



CHAPTER liv.

An Act to enable the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company to take on lease the Hayling Railways; to consolidate the preference stocks in their capital; to make other provisions with respect to their capital; and for other purposes with relation to the same Company. A.D. 1874.

[30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS by "The Hayling Railways Act, 1860," the Hayling Railways Company (herein-after called "the Hayling Company") were incorporated for the purpose of making a railway in the county of Southampton, commencing by a junction with the main line of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (herein-after called "the Brighton Railway") near the Havant station thereof, and terminating at Cumberland Ferry in the parish of South Hayling, together with a short spur or branch in the parish of Havant, for the purpose of joining the direct Portsmouth Railway; and the powers of the said Company were varied and enlarged by "The Hayling Railway and Docks Act, 1864," and by "The Hayling Railways Act, 1867," and the said several Acts are herein-after referred to by the year in which they were passed:

Preamble recites: Hayling Railways Acts, namely, 23 & 24 Vict. c. clxvi.

27 & 28 Vict. c. clxxvii.
30 & 31 Vict. c. clxxxix.

And whereas by the said Acts the same Company were authorised to raise by shares and by loan the following sums, namely:

	Shares.	Loan.
Act of 1860 - - - -	£50,000	£16,600
Act of 1864 (for the purposes of Act of 1860) - - - -	£10,000	£3,300
Extension lines - - - -	£6,000	£2,000
Docks - - - -	£60,000	£20,000

And by the said Act of 1864 (section 43) the same Company were authorised to attach a preferential dividend at the rate of 5 per

A.D. 1874. centum per annum, and they did attach such preferential dividend to the capital of 10,000*l.* authorised to be raised by the same Act, and by the Act of 1867 (section 10) they were authorised to attach a preferential dividend to the capital of 6,000*l.* authorised to be raised by the said Act of 1864 :

And whereas the undertaking of the Hayling Railways Company now consists of a line of railway less than five miles in length, commencing at the Havant station of the Brighton Railway and terminating near West Town in the parish of South Hayling, together with the stations, sidings, works, and conveniences connected with the said railway ; and the said undertaking is herein-after called “ the Hayling Railway : ”

And whereas the Hayling Railway was for some time worked by the contractor by whom the same was constructed, and the proceeds derived therefrom were scarcely sufficient to pay the working expenses thereof :

And whereas an agreement was made, bearing date the 25th day of December 1871, between the Hayling Railways Company of the one part, and the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company (who are herein-after referred to as “ the Company ” or the “ Brighton Company ”) of the other part, whereby it was among other things stipulated that the Brighton Company in consideration of the annual rent or payment of 2,000*l.*, and of the other conditions contained in the said agreement, should work and use the Hayling Railway for a term of 999 years ; and it is expedient and the two companies have agreed that, subject to the conditions and restrictions herein-after contained, the said agreement should be annulled and that the Hayling Railway should be vested in the Brighton Company for the term of years herein-after mentioned :

And whereas a suit is pending in the High Court of Chancery in England in which John Bailey Denton on behalf of himself and all other the shareholders in the Hayling Railways Company (except the defendants in the said suit) is plaintiff, and Philip Rose and others and the Hayling Company are defendants, and it is expedient that the rights of the parties to the said suit, and the jurisdiction and powers of the court over the matters in question in the said suit, should be saved :

Consolidation of stocks in Brighton Company.

And whereas by virtue of the several Acts relating to them the Brighton Company have created capital stock (in which expression shares are included), and have attached to the said stock preferential dividends at various rates and upon various conditions, and it will be convenient to the holders of the several preference stocks, and to the Company, that the powers herein-after contained for the con-

solidation of the said stocks should be granted, subject nevertheless to the conditions and restrictions herein-after contained :

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And whereas by "The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Act, 1868," the Company were authorised to raise (section 14) (by way of additional capital), by the creation of new ordinary shares or stock, any sum not exceeding one million pounds, but the Company have not hitherto exercised the powers so granted to them, and it is expedient that they be authorised to attach to such portions of the said capital as they may from time to time raise a preferential dividend as herein-after mentioned :

Capital under Act of 1868.
31 & 32 Vict. c. cxxxiv.

