

In Parliament.—Session 1886.

Ashton-under-Lyne Improvement.

(Purchase by Corporation of Undertaking of Ashton Gas Company; Power to Supply Gas; Dissolution of Company and Incidental Provisions; Closing Water-street, New Street instead thereof; Stamford Park; Purchase of Mechanics' Institute and Lands for Open Spaces, Reading Rooms, &c.; Joint Hospitals; Joint Hospital; Joint Hospital Committee of Corporation and other Authorities; Utilization of Water from Disused Colliery Workings; Further Powers as to Buildings, Streets, Sewers, Footways, Disposal of Rubbish, Contagious and Infectious Diseases, and other Sanitary matters; Further Powers as to Markets, Fairs, &c., and matters of Police, Slaughter-houses, Hackney Carriages, Caravans, Wires in Streets, Traction Engines, Licensing Places of Entertainment, Extinction of Fires, Borrowing Money, Levying Rates, Altering Rates and Mode of Collecting Rates, New Street and Private Improvement Expenses, Consolidation of Debts, Corporation Stock, Sinking Funds, Advances, Amendment of Acts, Bye-Laws, Penalties.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, being also the Urban Sanitary Authority for the borough (hereinafter called "the Corporation") intend to apply to Parliament in the next Session for leave to bring in a Bill for the following, or some of the following, among other purposes, that is to say:—

To authorise and empower the Corporation on the one hand and the Ashton Gas Company on the other hand, to enter into and carry into effect any agreement or agreements as to the sale to the Corporation of the undertaking of the Gas Company and all the land, works, real and personal property, rights, powers, privileges, and authorities of the Gas Company, or some part thereof.

To define the price or consideration to be given for such transfer, and the terms and conditions thereof, and to enable the Corporation and the Gas Company to do and execute all acts, instruments, and things necessary for the several purposes aforesaid, or any of them.

To provide for the dissolution of the Gas Company and winding up of their affairs in the event of any such agreement being made, and for the distribution or appropriation of the purchase money, or other consideration, amongst the shareholders of the Gas Company and other persons entitled thereto, and for the repeal or amendment of any Acts relating to the Gas Company.

To authorise the Corporation, so far as necessary for the purposes of the intended Act, to levy and make rents and charges (whether differential or otherwise) for gas and meters supplied by them.

To enable the Corporation, within limits to be defined in the intended Act, to have and exercise the powers of the Gas Company, and all such other powers, rights, authorities, and privileges as may be necessary or expedient for, or in connection with, the supply of gas, and to maintain and from time to time improve, renew, alter, enlarge, and extend the existing and authorised works of the Gas Company, and from time to time construct and complete or continue the construction of such of the authorised works of the Gas Company (if any) as may not be constructed and completed on the passing of the intended Act, and to sell and supply gas for any purpose, and to have and exercise all or any of the powers and provisions

of the Gas Company's Acts as altered or amended by the intended Act, and all rights, authorities, and privileges of the Gas Company in as full and ample a manner in all respects as the Gas Company could, or might lawfully, have exercised the same respectively, and also such further and other powers, rights, authorities, and privileges with respect to the several matters aforesaid as may be necessary, proper, and convenient.

To authorise the Corporation from time to time to open and break up streets, roads, highways, and places for purposes of gasworks and gas supply, and to lay down, maintain, repair, renew, and remove mains, pipes, syphons, and other apparatus and things.

To define the limits for the supply of gas by the Corporation after any such transfer, and to enable them to supply within the borough and parish of Ashton-under-Lyne in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and within a portion of the township of Dukinfield in the parish of Stockport, in the County Palatine of Chester.

To provide for and define the application of profits arising from the gas undertaking in the hands of the Corporation.

To enable the Corporation to make and maintain a new street wholly in the borough and parish of Ashton-under-Lyne commencing on the north-east side of Oldham-road, opposite, or nearly opposite, the junction of Newman-street therewith, and terminating at the junction of Gas-street and Water-street, and to enable the Corporation to close Water-street and dispose of the site thereof, and to make provision for all costs and expenses of and incidental thereto, being repaid by the Gas Company to the Corporation.

To enable the Corporation in making the said street to deviate from the lines and levels thereof as shown on the deposited plans and sections hereinafter mentioned, to make junctions with and alter existing streets, and alter any cellars, &c., sewers, drains, pipes, wires, apparatus, so far as necessary, and to purchase lands compulsorily, and by agreement.

To authorise the Corporation and the Corporation of Stalybridge to hold the lands in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, known as Stamford Park, and to provide for the conveyance thereof to the two Corporations, and for the appointment by the two Corporations of a Joint Committee for the management and regulation thereof.

To define the number of members to be placed on the Joint Committee by the two Corporations respectively, and to provide for the expenses of the Joint Committee being defrayed by contributions by the respective Corporations, and to confer powers as to the management and regulation of the said Park.

To enable the Corporation by agreement to buy land for a public garden or pleasure ground and open spaces, and to buy and remove insanitary or ruinous dwellings. To purchase the Mechanics' Institute for library purposes, and to provide reading rooms and branch libraries, and to acquire by agreement land and buildings for this purpose.

To enable the Corporation, either alone or jointly with the Corporations of Stalybridge and Mossley and the Local Boards of Dukinfield and Hurst, or either of them, to provide hospitals for infectious diseases, and to provide for the appointment of a Joint Committee, and the acquisition of land for that purpose.

To empower the Corporation to enter into, and carry into effect, arrangements for pumping water from disused colliery workings, and to use and supply it for street watering, sewer flushing, manufacturing, and other purposes, and to provide