



CHAPTER xlvi.

An Act to increase the maximum rates dues tolls and charges leviable by the Manchester Ship Canal Company. A.D. 1919.
[15th August 1919.]

WHEREAS the Manchester Ship Canal Company (in this Act referred to as "the Company") were incorporated by the Manchester Ship Canal Act 1885 and by virtue of the powers conferred by that Act and subsequent Acts own and carry on an undertaking which comprises the Manchester Ship Canal the Bridgewater canals and certain docks lands and premises in the city of Manchester the borough of Salford and elsewhere and certain railways in connexion with the said canals docks lands and premises : 48 & 49 Vict.
c. clxxxviii.

And whereas under or by virtue of the said Acts or some or one of them the Company are empowered to charge dues tolls and other charges on ships passengers and cargo entering leaving passing or carried along the said Manchester Ship Canal and on vessels navigating the said Bridgewater canals and the merchandise carried thereon and to levy and make certain rates dues tolls and charges for the use of or in connexion with the said docks railways lands and premises :

And whereas the dues tolls rates and charges which the Company may levy and charge as aforesaid are for the most part limited by the said Acts or some or one of them to certain specified maxima :

And whereas owing to the great increase which has recently taken place in the cost of carrying on the said undertaking the dues tolls rates and charges as so limited are insufficient to enable the said undertaking to be carried on efficiently and it is

A.D. 1919. expedient that except as regards the Bridgewater canals undertaking the said dues tolls rates and charges should be increased as by this Act provided :

And whereas the purposes 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 :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Manchester Ship Canal Act 1919.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act the following words and expressions have the several meanings hereby assigned to them unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction (that is to say) :—

“The Company” means the Manchester Ship Canal Company ;

“The undertaking” means and includes the undertaking carried on by the Company upon or in connexion with their canals docks and railways (other than the Bridgewater canals undertaking) and the real and personal property lands works and appliances acquired or provided by or vested in them for the purposes thereof ;

“The existing Acts” means the Manchester Ship Canal Act 1885 and all subsequent Acts relating to the Company and the Acts incorporated with those Acts respectively ;

“The maximum rates” means the dues tolls rates and charges leviable or chargeable by the Company in connection with the undertaking as limited by the existing Acts or some or one of them.

Increase of maximum rates.

3. As from the passing of this Act the maximum rates are hereby respectively increased by an amount equal to fifty per centum of the respective amounts thereof authorised by the existing Acts or any of them and the existing Acts shall be read and have effect accordingly Provided that unless and except so far as Parliament may hereafter otherwise allow the provisions of this section shall cease to have effect on the expiration of fifteen years from the passing of this Act.

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4. In the apportionments of any through rates to which the Company and any other railway company are or may be parties nothing in this Act shall entitle the Company to claim any greater proportion of such through rates than if this Act had not been passed.

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For protection of railway companies parties to through rates.

5. The provisions of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Increase of maximum rates" shall not apply to the charges which the Company are authorised to make under the provisions of section 146 (Company to have exclusive right to load &c. vessels) of the Manchester Ship Canal Act 1885.

Act not to apply to certain loading charges.

6. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the operation of the agreement dated the ninth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six scheduled to and confirmed by the Manchester Ship Canal Act 1896.

Saving agreement scheduled to Manchester Ship Canal Act 1896.

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

Costs of Act.

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