be occasioned thereby and all such works shall be done by or under the direction superintendence and control of the council at the costs charges and expenses in all respects of the Corporation and all reasonable costs charges and expenses which the council may be put to by reason of such works of the Corporation whether in the execution of works the preparation or examination of plans or designs superintendence or otherwise shall be paid to the council by the Corporation on demand and when any new altered or substituted works as aforesaid or any works of defence connected therewith shall be completed by or at the costs charges or expenses of the Corporation under the provisions of this Part of this Act the same shall thereafter be as fully and completely under the direction jurisdiction and control of the council as any sewers or works of the council now or hereafter may be;

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- (B) As regards any works in respect of which the Corporation are under the provisions of this subsection required to submit plans and sections to the council the council may require the Corporation in constructing such works to make any reasonable deviation within the limits prescribed by this Part of this Act from the line or levels shown upon such plans or sections for the purpose of avoiding injury or risk of injury to the sewers of the council and the Corporation shall in constructing such works deviate accordingly;
- (c) The plans and sections to be submitted to the council under the provisions of this subsection shall be detailed plans drawings sections and specifications describing the exact position and manner in which and the levels at which the works are proposed to be constructed and shall accurately describe the position of all sewers of the council within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans (for which purpose the council shall allow the Corporation access to plans in their possession and to any of their sewers in order to enable the Corporation to obtain trustworthy information) and shall comprise detailed drawings of any alteration which the Corporation may propose to make in the said sewers;
- (D) The Council may require such modification to be made in the said plans drawings sections and specifications as may be reasonably necessary to secure the sewers and drainage system of London under the jurisdiction and control of the council against interference or risk of damage and to provide and secure a proper and convenient means of access to the said sewers;
- (E) The Corporation shall be liable to make good all injury or damage caused by or resulting from any of their works or operations to any sewers drains or works vested in the council and the council shall from time to time have power to recover the amount thereof from the Corporation in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (F) The approval by the council of any plans or superintendence by the council of any work under the

provisions of this subsection shall not exonerate the Corporation from any liability or affect any claim for damages under this subsection or otherwise. A.D. 1914.
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20. For the protection of the Metropolitan Water Board (in this section referred to as "the Board") the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed between the Corporation and the Board have effect (that is to say):— For protec-
tion of
Metropolitan
Water Board.

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Alteration of position of water gas and other pipes"—

(A) The period within which the Board may give notice to the Corporation of their desire themselves to execute any such work as is referred to in the said section shall be twenty-one days instead of seven days;

(B) The said section shall so far as regards any apparatus of the Board be read and have effect as if the words "five feet" were substituted therein for the words "six feet" wherever these words occur; and

(C) The Corporation shall not execute any such work as is referred to in the said section except in accordance with plans sections and specifications to be previously submitted to and approved by the Board so far as they affect or are likely to affect any apparatus of the Board. Provided that if the Board shall not within one month from the date of the submission to them of any such plans sections and specifications intimate in writing to the Corporation their objection thereto or any requirements in respect thereof they shall be deemed to have approved the same and that in case any difference shall arise between the Board and the Corporation with respect to such plans sections and specifications or as to the manner in which any works therein referred to are to be executed such difference shall be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be agreed upon between the Board and the Corporation or failing such agreement to

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be appointed on the application of either party by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers :

- (2) Except as by this section expressly provided the provisions thereof shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other provision of this Act to the benefit of which the Board would have been entitled if this section had not been enacted.

PART III.

HIGH-PRESSURE GAS METERS.

High-pressure meters to comply with provisions of this Part of Act.