And whereas in pursuance of certain conditions and regulations approved at an ordinary general meeting of the Company, held on the 24th day of January 1872 (which conditions and regulations are set forth in a schedule to this Act), a superannuation fund for the officers and servants of the Company has been established, and it is expedient that the Company should be authorised to establish and contribute to the said fund upon and subject to the said conditions and regulations :

Superannuation fund.

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

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the Queen'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 :

1. This Act may be cited as "The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Act, 1874."

Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Act the expression "superior courts," or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any other like expression in this Act, or any Act wholly or partially incorporated herewith, shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Interpretation of terms.

3. The undertaking of the Hayling Railways Company as herein-before defined, and all the powers and rights vested in them for the management, repair, maintenance, use, and working of their undertaking, and the taking of tolls, rates, and charges for the use thereof, shall be and are, subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Acts relating to the Hayling Company, transferred to and vested in the Brighton Company by way of lease for a term of one thousand years, to take effect as on and from the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four: Provided always, that within three months from the passing of this Act the

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Surplus
lands not
included.

4. The superfluous lands of the Hayling Company shall not be deemed to be included in the said lease, provided nevertheless that the Brighton Company shall have the free use of such parts of the said lands as shall from time to time in the judgment of the general manager of the same Company be or be likely to be required for the convenient use of the Hayling Railway, or for providing additional stations, water-places, sidings, warehouses, works, and conveniences, or for the doubling of the line of the Hayling Railway or of any part thereof, or for any extension or alteration consequent on such doubling, which doubling, extension, and alteration the Brighton Company as between them and the Hayling Company are hereby authorised at any time at their own expense to execute.

Rent.

5. The Brighton Company shall pay to the Hayling Company the sum of two thousand pounds by way of annual rent, by two equal half-yearly payments on the thirty-first day of December and the thirtieth day of June in every year, the first of such payments to be made on the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

Allowance
for expenses.

6. In addition to the said rent the Brighton Company shall pay to the Hayling Company an annual sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for the remuneration of the directors and officers of the last-named Company, so far as it shall be necessary to maintain any establishment, and the said annual sum shall be payable by half-yearly payments on the same days as the rent, and shall be recoverable as the rent is recoverable.

Providing
for recovery
of rent.

7. If and whenever any half-yearly payment of the rent is in arrear in whole or in part for twenty-one days after the day of payment thereof, then (whether the rent for the half year has been demanded or not) the same may be recovered by the Hayling Company by action against the Brighton Company in any court of competent jurisdiction, with full costs of suit, or at the option of the Hayling Company the same shall be leviable by distress as in case of distress for rent by a landlord at common law, or by statute or

otherwise, on all goods and chattels of the Brighton Company at any time and from time to time found on the Hayling Railway, and the costs of the Hayling Company in respect of every such distress, or otherwise consequent on the failure of the Brighton Company to pay the rent, shall be paid by the Brighton Company, and may be included in the amount distrained for. A.D. 1874.

8. The Brighton Company shall pay all taxes, duties, rates, assessments, and impositions, whether parliamentary, parochial, or otherwise, payable in respect of the Hayling Railway, and shall indemnify the Hayling Company in respect thereof, and they shall also at their own sole cost maintain, repair, and renew the Hayling Railway. Brighton Company to pay taxes, &c.

9. The Brighton Company shall in the exercise of their powers, rights, and privileges under this Act in all respects duly perform and observe the several provisions with respect to the management, maintenance, repair, working, and use of the Hayling Railway, and to the traffic thereof, contained in the Acts from time to time in force with respect to the same, and shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Hayling Company from and against all obligations and liabilities in that behalf, and all penalties, forfeitures, losses, damages, costs, charges, and expenses, claims and demands whatsoever in any way occasioned or incurred by or by reason of any act or default of the Brighton Company, or any of their directors, agents, officers, or servants in relation thereto. Provisions of Acts in force to be observed.

