

In Parliament.—Session 1886.

Birmingham Tramways and Omnibus Company (Limited).

(New Tramways in Birmingham, Handsworth, Aston, and Northfield; Dissolution and Re-Incorporation of the Birmingham Tramways and Omnibus Company (Limited); Alteration of Gauge of Existing Tramways; Transfer to Company of Powers conferred by "The Birmingham and Western Districts Tramways Order's, 1883 and 1885," for making certain Tramways; Leases and Running Powers; Agreements; Cable Tramways and Six-foot Cars; Power to Purchase Lands, Levy Tolls, Rates, &c.; Other Powers in Relation to Tramways; Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next session for an Act for all or some of the following purposes, that is to say:

To dissolve the Birmingham Tramways and Omnibus Company (Limited) (hereinafter called "the Limited Company"), constituted under "The Companies' Acts, 1862 to 1880," and for cancelling or annulling their Memorandum and Articles of Association. And for dissolving, winding-up, and re-incorporating the Limited Company by the same or another name, and for vesting in the Company so reconstituted (hereinafter called "the Company") all the undertaking, lands, tramways, works, rights, powers, privileges, easements, moneys, agreements, and benefits of agreements, choses in action, and property real and personal of the Limited Company, and for altering, defining, and regulating their share and loan capital, and for regulating and conducting their affairs, and for increasing their capital by creating and issuing new or additional shares or stock, ordinary or preference, or by borrowing on mortgage, or by all or any of those means, and for empowering the Company to carry into effect the purposes of the intended Act.

To confer on the Company and to confirm the possession by the Company of all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred (1) upon the Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Company, under "The Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1870," and "The Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1873," and (2) upon the Birmingham and Staffordshire Extension Tramways Company under "The Birmingham and Staffordshire Extension Tramways Act, 1872," all which powers and privileges were transferred to and vested in the Birmingham and District Tramways Company (Limited and Reduced) as assignees of the said Companies respectively, and which by virtue of a certain agreement for the sale of the assets of the said Company (Limited and Reduced) are now vested in the Limited Company.

To amend the provisions of "The Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1870," "The Birmingham and Staffordshire Extension Tramways Act, 1872," and "The Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1873" (hereinafter called "the Birmingham Tramways Acts") having reference to gauge, and to enable the Company to change the gauge of the tramways laid under those Acts or either of them, and to empower the Company to construct such tramways upon a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches, to alter and vary or reduce the tolls and charges which may be demanded and taken under the Birmingham Tramways Acts or either of them.

To provide that the tramways of the Company shall be used and worked by steam, animal, or other mechanical or motive power, and to em-

power the Company to work all tramways for the time being belonging to or leased or worked by them, by means of ropes, cables, or wires, laid below the surface of the ground in connection with stationary engines, and for that purpose to lay down on and under the surface of any street or road such tubes, plates, and apparatus, and to make and maintain such openings in any such surface as may be necessary, and to erect stationary engines to move such ropes, cables, or wires, and to empower the Company to acquire and hold patent and other rights and licenses, and to use patent rights in relation to any such mechanical or other motive power, or any of them, and to authorise the Company, on every or any such tramways as aforesaid, to use engines and carriages or cars of any width not exceeding 6 feet 3 inches.

To authorise the Company to make and maintain the tramways hereinafter described, or some part or parts thereof, with all necessary works and conveniences connected therewith.

Where in the description of any of the proposed tramways, any distance is given with reference to any street which intersects or joins the streets in which the tramway is to be laid, the distance is to be taken as measured from the point at which lines drawn along the centres of the two streets and continued would intersect each other, and a point described as being opposite a street is to be taken (unless otherwise stated) as being opposite the centre of the street.

Tramway (No. 1), being in part a relaying of an existing tramway of the Company upon another gauge commencing by a junction with the authorised tramways of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Birmingham (hereinafter called "the Corporation"), on the centre of the bridge carrying Soho-hill over the Hockley Brook, thence passing along Soho-hill, Soho-road, and Holyhead-road, and terminating in Holyhead-road at a point 0·60 chains or thereabouts south-east of Station-road.

Tramway (No. 1) will be a double line throughout.

Tramway (No. 2), commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 1, in Holyhead-road, at a point 1·10 chains or thereabouts south-east of Sandwell-road, thence passing in a southerly direction along and terminating in Crockett-road 4·00 chains from its commencement.

Tramway (No. 2) will be a single line throughout.

Tramway (No. 3), commencing in Crockett-road by a junction with Tramway No. 2, at a point 2·80 chains or thereabouts from its termination, passing thence by a curve into and terminating in Holyhead-road by a junction with Tramway No. 1, at a point 1·00 chain or thereabouts north-west of Sandwell-road.

Tramway (No. 3) will be a single line throughout.

Tramway (No. 4), being the relaying of the Company's existing line upon a new gauge, commencing in Holyhead-road by a junction with Tramway No. 1, at a point 0·75 chains or thereabouts north-west of Sandwell-road, and passing into and terminating in the dépôt of the Company adjoining the New Inns.

Tramway (No. 4) will be a single line throughout.

Tramways (Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4) will be wholly situate in the parish of Handsworth, in the county of Stafford.

Tramway (No. 5), being for the most part a re-laying of the Company's existing line upon a new gauge, commencing in the parish of Handsworth and county of Stafford by a junction with