Order shall not be proceeded with so far as relates to that transfer, but without prejudice to the power of the Board to propose a new Order.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, the expression "local authorities" means the following local authorities, namely, the council of a borough or other urban district, a rural district council, a board of guardians, a metropolitan borough council and the Common Council of the City of London.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 16.

An Act for the acquisition of certain land in Dublin as a site for a proposed Royal College of Science and other offices and buildings for the public service, and for purposes connected therewith. [11th August 1903.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland (in this Act called the Commissioners) should be empowered to acquire certain lands and buildings in the parish of Saint Anne, in the county of the city of Dublin:

And whereas those lands and buildings cannot be acquired without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas plans (in this Act referred to as the deposited plans) describing the situation of the land proposed to be acquired, with the houses and buildings thereon, with a book of reference thereto (in this Act referred to as the deposited book of reference), containing the names of the owners and lessees, or reputed owners and lessees, and of the occupiers thereof, have been deposited with the respective clerks of the peace for the county of the city of Dublin and county of Dublin and with the town clerk of the city of Dublin:

Be it therefore 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:

Power to purchase land.

1. The Commissioners may purchase and acquire for the purposes of this Act all or any of the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference.

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Acts.

2.—(1) For the purpose of the purchase and acquisition of land under this Act the Lands Clauses Acts shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be incorporated with this Act with the following exceptions and modifications:—

(*a*) The provisions relating to the sale of superfluous land and access to the special Act and section one hundred and thirty-three of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18.

(relating to land tax and poor rate), shall not be incorporated with this Act:

(*b*) In the construction of this Act and of the incorporated Acts, this Act shall be deemed to be the "special Act" and the Commissioners shall be deemed to be the "promoters of the undertaking":

(*c*) The bond required by section eighty-five of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall be under the common seal of the Commissioners and shall be sufficient without the addition of the sureties mentioned in that section:

(*d*) Any arbitrator, who would under the Lands Clauses Acts be appointed by the Commissioners, shall be appointed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, and, in the provisions of those Acts relating to the arbitrator as incorporated with this Act, any reference to the Commissioners shall be read as a reference to the Local Government Board.

(2) The powers of the Commissioners for the compulsory purchase of land under this Act shall cease on the expiration of five years from the passing of this Act.

Issue and raising of money for the purposes of Act.

3.—(1) The Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund, or the growing produce thereof, such sums, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds, as may be required by the Commissioners for such purposes connected with the acquisition of land and the erection and equipment of buildings under this Act as the Treasury may approve.

(2) The Treasury may, if they think fit, at any time for the purpose of providing money for the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund under this Act, or the repayment to that Fund of all or any parts of the sums so issued, borrow money by means of terminable annuities for such period, not exceeding thirty years from the passing of this Act, as the Treasury may fix, and all sums so borrowed shall be paid into the Exchequer.

(3) The said annuities shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Commissioners, and, if those moneys are insufficient, shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

(4) The Commissioners shall within six months after the end of every financial year in which money is issued under this section cause to be made out an account, in the form required by the Treasury, showing the money expended and borrowed and the securities created under this Act; and the account of the expenditure under this Act shall be audited and reported upon by the Comptroller and Auditor-General as an appropriation account in manner directed by the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866.

(5) Any sum received at any time after the passing of this Act on account of the sale or disposal of any land or buildings used at the time of the passing of the Act for the purposes of the Royal College of Science in Dublin shall, as the Treasury direct, be applied in paying any sums authorised to be issued out of Consolidated Fund under this Act, or paid to the National D

Commissioners and applied by them as if the sum were part of the old sinking fund.

Extinction of rights of way and other easements.

4.—(1) All rights of way, rights of laying down or of continuing any pipes, sewers or drains on, through or under any of the land acquired by the Commissioners, under the provisions of this Act, and all other rights and easements in or relating to that land shall be extinguished, and all the soil of those ways and the property in the pipes, sewers and drains shall vest in the Commissioners.

(2) Provided that any persons may recover from the Commissioners such compensation (if any) as they may be entitled to under any of the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts for any rights or property, of which they may be deprived in pursuance of this section, and the amount of that compensation shall be determined in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts as modified for the purpose of their incorporation with this Act.

Power to enter on lands.

5. The Commissioners and their surveyors, officers and workmen may at all reasonable time in the daytime, on giving twenty-four hours' notice in writing, enter on any of the land which the Commissioners are authorised to acquire under this Act for the purpose of surveying or valuing the land.

Protection of works of gas, water and electricity companies.

6.—(1) Where, in the removal or pulling down of any buildings or in raising or lowering the ground of any street or way for the purpose of this Act, it is necessary to raise, sink or otherwise alter the position relatively to the surface of the ground of any pipe, wire or other apparatus, laid down or used by any gas, water or electricity company, or connected with any house or building for the supply of gas, water or electricity,

(*a*) one month's notice shall be given to the company previously to the commencement of any such work ; and

(*b*) the work shall be executed to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer of the company or, in case of difference, of an engineer to be selected by the Board of Trade ; and

(*c*) every such work shall be so executed as to cause as little inconvenience as circumstances will admit to the company ; and

(*d*) the Commissioners shall make compensation to the company for all loss or damage, if any, which may be occasioned by the execution of any of the works authorised by this Act.

(2) For the purposes of this section the expression "gas, water or electricity company" includes any person or body of persons supplying gas, water or electricity.

Vesting, &c. of land acquired under Act.

7.—(1) All lands taken or acquired by the Commissioners under this Act shall be held by the Commissioners in trust for His Majesty for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Commissioners may sell, exchange or lease all or any of the lands acquired by them under this Act and not required for the purposes of this Act.

(3) A purchase, sale, exchange or lease of land under this Act shall not be made or granted except with the consent of the Treasury, but it shall not be necessary for the person who sells,

purchases or takes in exchange or on lease any such land to ascertain that the consent of the Treasury has been given under this section.

(4) Any sums received on any sale or exchange of lands under this section shall be paid into the Exchequer.

Power to build.

8. The Commissioners may erect all such buildings, execute all such works and do all such other things as may, in their opinion, be necessary or proper for the purpose of providing and equipping, on land acquired by them under this Act, buildings for a Royal College of Science, and for such public offices as may be determined, and appropriating any such land for any of those purposes.

Penalty for obstructing Commissioners.

9. If any person wilfully obstructs any person acting under the authority of the Commissioners in the lawful exercise of the powers vested in them under this Act, he shall for each offence be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Short title.

10. This Act may be cited as the Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 17.

An Act to amend the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1867.

[11th August 1903.]

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:

Regulation of street collections. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 134.

1. The power to make regulations conferred by section eleven of the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1867, shall extend to the making of regulations, to be observed by all persons within the general limits of that Act, with respect to the places where and the conditions under which persons may collect money in any street for charitable or other purposes.

Short title and construction. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 134. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 5. 48 & 49 Vict. c. 18.

2. This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1903, and shall be construed as one with the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1867, the Metropolitan Streets Act Amendment Act, 1867, and the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1885; and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Metropolitan Streets Acts, 1867 to 1903.

CHAPTER 18.

An Act to regulate the sale and use of Pistols or other Firearms.

[11th August 1903.]

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: