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Act for authorising the Gaslight and Coke Company to make a short connecting Railway from the Company's works at Beckton to the Great Eastern Railway, and for amalgamating the Equitable Gaslight Company with the Gaslight and Coke Company, and for amending the Metropolis Gas Act, 1860, and the City of London Gas Act, 1868; and for other purposes. [29th June 1871.] A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS the construction of a short connecting railway from the works of the Gaslight and Coke Company at Beckton, in the parish of East Ham in the county of Essex, to the Great Eastern Railway would be of great local and public advantage:

And whereas the Gaslight and Coke Company (in this Act called the Company) are willing to construct the same at their own expense out of their capital already authorised, and it is expedient that provision should be made for agreements between the Company and the Great Eastern Railway Company respecting the use, working, and management of and the profits to be derived from the railway:

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be empowered to take additional lands and to erect additional gasworks in the parish of St. Leonard, Bromley, in the county of Middlesex:

And whereas it is expedient that divers other powers be conferred on the Company:

And whereas the Company and the Equitable Gaslight Company have agreed to amalgamate, and it is expedient that the Equitable Gaslight Company be dissolved and that the undertaking of that company be transferred to the Company, and that those two companies be amalgamated:

And whereas the capital of the Company consists of two million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, divided into two hundred and twenty-five thousand shares of ten pounds each, whereof one hundred and ninety-five thousand are designated as A. shares and

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ten thousand are designated as B. shares, and [illegible] thousand are designated as C. shares:

And whereas the total amount which the Company are authorized to borrow is six hundred and thirty-eight thousand pounds:

And whereas the capital of the Equitable Gas Company consists of three hundred thousand pounds, divided into six thousand shares of fifty pounds each, and four thousand shares of twenty-five pounds each.

And whereas the Equitable Company have no mortgage debt:

And whereas it is expedient that the votes of shareholders should be taken in the manner herein-after described:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas plans and sections describing the lines, situations, and levels of the intended railway, and books of reference containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers of lands in the line of the proposed railway or within the limits of deviation as defined on the plans, and of the other lands intended to be made subject to compulsory powers of purchase, and describing those lands, have been deposited with the respective clerks of the peace for the counties of Essex and Middlesex (which are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans, sections, and books of reference):

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; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Gaslight and Coke Company's Act, 1871.

Provisions of general Acts herein named incorporated.

2. The following enactments (as far as they are applicable for the purposes of and not inconsistent with this Act) are hereby incorporated with this Act; (namely,)

The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869:

The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845:

Parts 1, 3, and 5 of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863 (relating respectively to the construction of a railway, to working agreements, and to amalgamation).

Interpretation of terms.

3. With respect to the interpretation of terms in and for the purposes of this Act, the following provisions shall have effect; (namely,)

Terms to wh.. are assigned in enactments incorporated with this Act, or ... have therein special meanings, have in this Act the same meanings:

In this Act, and in enactments incorporated with this Act, the term "court of competent jurisdiction" shall have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which it is used was a common simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Power for Gaslight and Coke Company to make railway.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may make and maintain in the line and according to the levels shown on the deposited plans and sections the railway herein-after described, with all proper stations, approaches, works, and conveniences connected therewith, and may enter on, take, and use such of the lands delineated on and described in the deposited plans and books of reference as may be required for that purpose. The railway herein-before referred to and authorised by this Act is,—

A railway one mile one furlong and four chains or thereabouts in length, commencing in the parish of West Ham in the county of Essex by a junction with the North Woolwich branch of the Great Eastern Railway, at a point thirty yards or thereabouts to the eastward of the railway bridge carrying the North Woolwich Branch Railway over the Victoria Dock Cut or open sewer (marked A. on the deposited plans), and terminating on the east side of the public road called the East Ham Manor Way, in the parish of East Ham in the said county, at a point two hundred and seventy-five yards or thereabouts to the south of the new road belonging to the Gaslight and Coke Company (marked B. on the deposited plans).

Power to cross certain road on the level.