21.—(1) On and after the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifteen no high-pressure meter shall be stamped by an inspector in the city except in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1859 as amended by this Part of this Act and no high-pressure meter shall be used in the city for buying and selling high-pressure gas or for the collecting of any rates or duties or for making any charges on the passage transmission or conveyance of high-pressure gas unless such meter is stamped by an inspector in accordance with the said provisions as amended by this Part of this Act Provided that as regards any high-pressure meter in use in the city at the date of the passing of this Act the provisions of this Part of this Act shall not come into operation until the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty and that notwithstanding anything contained in this Part of this Act any such meter may (subject to the provisions of the Act of 1859) continue to be used until the last-mentioned date as if this Act had not been passed.

(2) On and after the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifteen the Act of 1859 as regards high-pressure meters to be stamped or in use or intended for use in the city as aforesaid shall be read and have effect as if the provisions of this Part of this Act had been inserted in the Act of 1859 instead of sections 12 13 and 19 thereof.

High-pressure meters to comply with certain rules.

22. Every high-pressure meter shall comply with the following rules:—

- (1) The meter shall have permanently marked upon it in some conspicuous place the words “High-pressure meter” together with particulars of the pressure or (in the case of a compensating meter) the minimum and maximum pressures at which it is constructed

to be used such particulars to be in terms either of the height in inches of a column of water or mercury or of pounds to the square inch: A.D. 1914.

- (2) The meter shall be so designed and constructed as to ensure that when the supply of gas to such meter is turned on or off there shall be no undue strain upon the mechanism of the meter:
- (3) In the case of any meter which is so constructed as to allow gas supplied through such meter to exert pressure on any glass used in connection with such meter plate glass only shall be so used and such glass shall be adequately protected by metal bars:
- (4) The measuring capacity at one revolution or complete action of the meter and also the quantity of gas per hour at standard pressure and standard temperature which it is intended to measure in cubic feet or multiples or decimal parts of a cubic foot shall be permanently denominated or marked on the index of the meter in legible letters or figures:
- (5) The index of every meter shall be so fixed in the meter that such meter may be readily stamped by an inspector in such manner that the index cannot be interfered with or removed from the meter without defacing the stamp:
- (6) That part of the meter containing the index and the gearing between the index and the measuring chambers shall be secured to the other parts of the meter so that the meter may be readily stamped by an inspector in such manner that the meter cannot be opened without defacing the stamps.

23.—(1) No high-pressure meter shall be stamped by an inspector unless after examining and testing the index thereof he is satisfied as to the accuracy of such index. Rules for testing high-pressure meters.

(2) Every high-pressure meter for the purpose of being tested shall be fixed upon a horizontal base and be tested by an inspector in accordance with the following rules:—

Test for Soundness or Leakage.

- (A) Gas shall be passed into the meter under a pressure equivalent to double the pressure or (in the case of a compensating meter) the maximum pressure at

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which the meter is constructed to be used and the outlet of the meter shall be closed and if there is any leakage or defect in the meter whereby gas escapes the meter shall be deemed to be unsound and shall not be stamped Provided that where the pressure or (in the case of a compensating meter) the maximum pressure at which a meter is constructed to be used exceeds twenty-five pounds to the square inch the pressure under which the gas shall be passed into the meter shall be equivalent to one and one half times the pressure or maximum pressure (as the case may be) at which the meter is constructed to be used; and

(B) Gas shall be passed into the meter under a pressure equivalent to the pressure or (in the case of a compensating meter) the maximum pressure at which the meter is constructed to be used and shall be allowed to pass out of the meter at the following respective rates according to the quantity of gas per hour which the meter is intended to measure as marked thereon:—

Quantity of Gas per Hour which Meter is intended to measure.	Rate per Hour at which Gas is to be allowed to pass out.
Not exceeding one hundred and twenty cubic feet.	Not exceeding one-twentieth part of the quantity per hour marked on the meter or three cubic feet whichever is the less.
Exceeding one hundred and twenty cubic feet but not exceeding one thousand cubic feet.	Not exceeding one-sixtieth part of the quantity per hour marked on the meter or eight cubic feet whichever is the less.
Exceeding one thousand cubic feet but not exceeding two thousand cubic feet.	Not exceeding ten cubic feet.
Exceeding two thousand cubic feet.	Not exceeding fifteen cubic feet.

