

of the Accrington Gas and Waterworks Company (hereinafter called "the Company").

To define the limits for the supply of gas and water by the Board.

To define the constitution of the Board, and to make provision for the election, appointment, retirement, rotation, and qualification of members of the Board, for the meetings of the Board, and for the appointment of and compensation to officers of the Board.

To ratify and confirm subject to the approval of Parliament the provisions of an agreement dated the 30th day of September, 1893, and made between the Company of the one part, and the Corporation and the local boards of the other part, for the purchase of the Gas and Water Undertakings of the Company.

To confer on the Board powers to purchase and hold, and to enable the Company to sell and transfer to the Board the Gas and Water Undertakings of the Company upon the terms and conditions of the said agreement or upon such other terms and conditions as the Bill may provide or Parliament may prescribe.

To authorise and empower the Board to pay perpetual and redeemable annuities to the stockholders and shareholders of the Company to the amount set forth in the said agreement, and to take over the Debenture Stock of the said Company.

To provide that the annuities issued by the Board shall be in substitution for the stocks and shares in the Company, and to provide for the issue of certificates for the said annuities and for the registration, transmission, and redemption of such annuities.

To authorise the Board to carry on the Gas and Water Undertakings of the Company and to maintain, improve, alter, enlarge, renew, or discontinue the existing gas and waterworks of the Company.

To enable the Board to manufacture, store, and sell gas, and to manufacture, store, convert, utilise, buy, sell, and dispose of coal, coke, and all other residual products arising from the manufacture of gas.

To empower the Board to exercise all or any of the powers, rights, authorities, and privileges of the Company in as full and ample a manner in all respects as the 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 carry on the said Undertakings, or as the Bill may prescribe.

To provide for the dissolution and winding-up of the Company, and the distribution of the purchase and other moneys and annuities and the assets of the Company among the several persons entitled thereto.

To enable the Board, within their water limits, to have, enjoy, and exercise all the powers, rights, and authorities of an urban sanitary authority under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Acts amending the same with respect to the supply of water.

To authorise the Board to purchase additional lands by agreement, and to acquire easements in, through, under, and over public and private lands, roads, streets, footways, and highways, and to lay down, maintain, and renew mains, pipes, apparatus, and works in, through, over, or under streets, roads, footways, highways, thoroughfares, railways, tramways, bridges, canals, rivers, streams, watercourses, sewers, drains, pipes, and telegraph apparatus within the limits for the supply of gas and water, and to break up and interfere with the same.

To authorise the Board and any other sanitary authority, or any company, body, commissioners, or persons to enter into and carry into effect contracts and agreements for a supply in bulk or otherwise by the Board, of gas and water beyond their limits of supply, and to confer upon the Board special powers with reference thereto.

To empower the Board to supply gas for lighting, heating, motive, warming, and other purposes, and to fix the price to be charged for gas by the Board for all or any of the said purposes.

To enable the Board to manufacture, purchase, provide, sell, and let on hire, and otherwise deal in meters, fittings, engines, and other apparatus incidental to the consumption of gas or water, and for manufacturing, industrial, or any other purposes.

To authorise the Board to use, exercise, hold, and acquire patent rights and licenses in connection with the manufacture and distribution of gas and of residual products.

To authorise the Board to allow a discount or reduction in price on the prompt payment of sums due for the supply of gas.

To empower the Board to borrow money for the purchase of the Gas and Waterworks Undertakings of the Company, for the redemption of the annuities and debenture stock issued, created, or taken over under the powers of the Bill, and for the other purposes of the Bill, and for those purposes to borrow and re-borrow moneys on mortgage debentures, or debenture stock, and to issue and create perpetual, redeemable, and other annuities, and to charge the payment of the sums borrowed, and the said annuities issued and created upon their Gas and Waterworks Undertakings, and the funds and district rates of the borough of Accrington, and of the respective districts of the local boards.

To authorise the Board to exercise all or some of their borrowing powers by the creation of stock in the manner provided by Part V. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.

To provide for the application by the Board of the revenue and profits arising from their Gas and Water Undertakings, and for meeting any deficiency in the net revenue of the Board, and for the apportionment and payment of such deficiency between and by the corporation of Accrington and the said local boards.

To empower the Board to make, levy, and recover rates, rents, assessments, and other charges for the supply of gas and water, and for the sale and hire of meters and fittings, and other the purposes of the Bill, and to increase, alter, repeal, or extinguish existing rates, rents, assessments, and charges, and to make new or increased rates, rents, assessments, and charges in lieu thereof, and to grant exemptions from rates, rents, assessments and charges, and to compound with the owners and occupiers of houses and premises for the payment of such rates, rents, assessments, and charges.

To confer upon the Board all powers, rights, authorities, and privileges which are or may become necessary for carrying the powers of the Bill into execution. To vary and extinguish all rights and privileges inconsistent with or which would in any manner impede or interfere with the carrying into complete effect any of the objects and purposes of the Bill, and to confer other rights and privileges, and to enact by the Bill all such provisions as may be incidental or necessary for giving full effect to the said agreement and the objects of the Bill.

To provide for the payment of the costs, charges, and expenses of, and incident to, the