To authorise and provide for the reduction of In Parliament.—Session 1884. the number of the Directors of the East London Company.

To vary and extinguish any existing rights or privileges which would interfere with the purposes of the intended Act, and to confer

other rights and privileges.

To alter, amend, extend, or repeal all or some of the provisions of the several Acts hereinbefore mentioned, and also of the several local and personal Acts following, that is to say:—16 and 17 Vict., cap. 186; 27 and 28 Vict., cap. 260; 30 and 31 Vict., cap. 109; and all other Acts relating to the Metropolitan Railway Company; 27 and 28 Vict., cap. 322, and all other Acts relating to the Metropolitan District Railway Company; and the East London Railway Act, 1865, and all other Acts relating to the East London Company.

And notice is hereby further given, that on or before the 21st day of December next, printed copies of the intended Act will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons. Dated this 16th day of November, 1883

Wilson, Bristows, and Carpmael, 1, Copthall-buildings, E.C., Solicitors; Sherwood and Co., 7, Great George-street, Westminster, Parliamentary Agents.

In Parliament,—Session 1884.

Metropolitan Board of Works. (Fire Brigade Expenses.)

(Altering Limit of Rate for Fire Brigade pur-Altering Contributions from Fire

Insurance Offices; Amendment of Acts.)
OTICE is hereby given, that the Metropolitan Board of Works (who are hereinafter referred to as "the Board") intend to apply to Parliament in the ensuing session for leave to bring in a Bill for the following, or some

of the following, among other purposes:—
To alter and amend so much of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Act, 1865, as relates to the contributions towards the expenses of carrying that Act into effect, which are to be paid by Insurance Companies insuring from fire property in the metropolis, and to fix the contributions to be made by such Companies on a new basis, either by requiring them to contribute (in proportion to the gross amount insured by them respectively) a certain proportion of the expenses of the Board relating to the Fire Brigade, or by such other means as the Bill may define.

To repeal or alter the provision of Section 22 of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Act, 1869, which prohibits the Board from estimating as required for the general purposes of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Act, 1865, any larger sum than would be produced by a rate of one half-penny in the pound on the gross value of the property assessed to the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate.

To repeal, alter, and amend any provisions of the said Acts, or any Acts amending the same, which relate to any of the matters aforesaid.

If the Bill be introduced as a private Bill printed copies of the same will, on or before the 21st day of December next, be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1883. J. E. Wakefield, Clerk of the Metropolitan Board of Works, Spring gardens, Charing-cross; London, S.W.

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

Woolwich Equitable Gas Company. (Initial Price; Sliding Scale of Dividend; Power to Manufacture, Let, and Sell Stoves, Fittings, &c.)

THE Woolwich Equitable Gas Company (who are hereafter referred to as "the Company") intend to apply to Parliament in the next session thereof for leave to bring in a Bill for the following, or some of the following, among

other purposes:

1. To repeal section 39 of the Woolwich Equitable Gas Act, 1855, and to fix the initial price for the supply of gas by the Company, and to enable the Company to regulate dividends upon their share capital by the price charged by them from time to time for the gas supplied by them.

2. To enable the Company to manufacture, purchase, hire, use, let, and sell gas and other fittings for lighting, warming, ventilating, cooking, motive power, and all other purposes for which gas is applicable, and to recover rents and charges

therefore.

The Bill will vary and extinguish all rights and privileges which will interfere with any of its objects, and confer other rights and privileges, and will alter, amend, and repeal the necessary provisions of the Woolwich Equitable Gas Company's Act, 1855, and any other Act directly or indirectly affecting the Company or their undertaking, and will incorporate with itself, with or without variation, the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1817, and the Gaswork's Clauses Act, 1871.

Printed copies of the proposed Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the 21st day of Decem-

ber next.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1883.

\*\*Edward W. Sampson, 35, King-street.\*\* Cheapside, E.C., and Woolwich, Kent, Solicitor to the Bill;

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

In Parliament.—Session 1884.

Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway Ventilators).

Further Amendment or Repeal of "Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1881;" Provisions for closing the Openings or Shafts made by the Metropolitan District Railway Company in Victoria-street, the Roadway of the Victoria. Embankment, and the Gardens of the Victoria. Embankment; Removal of Buildings or Erections; Restoring of Roads or Ground; Payment of Expenses; Amendment of Acts.)

OTICE is hereby given, that the Metro-politan Board of Works (hereinafter called "the Board") intend to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an Act to effect the following purposes, or some of them (that is to-

say):—
To further amend or repeal the provisions of Section 12 of "The Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1881," and to compel the Metropolitan District Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Railway Company"), or to authorise and empower the Board to close the openings or shafts made by the Railway Company under the authority of the said Section 12, and situate asfollows, that is to say:—
(1.) In Victoria-street, near the Victoria Station

of the railway company.

(2.) On the roadway of the Victoria Embank-ment, opposite Montague House, and near the west end of Westminster Bridge.

(3.) In the gardens of the Victoria Embankment, near the east end of Whitehall-place.