Provided that in no case shall the rate at which gas is allowed to pass out of a meter as aforesaid be less than one half of a cubic foot per hour Any meter found not to work under such conditions shall not be stamped.

Test for correct Measurement or Percentage of Error.

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A sufficient quantity of gas or atmospheric air shall be passed through the meter at the pressure or (in the case of a compensating meter) the varying pressures at which the meter is constructed to be used and in a quantity per hour equal to the quantity of gas per hour which the meter is intended to measure as marked thereon. Any water used in such testing and the air of the room in which such testing is made shall be as nearly as practicable of the same temperature as the gas or atmospheric air passed through the meter. If the meter registers quantities varying from the true standard measure of gas more than two per centum when corrected to standard pressure and standard temperature it shall be deemed to be incorrect as to measurement and shall not be stamped.

24. No high-pressure meter shall be used unless it have affixed thereto or immediately adjacent thereto a gauge or gauges or similar device or devices of such a character and so affixed that the pressure of the gas passing through the meter and (in the case of a compensating meter) the accuracy of the correcting mechanism may be readily determined by the consumer. Notice of the effect of the provisions of this section shall be permanently and legibly marked on every high-pressure meter before it is submitted for stamping by an inspector.

High pressure meters not to be used without gauges.

25. Every high-pressure meter which shall be found by an inspector to comply with the rules contained in this Part of this Act and when tested in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Act to be sound and to work and to measure and register accurately within the limits set forth in the said provisions shall be deemed to be correct and shall be stamped by the inspector in such manner and on such part of the meter as shall be directed by the authority appointing him or in default of such direction as shall in his opinion best prevent fraud.

High pressure meters under certain circumstances to be stamped.

26. Fees for the examination comparison and testing with or without stamping of high-pressure meters pursuant to the Act of 1859 as amended by this Part of this Act shall be payable according to the volume of gas which such meters are

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Volume of Gas which the Meter is capable of delivering as aforesaid.	Fees.
Not exceeding two cubic feet - -	Three shillings.
Exceeding two cubic feet but not exceeding twenty cubic feet.	Three shillings together with one shilling for each cubic foot or part thereof beyond two cubic feet.
Exceeding twenty cubic feet but not exceeding one hundred cubic feet.	One pound and one shilling together with sixpence for each cubic foot or part thereof beyond twenty cubic feet.
Exceeding one hundred cubic feet -	Three pounds and one shilling together with threepence for each cubic foot or part thereof beyond one hundred cubic feet.

Power to use by agreement meters for measuring gas otherwise than at standard pressure.

27.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Part of this Act any meter (not being a meter in use at the date of the passing of this Act or a meter intended to be used for the purpose of registering at standard pressure the quantity of high-pressure gas bought or sold) may (subject to the provisions of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “High-pressure meters not to be used without gauges”) by agreement between any gas company and a consumer of high-pressure gas supplied by such company be used at any time before the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty for selling gas to and buying gas by such consumer and for the collecting of rates and duties and for making charges on the passage transmission and conveyance of such gas provided that there be permanently marked upon such meter in some conspicuous place particulars of the pressure at which it is constructed to be used and that such meter—

- (A) Comply with the requirements of subsections (2) (3) (5) and (6) of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “High-pressure meters to comply with certain rules”;
- (B) Satisfy the test prescribed by paragraph (A) of subsection (2) of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “Rules for testing high-pressure meters”; and
- (c) Be a correct and sound meter within the meaning of the Act of 1859.

(2) Any meter which is intended to be so used under any such agreement as aforesaid and which complies with the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section shall notwithstanding anything contained in this Part of this Act be stamped as complying with the requirements of the Act of 1859 as amended by this Part of this Act upon payment of the appropriate fee under the provisions of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Fees for testing and stamping high-pressure meters" for the examination comparison and testing of such meter Provided that no such meter as aforesaid shall be stamped by an inspector unless he be satisfied that the meter is intended to be used under such an agreement as aforesaid.