10. During the continuance of the said term the byelaws, rules, and regulations for the time being in force on the railways of the Brighton Company shall apply to and may be enforced by the Brighton Company upon the Hayling Railway. Byelaws of Brighton Company to be in force.

11. As on and from the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, the said agreement of the twenty-fifth day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one shall cease to operate; provided that nothing herein contained shall affect the past operation of the said agreement or anything duly done or suffered thereunder before the said thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four. Agreement of 25th Dec. 1871 cancelled.

12. The receipt of two of the directors of the Hayling Company under their hands shall be a sufficient discharge to the Brighton Company for the rent and annual payment hereby reserved, and the directors of the Hayling Company shall stand possessed of the said rent upon trust to pay and apply the same as the profits of the undertaking of the same Company would have been applicable if As to payment and application of rent.

A.D. 1874. this Act had not been passed: Provided that the Brighton Company shall not be required to see to the application or be responsible for the misapplication or non-application of the said rent or of any part thereof.

For protection of London and South-western Railway Company.

13. For the protection of the London and South-western Railway Company, be it enacted as follows:

(1.) Neither the transfer and vesting in the Brighton Company of the undertaking of the Hayling Railways Company, nor anything in this Act contained shall in any manner prejudice, alter, or affect the rights and privileges of the London and South-western Railway Company under the 47th and 48th sections of "The Hayling Railways Act, 1860," and the 14th section of "The Hayling Railway and Docks Act, 1864," and the 20th and 23rd sections of "The Hayling Railways Act, 1867," or under any of those provisions, but all and singular those rights and privileges shall, subject to the terms and conditions of those Acts respectively, be operative and obligatory upon the Brighton Company in the same manner and to the same extent as if those several sections were inserted in this Act with the name of the Brighton Company inserted therein instead of the name of the Hayling Railways Company:

(2.) So far as it may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the London and South-western Railway Company to exercise the before-mentioned rights and privileges over and in respect of the undertaking of the Hayling Railways Company they may also, subject to the same terms and conditions (*mutatis mutandis*) as are contained in the said Hayling Acts, and to such reasonable byelaws and regulations as may be imposed by the Brighton Company, have and exercise over and in respect of the Havant Station of the Brighton Company, and the railways, works, and conveniences of that Company at and near such station, the same rights and privileges (*mutatis mutandis*) as they possess in respect of the Hayling Railways:

(3.) Any difference which may arise between the two Companies as to any matter arising out of this enactment, whether as to the payments, tolls, charges, or other consideration, terms, and conditions to be observed and paid by the London and South-western Railway Company, or as to the reasonableness of any such byelaws or regulations, or

otherwise, shall be determined from time to time by arbitration, in the same manner as is provided by the 48th section of the Hayling Act of 1860 with respect to the matters therein mentioned. A.D. 1874.

14. Provided also, that nothing contained in this Act shall prejudice, limit, or affect any rights, claims, or demands of the said John Bailey Denton, or other the ordinary shareholders of the Hayling Company, or shall limit, or be deemed to limit, the powers of the High Court of Chancery in the said suit with respect to the matters in question in the said suit, or the rights of the said Plaintiff or the said ordinary shareholders thereunder. Saving pending litigation.

15. Subject to the conditions and restrictions herein-after contained, the Company may consolidate into a smaller number of stocks, or into a single stock, the preference stocks now forming part of their capital, and for that purpose the following provisions shall apply: Providing for the consolidation of stocks.

(a.) The directors of the Company may, at any time not later than the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, prepare a scheme or schemes for the consolidation of such stocks as they desire to consolidate, and for the conversion of such stocks into other stock, or number of stocks, of such name and of such amount, and with such privileges, as the scheme shall define: Directors to prepare scheme.