5. Subject to the provisions in the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and in Part I. (relating to the construction of a railway) of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863, contained in reference to the crossing of roads on the level, the Company may in the construction of the railway carry the same with a single line of railway only whilst the railway shall consist of a single line, and afterwards with a double line of railway only, across and on the level of the road next herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,)

No. on deposited Plan.	Parish.	Description of Road.
10	East Ham.	Public road.

For the protection of the Victoria Dock estate.

6. For the accommodation and protection of the Victoria Dock estate of the London and Saint Katharine Docks Company (herein-

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after called the Dock Company) the Cc . observe, fulfil, and conform to the stipulations and p: ...ons, and shall at their own expense make and maintain the works following (unless otherwise agreed between them and the Dock Company):

(*a.*) The Company shall make and maintain a crossing over the railway on the level thereof fit for horses, carts, carriages, and foot passengers of not less than forty feet in width, with proper road approaches thereto on both sides not less than forty feet in width, including footways, fences, and ditches, as shown upon a certain plan signed in duplicate by the chairman of the committee of the House of Lords to whom the Bill for this Act was referred in its progress through Parliament, and shall make and complete the same either during the construction of the railway or within three months after receipt of notice in writing under the Dock Company's common seal, requiring the same to be made; and the Company shall not at any time lay down more than two lines of rails on the railway at the place where the level crossing will be made:

(*b.*) The level crossing shall be made and completed in all respects to the satisfaction of the Dock Company's engineer:

(*c.*) The section numbered 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and the sections numbered 5 and 6 of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863, shall apply to the said crossing:

(*d.*) The Dock Company may at any time hereafter make a flat iron girder bridge over the railway, as shown upon the said plan, either in substitution for or in addition to the level crossing, and the railway and works by this Act authorised shall be so constructed as to enable the Dock Company to make the bridge with a span not greater in the clear than twenty-four feet measured on the square, or thirty-six feet measured on the skew:

(*e.*) The Dock Company may at any time hereafter, at their own expense (except as to the acquisition of the land, which is to be at the expense of the Company, as herein-after provided,) widen the said road approaches on their northern side to any extent not exceeding forty feet of additional width throughout, between the points A. and B. marked on the said plan:

(*f.*) The Company shall at their own expense purchase and provide all lands required for the purposes aforesaid, whether belonging to the Dock Company or not:

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Period for compulsory purchase for railway.

7. The powers of the Company for the compulsory lands for purposes of the railway shall not be exer[illegible] expiration of one year from the passing of this A[illegible]

Lands for extraordinary purposes.

8. The quantity of land to be taken by the Com[illegible] ment for the extraordinary purposes mentioned in t[illegible] Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall not exceed three ac[illegible]

Deposit money not to be repaid until line opened or half the capital paid up and expended.

9. Whereas, pursuant to the standing orders of both Hous[illegible] Parliament and to an Act of the ninth and tenth years of He[illegible] present Majesty, chapter twenty, a sum of five hundred and fifty pounds, being five per cent. upon the amount of the estimate in respect of the railway authorised by this Act, has been deposited with the Court of Chancery in England in respect of the application to Parliament for this Act: Be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act the said sum of five hundred and fifty pounds so deposited as aforesaid in respect of the application for this Act shall not be paid or transferred to or on the application of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons, named in the warrant or order issued in pursuance of the said Act, or the survivors or survivor of them, unless the Company shall, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for completion of the railway hereby authorised to be made, either open the said railway for the public conveyance of passengers, or prove to the satisfaction of the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations that the Company have paid up one half of the amount of the capital by this Act authorised to be raised by means of shares, and have expended for the purposes of this Act a sum equal in amount to such one half of the said capital, and if the said period shall expire before the Company shall either have opened the said railway for the public conveyance of passengers, or have given such proof as aforesaid to the satisfaction of the Lords of the said Committee, the said sum of money deposited as aforesaid shall be applied in the manner hereinafter specified; and the certificate of the Lords of the said Committee that such proof has been given to their satisfaction as aforesaid shall be sufficient evidence of the fact so certified, and it shall not be necessary to produce any certificate of this Act having passed, anything in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Application of deposit.

