

In Parliament.—Session 1919.

STOURPORT GAS.

(Dissolution of Stourport Gas, Coal and Coke Company Limited; Incorporation of new Company, with additional Powers; Definition of Limits of Supply; Manufacture and Supply of Gas and Residual Products and Incidental Provisions; Maintenance and Construction of Gasworks; Breaking up of Streets, Railways, Canals, Navigations, &c.; Defining and Increasing Capital; Capitalisation of Moneys Spent on Works; Additional Capital and Borrowing Powers; Reserve and Special Purposes and other Funds; Meetings; Directors; Officers, Price, Quality, Pressure and Testing of Gas; Supply to Persons having Separate Supply; Gas Fittings; Regulation of Pipes and Fittings; Supply in Bulk; Rates, Rents and Charges; Acquisition of Lands and Easements; Purchase, Sale and Disposal of Lands and Easements; Modification of Lands Clauses Acts; Supply and Removal of Apparatus; Entry on Premises; Patent Rights, Bye-laws, &c.; Incorporation, Amendment or Repeal of Acts, and other purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an Act for all or some of the following purposes (that is to say):—

1. To dissolve the Stourport Gas, Coal and Coke Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Limited Company"), and to annul and cancel their Memorandum and Articles of Association, and to incorporate the shareholders therein, together with such other persons as may become proprietors in the undertaking, into a new Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), and to confer upon the Company all necessary powers and authorities for the supply of gas within the urban district of Stourport, the parishes of Hartlebury and Ombersley, in the rural district of Droitwich, and the parishes of Astley and Areley King's, in the rural district of Martley, all in the county of Worcester, and hereinafter referred to as "the limits of supply."

2. To provide for the vesting in the Company of all the undertaking; works, gasworks, lands, buildings, property, stock, plant, machinery, mains, pipes, interests, rights, powers, privileges, easements and agreements, moneys, securities and other property whatsoever, and the benefit of all contracts, deeds, covenants, grants, leases, licences, agreements and rights of action now belonging to, vested in, or enjoyed by the Limited Company or any person on their behalf, and to empower the Company to hold such lands and other property, and to make provision in regard to pending actions, suits, prosecutions and other proceedings.

3. To make provision with regard to the capital and borrowing powers of the Company, the increase in the amount of the existing capital, the issue of shares or stock in respect of capital expenditure taken from revenue, the apportionment of shares in the Company among shareholders in the Limited Company; the raising of additional capital, the issue of debenture stock and other securities, the fixing of dividends in accordance with the price charged for gas, the payment of dividends yearly or

half-yearly, the transfer of shares and stock and the exemption from obligation to transfer in certain cases.

4. To authorize the Company to raise money for all or any of the purposes of the intended Act by the creation and issue of stock or shares or either or both of them and with or without a preferential or guaranteed dividend, or other rights or privileges attached thereto, and to prescribe and regulate the dividends to be paid on the different classes of stock or shares in the capital of the Company and the rights and privileges incident thereto.

5. To make provision as to the number, appointment, qualification, quorum, powers, duties and continuance in office of directors and a managing director or directors of the Company, as to meetings of the Company and of directors and the quorum to be present at meetings of the Company, and the scale of voting thereat, and to enable directors to hold offices (including the office of secretary) under and hold and acquire interests in contracts with the Company upon and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the intended Act, to require notice to be given of a proposal to nominate a new or oppose the re-election of a retiring director, to enable the directors to fix or alter the remuneration of the secretary of the Company, and to enter into contracts for the supply of goods to the Company and with respect to other matters, and generally to make such provisions as may be deemed expedient with regard to the regulation and management of the affairs and proceedings of the Company, and with regard to the appointment and qualification of auditors, and to alter or vary in their application to the Company and their undertaking all or some of the provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and the Acts amending the same.

6. To make provision as to the application of the capital, revenue and profits of the Company, and to empower the Company to form and to make special provisions with respect to reserve and special purposes funds and other funds, and to provide for the application of the funds so formed, and for the investment of the moneys forming such funds and of the interest to arise therefrom.

7. To authorize and empower the Company upon the lands hereinafter described upon which the existing gasworks of the Limited Company have been constructed to maintain and continue the existing gasworks and works connected therewith erected thereon, and to construct, erect, maintain, alter, enlarge, extend, improve, renew or discontinue gasworks and works for the conversion, manufacture, utilisation and distribution of materials used in and about or resulting from the manufacture of gas and of residual and manufactured products, matters and things, and to manufacture, store, supply and sell gas, and to manufacture, produce, store, convert, utilise, buy, sell and dispose of coke, coal, patent fuel, tar, lime, pitch, asphaltum, ammoniacal liquor, oil and all other residual and manufactured products, matters and things, and to carry on the businesses usually carried on by gas companies, or which are or may be incident thereto or carried on therewith.

The lands hereinbefore referred to are as follows:—

All that piece of land with gasworks erected thereon containing 5,643 square