(b.) They shall send a copy of the said scheme to all the proprietors of the stocks to which the scheme relates, and the said scheme shall be accompanied with a notice that the same will be submitted to the consideration of a meeting of the proprietors of the said stocks: Circulation of scheme.

(c.) Not sooner than one month nor later than two months after the circulation of such scheme the directors shall either convene one meeting of all such proprietors, or separate meetings of each class of proprietors, as the directors may deem most advisable, and submit the said scheme for their consideration, and at such meeting or meetings, as the case may be, the votes of the proprietors of each class of stock shall be taken separately, and if the proprietors of any such class of stock holding one fourth in value of such class of stock, and being present in person or by proxy at such meeting, shall object to the said scheme the same so far as it relates to the stock included in such class shall not be carried into effect, but such objections shall not affect the adoption of the scheme so far as relates Meetings of proprietors.

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Concurrence
of Company.

Providing
for execution
of scheme.

to the other classes of stock comprised therein, and the scheme shall be deemed to be approved with relation to the classes of stock the proprietors of which do not object to the same as aforesaid :

(d.) The scheme so approved shall be submitted by the directors to an extraordinary general meeting of the Company specially convened with notice of the matter, and if the scheme is approved by a majority of the votes of the proprietors present thereat, in person or by proxy, it shall be carried into effect by the directors, but if it is disapproved of by such majority, it shall not be proceeded with :

(e.) For the purpose of carrying any such scheme into effect the directors shall have the following powers :

(1.) They may redeem existing stocks to which a power of redemption is attached, by paying to the holders thereof the amount of such stocks, together with any premiums reserved thereon ; and they may, in lieu of the stocks so redeemed, create and issue other stocks, whether preferential or ordinary, not exceeding the amount so paid :

(2.) They may create new stocks, and attach to the same preferential dividends not exceeding in aggregate amount the dividend secured upon the stock consolidated :

(3.) They may call in and cancel the certificates for the stock so consolidated, and issue fresh certificates for the new or substituted stock :

(4.) They may receive or pay, as the case may be, sums of money on account of any excess or deficiency in any aggregate amount of ten pounds or multiple of ten pounds.

Consolidated
stock to be
held on same
trusts.

16. The consolidated stock shall be held by the persons to whom the same is issued, subject to the same trusts (if any) and with the same powers and incidents in all respects as the stocks for which it may have been substituted.

New pre-
ference
capital may
be comprised
in the
scheme.

17. Any capital to which the Company may by virtue of this Act have power to attach a preferential dividend may be comprised in any scheme for the consolidation of stock.

Authorising
creation of
superannua-
tion fund.

18. The superannuation fund created in pursuance of the conditions and regulations approved, as herein-before mentioned, at the ordinary general meeting of the Company held on the twenty-fourth

day of January 1872, is hereby authorised, and the said conditions and regulations, as set forth in the schedule to this Act, are hereby authorised and confirmed, and shall be valid and binding upon the Company and the directors thereof.

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19. Subject to the provisions of Part II. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," the Company may attach to all or any part of the capital which by "The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Act, 1868," they are authorised to raise by new ordinary shares or stock a preferential dividend not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum; provided that no shares or stock to which a preferential dividend is attached shall be issued at a discount.

Authorising preference to be attached to capital under Act of 1868.

31 & 32 Vict. c. cxxxiv.

20. The 19th section of "The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Act, 1868," is hereby repealed, and instead thereof be it enacted as follows; in addition to their other powers of borrowing on mortgage, the Company may from time to time borrow on mortgage any sum not exceeding in the whole three hundred and thirty-three thousand pounds in respect of the additional capital of one million pounds by the said Act authorised to be raised: Provided that in respect of every one hundred thousand pounds of such additional capital created and subscribed for, issued, and accepted, and one half whereof shall have been paid up, the Company may borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole thirty-three thousand pounds; but no part of any of the before-mentioned sums of thirty-three thousand pounds shall be borrowed until shares for so much of the said portion of the additional capital as is to be raised by means of shares are issued and accepted, and one half of such capital is paid up, and the Company have proved to the justice who is to certify under the 40th section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," before he so certifies, that shares for the whole of such portion of additional capital have been issued and accepted, and that one half of such portion has been paid up, and that not less than one fifth part of the amount of each separate share in such portion of capital has been paid on account thereof before or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof, and until stock for one half of so much of the said additional capital as is to be raised by means of stock is fully paid up, and the Company have proved to such justice aforesaid, before he so certifies, that such shares or stock, as the case may be, were issued and accepted and paid up bonâ fide, and are held by the persons or corporations to whom the same were issued, or their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, and also if the said capital is raised by shares that such persons or corporations,