10. The said sum of money deposited as aforesaid shall be applicable, and after due notice in the London Gazette shall be applied, towards compensating any landowners or other persons whose property may have been interfered with or otherwise rendered less

assing through the property of the Dock Company the shall be constructed as shown upon the said plan, Company shall not enter upon, take, or use any belonging to the Dock Company lying to the south-d of the Victoria Dock Cut, except the land requisite for the said proposed new road approaches and widening, and except the land coloured red on the said plan:

(*h.*) The Company shall permit the Dock Company to connect any railway or tramway which the Dock Company may make with the railway by a junction at such point as shall be agreed upon between the Company or the Company working the railway and the Dock Company, or failing agreement shall be determined by arbitration, and the Company or other the Company for the time being working the railway shall carry on the traffic of the Dock Company and the traffic from the Victoria Dock estate, and with all reasonable despatch, and if and so long as the railway is not worked by the Great Eastern Railway Company the Company shall carry such traffic on such tolls, terms, and conditions as shall (failing agreement between the Company and the Dock Company) be determined by arbitration, and the arbitrator shall not be bound by the provisions of this Act as to tolls and charges for short distances:

(*i.*) If any alteration of the line and levels of the railway, or any alteration of its junction with the North Woolwich Railway, shall at any time be necessary in order to any deviation of the North Woolwich Railway, with a view to the extension eastward of the Dock Company's canal, at the opening for which abutments are already laid, the Company shall make and maintain such alterations, and if such alterations cannot be made without the further authority of Parliament, the Company shall consent to all proceedings necessary for obtaining such authority:

(*j.*) All matters by this section directed to be determined by arbitration, and any differences which may arise as to any work required by this section, or the construction of this section, or the execution or observance of its provisions, shall be determined by a referee to be appointed by the Board of Trade on the application of both or either of the parties in difference, and the costs of the arbitration shall be in his discretion.

or attempt to transfer the same as aforesaid, or any person attempting to use any ticket so transferred or attempted to be transferred, to have the benefit of the provisions of this Act relating to artisans, mechanics, and daily labourers.

Limiting liability of Company in cases of compensation.

25. The liability of the Railway Company under any claim to compensation for injury or otherwise in respect of each passenger travelling with such ticket as aforesaid shall be limited to a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, and the amount of compensation payable in respect of any passenger so injured shall be determined by an arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade, and not otherwise.

Traffic arrangements.

26. The Company on the one hand and the Great Eastern Railway Company on the other hand may from time to time enter into contracts or arrangements with respect to the following purposes, or any of them; (that is to say,)

The management, use, working, and maintenance of the railway, or of any part or parts thereof:

The supply of any rolling or working stock, and of officers and servants for the conduct of the traffic on the railway:

The payments to be made and the conditions to be performed with respect to the matters aforesaid:

The interchange accommodation, conveyance, and delivery of traffic coming from or destined for the undertakings of the contracting companies, and the fixing and division between them of the receipts arising from such traffic.

Short-distance charges.

27. During the continuance of any agreement to be entered into under the provisions of this Act for the use of the railway by the Great Eastern Railway Company, the railway and the railway of the Great Eastern Railway Company shall for the purposes of tolls and charges be considered as one railway; and in estimating the amount of tolls and charges in respect of traffic conveyed partly on the railway and partly on the railway of the Great Eastern Railway Company for a less distance than two miles, tolls and charges may only be charged as for two miles; and in respect of passengers, for every mile or fraction of a mile beyond two miles tolls and charges as for one mile only; and in respect of animals and goods, for every quarter of a mile or fraction of a quarter of a mile beyond two miles tolls and charges as for a quarter of a mile only; and no other short-distance charge shall be made for the conveyance of passengers, animals, or goods partly on the railway and partly on the railway of the Great Eastern Railway Company.

...g in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the railway by this Act authorised to be made from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways, or the better and 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 or alteration, under the authority of Parliament, of the maximum rates of fares and charges, or of the rates for small parcels authorised by this Act.

...y Acts.

Power for Company to take lands and erect gasworks.

29. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may enter on, take, and use all or any part of the lands described in the schedule to this Act, and may thereon erect and maintain works for the manufacture and storing of gas, and use the same for such other purposes of their gas undertaking as they think fit.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

30. The powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase under this Act of lands for the purposes of their gas undertaking shall not be exercised after the expiration of one year from the passing of this Act.