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(3) Nothing contained in or done under this section shall have any force or effect after the said first day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

28. Nothing in this Part of this Act shall confer any exemption from the provisions of any general Act relating to high-pressure gas meters which may be passed in any future session of Parliament.

Saving for
general Acts.

PART IV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

29. Whereas it is claimed that the watch house now known as No. 109 Bishopsgate in the city and the revenues accrued and accruing due thereon are now held on behalf of the ward of Bishopsgate :

Transfer to
Corporation
of certain
property of
wards.

And whereas the amount of nine hundred and ninety-four pounds five shillings two and a half per centum consolidated stock now stands in the court to the credit of "Ex parte the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London Trustees of London Bridge The Account of Thomas Corney" and the Ward of Broad Street in the City of London" being the investment of the proceeds of sale of a former watch house of that ward :

And whereas the expenses of the said wards are by virtue of section 17 (Ward expenses) of the City of London (Union of Parishes) Act 1907 now paid by the common council out of the general rate of the city and it is expedient that the said watch house should be vested in the common council and the

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— the said stock and the interest and dividends thereon whether
accrued or to accrue due should be paid or transferred to the
common council Therefore—

(1) As from the first day of October one thousand nine hundred and fourteen the lands being the premises now known as No. 109 Bishopsgate in the city shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference shall be and the same are by virtue of this Act vested in the common council subject to any existing lease or tenancy thereof and the rents and revenues therefrom shall from time to time be carried to the credit of the general rate All deeds and other documents relating to the said premises shall be handed to the town clerk of the city on or before the said first day of October :

(2) The accumulated revenues from the said premises which on the said first day of October shall be held on behalf of the ward of Bishopsgate shall be applied—

(A) In payment of the costs charges and expenses incurred on behalf of the ward in opposing the Bill for this Act (to be taxed if required by the Corporation by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons) and the costs charges and expenses not exceeding fifty pounds incurred on behalf of the ward previously to the proceedings next hereinafter mentioned and the costs charges and expenses incurred on behalf of the ward and by the defendants of and incidental to the proceedings now pending in the High Court of Justice in respect of the said premises and the accumulated revenues therefrom (the said costs to be taxed if required by the Corporation by a taxing master of the Supreme Court as between solicitor and client) ; and

(B) In the payment of a sum of five hundred pounds as a contribution to the funds of the London Central Foundation Schools such sum to be appropriated to the purpose of the proposed building in Montagu Court Bishopsgate ;

and the balance of the said accumulated revenues shall on the said first day of October be paid and transferred to the chamberlain of the city and shall be carried by him to the credit of the general rate : A.D. 1914.

(3) If and so long as the churchyard of the church of Saint Botolph Bishopsgate and the garden connected therewith are kept open for the use of the public throughout the year and are maintained to the satisfaction of the Corporation the Corporation shall in and after the year commencing on the said first day of October contribute annually out of the general rate the sum of one hundred pounds towards the expenses properly incurred by the churchwardens of the parish of Saint Botolph Bishopsgate on the maintenance and upkeep of the said churchyard and garden :

(4) On the application of the Corporation by summons to the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice the court shall by order direct that the said stock and the interest and dividends thereon whether accrued or to accrue due be paid or transferred to the chamberlain of the city and shall be carried by him to the credit of the general rate.

30. Whereas the premises known as the Vestry Hall being No. 129 The Minories in the city were prior to the City of London (Union of Parishes) Act 1907 held on lease which will expire on the twenty-fifth day of December one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine by the overseers and churchwardens of the parish of Saint Botolph Aldgate : Power to Corporation to manage Vestry Hall Minories.