Borrowing powers under Act of 1868 may be exercised gradually.

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— legally liable for the same, and upon production to such justice of
the books of the Company, and of such other evidence as he shall
think sufficient, he shall grant a certificate that the proof afore-
said has been given, which certificate shall be sufficient evidence
thereof.

Railways not
exempt from
provisions of
present and
future
general Acts.

21. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to
exempt the railways of the Company or the Hayling Railway, or
either of them, from the provisions of any general Act relating
to railways, or to the better or more impartial audit of the accounts
of railway companies, now in force or which may hereafter pass
during this or any future session of Parliament, or from any future
revision and alteration, under the authority of Parliament, of the
maximum rates of fares and charges, and of the rates for small
parcels.

Expenses
of Act.

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

SCHEDULE.

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SUPERANNUATION FUND.

CONDITIONS and REGULATIONS issued to the staff on 6th December 1871, and approved at the ordinary general meeting of the Company, held on the 24th January 1872.

1. All principal officers, their assistants and clerks, station-masters, booking clerks, ticket collectors, guards, policemen, signalmen, pointsmen, permanent way superintendents, inspectors, and timekeepers, locomotive and carriage foremen, timekeepers, and engine-drivers hereafter admitted into the Company's service whose age shall not exceed 40 years at the time of admission, shall upon and from their admission to the service, and so long as they shall continue in the service, be contributing members, and all other officials promoted to either of those ranks shall on promotion be required to become contributing members.

2. The directors may if they think fit make special and exceptional arrangements with any future officer or servant of eligible rank who shall be upwards of 40 years old at the time of entering the service as to the amount of contribution or benefit to be derived or both, and to admit him to be a contributing member on the footing of such arrangements.

3. Every officer or servant of eligible rank now in the service of the Company who before the 1st of January 1872, declares his intention to join the fund from that date shall be admitted as a contributor, and shall continue a contributing member whatever his age, without special terms.

4. Every officer or servant of eligible rank now in the service, but who has not previously to the 1st of January 1872 been admitted as a contributing member, and if then not over 40 years of age, shall on satisfying the directors that he is of sober habits and not afflicted with any disease likely to shorten life be admitted a contributing member, but if then upwards of 40 years of age may at the discretion of the directors, on satisfying them as before, be admitted on the footing of the special arrangements herein-before made applicable to future officers or servants over the age of 40 years, and shall then so long as he is in the service continue a contributing member.

5. Any contributing member dismissed the service for dishonesty, or retiring to avoid such dismissal, shall forfeit all his contributions and lose all benefit whatever from the fund.

6. Any contributing member required by the Company to leave the service from reduction of staff or any cause except dishonesty or misconduct shall receive back all his own contributions with interest at 4 per cent. per annum simple interest, and have no further claim on the fund; but in case of dismissal for misconduct only, not being dishonesty or involving any pecuniary loss to the Company, he shall receive back the amount of his contributions only, but without interest, unless upon appeal to the directors they should be of opinion under special circumstances that interest should be allowed.

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7. Any contributing member leaving the service of his own accord honourably shall receive back all his own contributions without interest thereon, and have no further claim on the fund.