Application by Company of existing funds for gasworks.

31. The Company may apply for purposes of this Act any money which they are authorised by any other Act to raise, and which is not required for other purposes of their undertaking.

Amalgamation of Equitable Company with Gaslight and Coke Company.

32. On the first day of January or the first day of July, whichever shall first happen after the passing of this Act, the Equitable Gaslight Company shall be and the same is hereby dissolved, and the undertaking of that Company shall be and is hereby transferred to the Company; and for the purposes of Part 5 of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863, (incorporated with this Act,) the Equitable Gaslight Company shall be deemed to be amalgamated with the Company by this Act as the special Act in like manner in all respects (as far as may be) as if those two companies were railway companies within that part.

Mortgages and bonds to be a charge on united undertaking.

33. The debts and liabilities of the Gaslight and Coke Company which are secured on mortgage, bond, or debenture, and are subsisting at the date of the commencement of this Act, shall be a charge upon the united undertaking of the amalgamated company, and shall be as valid and effectual in relation to the amalgamated company, as if such mortgages, bonds, or debentures had been granted by the amalgamated company instead of by the Gaslight and Coke Company prior to amalgamation, but subject and without prejudice to the rights of such holders to a priority of charge upon the undertaking of the said Company, and to all the rights, privileges, and remedies belonging to or incident to such mortgages, bonds, and debentures

respectively; and for the purposes of such priority the undertaking of each of the said companies shall, so long as any of the said mortgages, bonds, or debentures affecting such Company subsist, be deemed to be a separate undertaking.

Provisions of existing Acts and scheme continued.

34. The Acts relating to or affecting the amalgamating companies respectively, or their respective undertakings, in force at the date of the passing of this Act, and also the schemes for the amalgamation of the City of London Gaslight and Coke Company and the Great Central Gas Consumers Company with the Gaslight and Coke Company, shall, except so far as the same are varied by or inconsistent with this Act, remain in full force, and all rights and powers by such Acts or schemes, or any of them, conferred on and vested in either of the amalgamating companies in relation to the undertaking of such company may be enjoyed and exercised by the amalgamated company in relation to the undertaking of such amalgamating company, and all matters which might have been done, continued, or completed by either of the amalgamating companies, or their directors, officers, or servants, under or by virtue of those Acts, or any of them, or the said schemes, may be done, continued, or completed by the amalgamated company, and their directors, officers, and servants, as the case may be; and the said schemes, and every Act, so far as it relates to or affects either of the amalgamating companies or its undertaking, shall be read as if the name of the amalgamated company had been used therein in relation to such undertaking instead of the name of the amalgamating company, subject to this proviso, that in the event of the provisions of any Act relating to the Equitable Gaslight Company being inconsistent with those of any Act relating to the Gaslight and Coke Company, or of the said schemes, the provisions of the last-mentioned Act, or of the said schemes, shall be deemed to be in force with respect to and shall be observed by the amalgamated company.

Capital.

35. The capital of the amalgamated company shall be two million five hundred and fifty thousand pounds (being the aggregate authorised capitals of the two companies previously to the commencement of this Act), divided into two hundred and twenty-five thousand shares of ten pounds each and twelve thousand shares of twenty-five pounds each; of the said ten pound shares, one hundred and ninety-five thousand, representing the sum of one million nine hundred and fifty thousand pounds, shall be designated as A. shares, and ten thousand, representing the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, shall be designated as B. shares, and twenty

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thousand, representing the sum of two hundred thousand pounds, shall be designated as C. shares, and the remaining twelve thousand shares of twenty-five pounds each, representing the sum of three hundred thousand pounds, shall be designated D. shares.

Shares in amalgamated company.