And whereas by virtue of the said Act the interest of the overseers in the said property was transferred to the common council who were by that Act constituted the overseers of the parish of the city of London and the common council are now entitled to the net rents and revenues therefrom :

And whereas by section 3 of the Act 5 and 6 Will. IV. cap. 69 it is provided that property belonging to any parish or union shall be let or otherwise disposed of by the guardians of the union and accordingly the guardians of the City of London Union now let the said premises and credit the net rent and

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city of London:

And whereas it is expedient that the common council acting as overseers should themselves be empowered to manage and let the said property and that the powers of the guardians of the City of London Union in respect thereof should be transferred to and vested in the common council Therefore—

All the powers rights privileges duties liabilities and obligations now enjoyed or had by the guardians of the City of London Union in respect of the premises known as the Vestry Hall No. 129 The Minories in the city are hereby transferred to and vested in the common council as overseers.

As to aggregated service in respect of superannuation scheme under Act of 1912.

31.—(1) From and after the passing of this Act the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1912 shall be read and have effect as if the following had been inserted therein in lieu of the definition of “aggregated service” contained in section 3 (Interpretation) of that Act (that is to say):—

“Aggregated service” means service as above defined together with any service under the Corporation otherwise than in or in connection with the public health and valuation and rating departments and any service under any other local or municipal authority or authorities which shall be aggregated and reckoned in accordance with the provisions of the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is “Service under other authorities”;

and as if the following had been inserted therein in lieu of the first paragraph of section 25 (Service under other authorities) of that Act (that is to say):—

Subject to the deduction of the increased percentage amounts to be contributed in that behalf as hereinafter provided all periods of service by an officer rendered under and as an officer of the Corporation before his appointment by the Corporation in or in connection with the public health and valuation and rating departments or by their predecessors or under and as an officer of any other local or municipal authority or authorities may at the option of the Corporation be aggregated and reckoned for the purposes of this Act whether the whole

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time of such officer has been devoted to such service or not. A.D. 1914.

(2) Nothing contained in this section shall prejudice or affect any officer whose period of service shall before the passing of this Act have been aggregated and reckoned for the purposes of the said Act of 1912.

32. Offences against this Act and penalties forfeitures costs and expenses imposed or recoverable under this Act or any regulation made in pursuance thereof may be prosecuted and recovered in a summary manner Provided that costs or expenses except such as are recoverable along with a penalty shall not be recovered as penalties but may be recovered summarily as civil debts. Recovery of penalties &c.

33. All penalties recovered by the Corporation under this Act or any byelaw thereunder shall be paid to the chamberlain of the city and be by him carried to the credit of the general rate. Penalties to be paid over to chamberlain.

34. The Corporation shall within three months after the passing of this Act give public notice of the effect of the foregoing provisions of Part III. (High-pressure gas meters) of this Act by advertisement in two or more daily newspapers circulating in the city and otherwise in such manner as they think sufficient. Notice of certain part of Act to be given.

35. All expenses incurred by the Corporation in carrying into execution the provisions of Part II. (Spitalfields improvements) of this Act shall be paid out of city's cash or out of moneys borrowed under the City of London (Spitalfields Market) Act 1902 and the purposes of the said Part II. shall be deemed to be purposes of the last-mentioned Act and all expenses incurred by the Corporation in carrying into execution the other provisions of this Act shall be paid out of the general rate and all moneys received by the Corporation under the provisions of Part III. (High-pressure gas meters) of this Act shall be carried to the credit of that rate. Expenses of execution of Act.

36. Nothing in this Act affects prejudicially any estate right power privilege or exemption of the Crown. Crown rights.

37. All the costs charges and expenses preliminary and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing Costs of Act.

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or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the Corporation
out of city's cash and the general rate in such proportion as
they think fit.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

PROPERTIES OF WHICH THE CORPORATION MAY TAKE A
PART ONLY.

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Ditto - - - -	120	Factory forecourt workshops and premises.

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