

3265. And John Silvester, of the firm of George Salter and Company, of West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford, Manufacturers, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in pressure or steam gauges." As set forth in their respective petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 24th day of October, 1868.

3278. And William Mort, of Fenchurch-street, in the city of London, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "an improved method of, and apparatus for, obtaining reduction of temperature by the expansion of air or other permanent gases in special connection with the preservation of articles of food, the manufacture of ice, cooling of rooms and liquids."—A communication to him from abroad by Thomas Sutcliffe Mort and Eugène Dominique Nicolle, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales.

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 26th day of October, 1868.

3365. And William Robert Lake, of the "International Patent Office, No. 8, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, in the county of Middlesex, Consulting Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machinery for nailing or pegging soles to boots or shoes."—A communication to him from abroad by Elmer Townsend, of Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America.

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 5th day of November, 1868.

And notice is hereby further given, that all persons having an interest in opposing any one of such applications, are at liberty to leave particulars in writing of their objections to such application at the said Office of the Commissioners, within twenty-one days after the date of the Gazette in which this notice is issued.

In Parliament.—Session 1869.

South Metropolitan Gaslight and Coke Company.

(Increase of Capital; Amendment of Acts; Power to Amalgamate partially or completely with the Phoenix and the Surrey Consumers' Gas Companies or either of them; Supervision by Board of Trade; Auditing of Accounts).

THE South Metropolitan Gaslight and Coke Company (hereinafter called "the company") intend to apply to Parliament in the next session thereof, for leave to introduce a Bill, for the following or some of the following among other purposes:—

1. To increase the capital of the company by shares and by loan.

2. To confer on the Board of Trade or any referees, examiners, or other officers appointed by the Board, the powers which by "The Metropolis Gas Act, 1860," are vested in the Secretary of State for the Home Department, or in any local authority, of inquiry into the quantity and quality of gas supplied by the company, and in that and other respects to subject the company to the provisions contained in "The City of London Gas Act, 1868," with respect to the companies therein named so far as those provisions relate to the limitation of dividend, the testing of the illuminating power and purity of gas supplied, the illuminating power and price of the gas so supplied

and the auditing of accounts, or to such of those provisions as may be applicable to the case, or as the Bill may define, and subject to such modifications as the Bill will also define.

3. To authorise the immediate or future amalgamation of the undertaking of the company with that of the Phoenix Gaslight and Coke Company and that of the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company, or with either of those undertakings, or to provide for an amalgamation, immediate or future, of the undertaking of the company with portions of those undertakings, and the transfer either to the company or to an united company to be formed by or under the powers of the Bill of all the lands, stations, works, machinery, pipes and property, and of all the powers, rights, privileges, duties and liabilities vested in, enjoyed by, or imposed upon each of the companies so united, or attaching to their undertakings or to so much of their undertakings as shall be so amalgamated; and to provide for the immediate or future fusion either partially or completely of the capitals of the said two companies with that of the company upon such terms as the Bill shall prescribe; and for the distribution among the various classes of shareholders of the profits arising from the amalgamated undertaking, and for the management and control of the amalgamated undertaking; and in case of such amalgamation to subject the united company to the provisions hereinbefore contemplated for the company, with respect to the illuminating power, the purity and the price of gas, the limitation of dividend, the auditing of accounts, and otherwise.

4. To enable the company to agree from time to time with the said two companies or with either of them with respect to the supply of gas in the districts assigned to them respectively by "The Metropolis Gas Act, 1860" (section 6), and to authorise the companies to carry into effect any such agreements subject to the approval of the Board of Trade, or to such other conditions as the Bill may define.

5. For the purposes aforesaid and in other respects to amend the following Acts, namely: 5 Vic. (sess. 2), cap. 79, being "an Act for incorporating the South Metropolitan Gaslight and Coke Company and for more effectually lighting with gas certain places within the Borough of Southwark and other parishes and places in the Counties of Surrey and Kent," "The South Metropolitan Gaslight and Coke Company's Act, 1865" (22 Vic., cap. 14), the Act 5th Geo. 4th, cap. 78, being "an Act for establishing the Phoenix Gaslight and Coke Company for more effectually lighting certain places within the Borough of Southwark and certain other parishes and places in the Counties of Surrey and Kent," the Act 17th and 18th Vic., cap. 94, incorporating the Surrey Consumers' Gaslight and Coke Association, and enabling them to raise further money, the Act 18th and 19th Vic., cap. 186, "authorising the transfer of the Deptford Gaslight and Coke Company to the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company, and winding up the affairs of the first-named company," and also to vary and amend any other Acts relating to the said three companies or either of them, and to vary and amend any subsisting deeds of settlement, or charters constituting or regulating the said companies, and to vary or extinguish any rights or privileges which may interfere with the objects of the proposed Bill, and to grant other rights and privileges.

6. Printed copies of the proposed Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the twenty-third day of December next.

Dated this 10th day of November, 1868.

Dyson and Co., 24, Parliament-street, Westminster, Parliamentary Agents.