36. The shares in the amalgamated company shall be appropriated as follows; (that is to say,)

Every shareholder in the Gaslight and Coke Company shall in respect of every fully paid-up ordinary A. share belonging to him in such Company be entitled to and shall be registered as the holder of one ordinary A. share in the amalgamated company fully paid up; in respect of every B. share fully paid up belonging to him in the Gaslight and Coke Company he shall be entitled to and shall be registered as the holder of one B. share in the amalgamated company fully paid up; in respect of every five per centum preference A. share belonging to him in the Gaslight and Coke Company he shall be entitled to and shall be registered as the holder of one five per centum preference A. share in the amalgamated company with the amount which has been actually paid on such share paid thereon:

In respect of every C. share belonging to him in the Gaslight and Coke Company he shall be entitled to and be registered as the holder of one C. share in the amalgamated company fully paid up:

Every shareholder in the Equitable Gaslight Company shall in respect of every fully paid-up fifty pound share belonging to him in such company be entitled to and be registered as the holder of two D. shares in the amalgamated company fully paid up, and shall in respect of every fully paid-up twenty-five pound share belonging to him in such company be entitled to and be registered as the holder of one D. share in the amalgamated company fully paid up:

Every share so appropriated as aforesaid shall vest in the person or corporation entitled thereto on the same trusts, and subject to the same limitations as to the amount of dividend payable thereon, and to the same powers, provisions, declarations, agreements, and charges, as at the date of the commencement of this Act affect the then existing shares in the capital of the amalgamating company for which respectively they are substituted, and so as to give effect to and not revoke any testamentary disposition:

Every five per centum preference A. share so appropriated as aforesaid shall be entitled to the same privileges and dividends, and be subject to the same terms and conditions, as the ten

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As to moneys due to or from the two Companies respectively on "revenue account" at the time of amalgamation.

42. All moneys due to or from either of the amalgamating companies as constituted immediately before the commencement of this Act on revenue account shall, as between such Company and the amalgamated company, be deemed to be respectively assets and debts of the amalgamating company, and the revenue accounts of the amalgamating companies respectively made up to the date of the first of July or the first of January, whichever shall first happen after the passing of this Act, and audited by the auditors of such companies respectively, and approved by the auditor appointed by the Board of Trade under the City of London Gas Act, 1868, shall be adopted by the amalgamated company, and the amalgamated company shall pay to each of the amalgamating companies the balance appearing by such account to be due to such company on the thirtieth day of June or the thirty-first day of December, as the case may be, or at such other time or times as may be agreed upon between the amalgamated company and the amalgamating company to which the balance is payable; and when all claims on the revenue accounts of the amalgamating companies respectively for the half year ending thirtieth day of June or the thirty-first of December, as the case may be, including the dividends payable to the shareholders of such companies, are discharged, the balance remaining on the said accounts respectively shall be carried to the credit of the revenue account of the amalgamated company.

Directors.

43. The directors of each amalgamating company in office at the commencement of this Act shall be the first directors of the amalgamated company, and shall respectively continue in office until the period at which they would have retired if this Act had not been passed. Subject to the provisions of this section the amalgamated company may at any time by resolution reduce the number of its directors. Until the number of directors is reduced by resolution of the amalgamated company, or otherwise, below twelve, the Company shall not nor shall the directors supply any vacancy in the number of directors which shall have been occasioned by death or retirement or resignation, or by disqualification, under sections eighty-five and eighty-six of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, nor shall they supply any vacancy occasioned by the retirement by rotation of any director otherwise than by the re-appointment of the director so retiring, if it shall be their pleasure to re-elect him. From and after the time when the number of the directors of the amalgamated company has been reduced to twelve the number of such directors shall not be less than nine nor more than twelve.

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Special power to nominate a director.

44. Notwithstanding anything in a scheme for the amalgamation of the Great Central Gas Consumers Company with the Company which was confirmed by an Order in Council dated the 6th day of July 1870, or in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for the directors, with the consent of the shareholders in the said Company, and of the Board of Trade, to nominate and appoint Frederick John Evans, Esquire, the engineer of the Company, to be a director of the Company.

Maximum remuneration of directors.

45. The maximum amounts payable in each year as the remuneration of directors shall be those set forth in the schedule to this enactment, and shall be distributed and appropriated during the first five years among the present directors of the amalgamated company in such manner as may have been agreed upon by such directors before the passing of this Act.

SCHEDULE above referred to.

Maximum Amounts payable to Directors.