8. In the event of the death of a contributing member before deriving any benefit from the fund, there shall be paid out of the fund to his legal personal representatives a sum equal to the amount of his own contributions up to the time of his death, with interest at 4 per cent. per annum simple interest. If there should be no legal personal representative of such deceased contributing member, the directors may at their own discretion pay any sum payable in respect of his claim on the fund (not exceeding 50*l.*) to his widow and children, or either or any of such persons, without requiring a legally constituted representative, and the fund shall not be liable to any further payment to the estate of such deceased contributing member.

9. Every contributing member who shall have been such for ten years, shall on attaining the age of 60 in the Company's service, and thereupon retiring, or retiring from the service after the age of 60, be entitled to an annual allowance for life, amounting to such proportion of the average salary received by him from the date of his first contribution till his retirement from the service, upon the following scale :

After 10 years contributions, 25 per cent. of average salary.

„ 11	„	26	„	„
„ 12	„	27	„	„
„ 13	„	28	„	„
„ 14	„	29	„	„
„ 15	„	30	„	„

and so on, until after 35 years subscription a member would (being 60 years of age) be entitled to receive as the maximum superannuation 50 per cent. of his average salary while subscribing to the fund.

10. Officers or servants now in the service who have remained in it uninterruptedly for more than ten years, and who join the fund at once, will be entitled to an extra superannuation allowance on the following scale :

10 to 15 years past service to entitle contributing members to an additional superannuation of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on average salary.

15 to 20 years ditto, 5 per cent.

20 to 25 years ditto, $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Upwards of 25 years ditto, 10 per cent.

Such additional allowance being chargeable to the Company's "Benevolent Fund."

11. All superannuation allowances shall be payable quarterly on the 1st day of January, the 1st day of April, the 1st day of July, and the 1st day of October in every year, an apportioned payment being made for any period less than a quarter of a year elapsing between the commencement of superannuation and the quarterly day of payment next succeeding, or between the last quarterly day on which the allowance shall be payable and the death of the recipient or cesser of the allowance, as the case may be.

12. The directors may allow any contributing member, having been such during ten years, who may retire from the service on account of ill-health or infirmity, if his illness is not occasioned by causes within his own control, to

participate in the said fund as if he had attained the age of 60 years before so retiring, and in such case shall have power to modify his allowance if he is partially employed elsewhere, and to deal with his case as they think well should he ultimately return to the service of the Company.

13. Any contributing member now in the service who, upon the certificate of the Company's medical officer, may have to retire on account of ill-health or infirmity before the expiration of ten years from the 1st of January 1872 shall be entitled to receive back his contributions with compound interest at 4 per cent. per annum.

14. Every contributing member who shall not have been admitted on special and exceptional terms as provided by this scheme, shall contribute a sum equal to $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on his actual salary. The Company shall be at liberty to deduct the contribution pro rata as the salaries become due or are paid. At present the deductions will be made quarterly, the first on the salary lists or wages sheets in March 1872 for the quarter ending 31st March 1872.

15. The Company at the end of every half year to contribute out of its revenues a sum equal in amount to the sum which during the same half year has been contributed thereto by the officers and servants of the Company.

16. The sole management and direction of the fund shall be vested in the directors.

17. The directors may at any time appoint an actuary or actuaries to report such alterations (if any) in the original regulations with respect to the benefits derivable from the fund, and also such additional regulations (if any) on the same subject, as it may seem to him or them desirable to prescribe for the better or more efficient working out the intents of the scheme, and such report shall exhibit any deficiency which may be apparent in the fund to meet the requirements arising or which may arise under the regulations for the time in force, such deficiency to be met by a reduction of the benefits assured, and the said report shall point out the proper and just manner of making such reduction, and shall also if he or they think fit suggest an equitable appropriation or distribution of any surplus which may in like manner be apparent in the fund beyond the requirements likely to arise under the regulations for the time in force. The directors may act upon the report and make the alterations thereby recommended. No recipient shall however be called on by any such variation or alteration to refund any moneys he may have properly received under this scheme.

18. The fund shall be invested on loan to the Company as trustees thereof, interest being allowed thereon at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

ALLEN SARLE,
Secretary.

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