In the 1st year after the commencement of this Act					£7,300
,,	2d	,,	,,	,,	7,10
,,	3d	,,	,,	,,	6,900
,,	4th	,,	,,	,,	6,700
,,	5th	,,	,,	,,	6,400
,,	6th	,,	,,	,,	6,000
,,	7th	,,	,,	,,	5,500
,,	8th	,,	,,	,,	5,000
,,	9th	,,	,,	,,	4,500
In the 10th and subsequent years -			-	-	4,000

Compensation to officers removed from office.

46. Subject to the provision herein-after contained, every salaried officer of either of the amalgamating companies who at the time of the passing of this Act has been employed by either of such companies for five years or more, and whose office or employment is abolished, or whose services are dispensed with in consequence of this Act, shall be paid by the amalgamated company during his life an annuity payable quarterly, equal, if he have been in the service of either of the amalgamating companies twenty years or more, to two thirds of the annual emolument derived by him from his office at the date of the commencement of this Act; and with respect to any such person who has been in such service less than twenty years, the said annuity shall be diminished at the rate of one twentieth part for every year less than twenty years during which he has been in such service; any annuity payable under this section may, with the consent of the amalgamated company and of the annuitant, be compounded for by payment of the principal sum

for which an annuity of like amount would be purchaseable under the table regulating the granting of annuities by the Postmaster General.

Compensation when annuity not payable.

47. The amalgamated company may pay a sum of money by way of compensation to any salaried officer whose office is abolished or whose services are dispensed with in consequence of this Act, and who is not qualified to receive an annuity under the last preceding section: Provided that such sum shall in no case exceed one year's emolument, except with the special sanction of the Board of Trade.

Gratuity payable to salaried officer.

48. The annuity or sum of money payable under either of the last two preceding sections may, with the special sanction of the Board of Trade, be increased in the case of any officer who has rendered special services to either of the amalgamating companies to a larger amount than is authorised in those sections respectively.

Gratuity to weekly servants.

49. A gratuity not exceeding three months-pay may be given to any weekly servant whose services may be dispensed with in consequence of this Act.

Decision as to abolition of office.

50. The decision of the amalgamated company as to whether an office or employment has been abolished, or whether any services have been dispensed with in consequence of this Act, shall be final and without appeal in every case.

Restriction as to manufacture and storage of gas.

51. And whereas the amalgamating companies have acquired certain lands in the counties of Middlesex, Essex, and Kent, and have erected thereon works for the manufacture and storage of gas beyond what is proposed to be acquired in the parish of Saint Leonard, Bromley, for the like purposes under the provisions of this Act, and which last-mentioned lands are described in the schedule to this Act: Be it enacted, That the amalgamated company shall not erect works for the manufacture of gas, or any residual products arising from the manufacture of gas, except upon such respective lands, and the amalgamated company shall not store gas except upon those lands without the previous consent in writing of the owner, lessee, and occupier of every dwelling-house situate within three hundred yards of the limits of the site where such gas is intended to be stored: Provided always, that the present capacity for the manufacture of gas of the gasworks of the Equitable Gaslight Company situate at or near Lupus Street or Thames Bank, Pimlico, shall not be increased.

Amalgamated company may sell and dispose of lands, &c.

52. The amalgamated company may from time to time sell and dispose of any lands and plant which may not be required for the purposes of the undertaking of the amalgamated company, and a

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resolution of a general meeting of the amalgamated company that any of the same lands or plant are not so required shall be sufficient evidence thereof; the proceeds of any and every such sale, and any other sums not received on revenue account, shall be applied only to the purposes to which capital is properly applicable, unless otherwise provided in any special Act, and until required to be so applied shall be invested, and the interest on such proceeds and sums shall be carried to the revenue account of the amalgamated company, and the amount of capital, if any, which the amalgamated company may for the time being have power to issue shall be deemed to be reduced by the amount of such proceeds or other sums.

Limits of amalgamated company.

53. After the commencement of this Act, the district within which gas is to be supplied by the amalgamated company shall include and be co-extensive with the districts of the amalgamating companies respectively as defined by the Metropolis Gas Act, 1860.

Interpretation of Act.

54. If any question arises between the amalgamated companies as to the interpretation of this Act in connexion with the said Acts relating to or affecting the amalgamating companies, the same may be referred to the Board of Trade for their decision, and the decision of the Board of Trade thereon shall be final.

Amalgamated company to pay expenses of amalgamation.

55. The amalgamated company shall pay all the expenses of and incidental to the closing of the accounts of the amalgamating companies respectively, and of and incidental to their amalgamation.

Extension of power of amalgamation to all metropolitan gas companies.

56. Sections eighteen to twenty-four (inclusive) of the City of London Gas Act, 1868, shall, taken in connexion with the amalgamated company, extend and apply to the several gas companies supplying gas within the metropolis, as defined in the Metropolis Gas Act, 1860.

Power to refuse supply to person in debt for other property.

57. If a person requiring a supply of gas from the Company has previously quitted premises at which gas was supplied to him by the Company without paying to the Company all gas and meter rent due from him in respect of such premises, the Company may refuse to furnish to him a supply of gas until all gas rent and other money so due to the Company is paid or satisfied.

For protection of works of Havering and Dagenham Commissioners of Sewers.

58. If for the purposes of this Act the Company find it necessary or expedient to construct any work which shall pass over, under, or by the side of, or so as to interfere with, any river, sewer, drain, watercourse, river wall, defence, or work under the jurisdiction or control of the Commissioners of Sewers for the levels of Havering, Dagenham, Ripple, Barking, East Ham, West Ham, Leyton, and

Walthamstow, in the respective counties of Essex, Middlesex, and Kent (herein-after called "the said commissioners"), the Company shall not commence such work until they shall have given to the said commissioners twenty-one days notice in writing of their intention to commence the same by leaving such notice at the office of the clerk of the said commissioners, with plans and sections of such intended work, and until the said commissioners shall have signified their approval of the same, unless the said commissioners fail to signify such approval or their disapproval, or other directions, within twenty-one days after service of the said notice and delivery of the said plans and sections and other particulars as aforesaid, and the Company shall comply with and conform to all the reasonable directions and regulations of the said commissioners in the execution and subsequent maintenance of such work, and shall provide by new, altered, or substituted works, in such manner as the commissioners may deem necessary, for the proper protection of and for preventing injury or impediment to the rivers, sewers, drains, river walls, and other works herein-before referred to by or by reason of such intended work, or any part thereof, and shall save harmless the said commissioners against all and every the expense to be occasioned thereby; and any such work shall be executed by the Company under the direction, superintendence, and control of the engineer, or other officer or officers of the said commissioners, as the case may be, at the costs, charges, and expenses in all respects of the Company; and all costs, charges, and expenses which the said commissioners may be put to by reason of the works of the Company shall be paid to the commissioners by the Company on demand; and when any new, altered, or substituted work as aforesaid, or any works or defence connected therewith, shall be completed by or at the costs, charges, or expenses of the Company under the provisions of this Act, the same shall ever thereafter be maintained by the Company to the satisfaction of the engineer to the said commissioners for the time being; and subject to the maintenance and use of such works by the Company according to the extent of their Act, the said works shall be as fully and completely under the direction, jurisdiction, and control of the said commissioners as any sewers or works now are or hereafter may be; and except as by this Act expressly authorised, nothing in this Act shall extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the rights, powers, or authorities vested or to be vested in the said commissioners, or of their successors, but all such rights, powers, and authorities shall be as valid and effectual as if this Act had not been passed: Provided that if any dispute shall arise as to the mode of executing

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any such works as aforesaid, such matter or difference shall be referred to an arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade, whose decision shall be final.

Expenses of Act.

59. All costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to, and of and incidental to, the preparing, applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, shall be paid by the Gaslight and Coke Company.

The SCHEDULE.

Lands for Gasworks.

The lands in the parish of St. Leonard, Bromley, in the county of Middlesex, containing about two roods and nineteen perches, bounded on the south-east, south, and west sides by lands lately the property of the Great Central Gas Consumers Company, but now vested in the Gaslight and Coke Company, and on the north by a field in the occupation of William Rayner.

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