



CHAPTER xxxvi.

An Act to provide for differential rating in the A.D. 1925.
Sheffield Union and for other purposes.

[30th June 1925.]

WHEREAS the Minister of Health in pursuance of his powers under the Poor Law Amendment Act 1834 and the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act 1876 has by the Sheffield Union Order 1925 as from the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dissolved the Sheffield Union (in this Act referred to as "the Sheffield Union") and the Ecclesall Bierlow Union (in this Act referred to as "the Ecclesall Union") and has directed that the parishes comprised within the Sheffield Union and the Ecclesall Union shall be united for the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor to form a new union to be called the Sheffield Union (in this Act referred to as "the new union"):

And whereas the expenditure of the guardians of the Sheffield Union on the relief of the poor has recently involved the levy in the parishes comprised within that union of rates of larger amount in the pound than the rates levied in the parishes comprised within the Ecclesall Union to meet the expenditure of the guardians of that union on the relief of the poor and the moneys which have been borrowed by the guardians of the Sheffield Union under the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921 to meet expenses due to the

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prevalence of unemployment have greatly exceeded in amount the moneys which have been borrowed to meet such expenses by the guardians of the Ecclesall Union :

And whereas the moneys so borrowed by the guardians of the Sheffield Union and outstanding on the said first day of April amounted to six hundred and eighty-eight thousand pounds :

And whereas by an agreement made between the guardians of the Sheffield Union and the guardians of the Ecclesall Union it was provided that the last-mentioned guardians would not oppose the amalgamation of the two unions subject to certain conditions amongst others that provision should be made for differential rating in those parishes of the new union which were comprised within the Ecclesall Union during a period of seven years from the amalgamation of the unions and upon the expiration of that period that any balance then outstanding of the loans raised by the Sheffield guardians as aforesaid should be defrayed from rates levied in the parishes of the new union which were comprised within the Sheffield Union :

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be made :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas in relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act by the lord mayor aldermen and citizens of the city of Sheffield the requirements of the Borough Funds Acts 1872 and 1903 have been observed :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Sheffield Corporation Act 1925.

Inter-pretation.

2. In this Act unless the subject or context otherwise requires the expressions :—

“The appointed day” means the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five;

“The Ecclesall parishes” means the township of Ecclesall in the city of Sheffield and the parish of Norton the townships of Dore and Totley and the liberty of Beauchief in the administrative county of Derby which places together constituted the Ecclesall Union; A.D. 1925.

“The Sheffield parishes” means the township of Sheffield and the parish of Handsworth both in the city of Sheffield which places together constituted the Sheffield Union;

“Assessable value” means assessable value for the purposes of the Agricultural Rates Acts 1896 and 1923.

3.—(1) During the period of seven years commencing on the appointed day the following provisions shall have effect with regard to the raising by the guardians of the new union of contributions to meet the expenditure incurred by them:—

Temporary adjustment of contributions required by guardians of new union.

(a) The total amount payable under contribution orders made by the guardians of the new union during any half-year and addressed to the overseers of any of the Ecclesall parishes shall not exceed such a sum as would involve a levy by those overseers in any half-year of a rate (exclusive of any costs of or incidental to the levy and collection thereof) exceeding two shillings in the pound; and

(b) Any sum which but for this provision would have been recoverable from the overseers of any of the Ecclesall parishes shall be raised from the Sheffield parishes in proportion to the assessable value of each of those parishes.

(2) Such adjustments shall be made by the guardians of the new union in the amounts demanded by any contribution order which may have been made by them before the passing of this Act as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

(3) If by virtue of an order of the Minister of Health under section 58 of the Local Government Act 1888 the new union shall be divided into two outdoor relief unions consisting respectively of those parishes of the new union which are situate within the city of Sheffield and those parishes of the new union which

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(a) For the two shillings mentioned in subsection (1) of this section there shall be substituted—

(i) as respects the half-year immediately following the commencement of any such order of the Minister the amount which bears to two shillings the same proportion as the aggregate of the contributions demanded by the guardians of the new union during the preceding half-year to meet expenditure incurred by them upon purposes other than those for which the two outdoor relief unions are constituted bears to the aggregate of the contributions so demanded during the same half-year to meet all the expenditure incurred by those guardians;

(ii) as respects any subsequent half-year during the above-mentioned period of seven years the amount which bears to two shillings the same proportion as the aggregate of the contributions demanded by the guardians of the new union during the preceding half-year to meet expenditure incurred by them bears to the aggregate of such contributions and the contributions demanded by the guardians of the two outdoor relief unions during the same half-year :

(b) (i) The total amount payable under contribution orders made during any half-year by the guardians of the outdoor relief union consisting of those parishes situate within the city of Sheffield and addressed to the overseers of the township of Ecclesall shall not exceed such a sum as when added to the contributions to be made by the said township on contribution orders made during that half-year by the guardians of the new union would involve a levy by those overseers in any half-year of a rate (exclusive of any costs of or incidental to the levy and collection thereof) exceeding two shillings in the pound; and

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(ii) Any sum which but for this provision would have been recoverable from the overseers of the township of Ecclesall shall be raised from the Sheffield parishes in proportion to the assessable value of each of those parishes.

(4) If on the calculation of any sum to be substituted for the sum of two shillings mentioned in subsection (1) of this section it shall appear that the substituted sum should include a fraction of one penny that fraction if it shall prove to be one-half or a greater fraction than one-half shall be taken at a complete penny and if it shall prove to be a smaller fraction than one-half shall be ignored.

(5) The overseers of each of the Ecclesall parishes shall at least seven days before the end of each half-year during the above-mentioned period of seven years forward to the guardians of the new union a return under their hands showing the rate in the pound of the consolidated rate or poor rate of such parish made for that half-year and the sum actually realised by the collection of that rate and the recoverable arrears thereof and any sum collected during the half-year to which the return relates in respect of arrears of a consolidated rate or poor rate made prior to the beginning of that half-year.

(6) For the purposes of this section all contributions demanded by the guardians of the new union to meet—

(a) expenditure for the purpose of defraying repayments of principal or interest in respect of sums borrowed by the guardians of the Sheffield Union or by the guardians of the Ecclesall Union or other liabilities of either of those guardians; and

(b) such of the expenditure of the South Yorkshire Joint Poor Law Committee as is payable by the guardians of the new union;

shall be deemed to be contributions raised by the guardians of the new union to meet expenditure incurred by them.

4. On and after the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two any sum required by the guardians of the new union to defray repayments

Contributions to meet certain

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loans of
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guardians. of principal or interest in respect of sums borrowed by the guardians of the Sheffield Union under section 3 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921 and outstanding on the day aforesaid shall be raised by the guardians of the new union from the Sheffield parishes in proportion to the assessable value of each of those parishes.

Property
and
liabilities of
guardians
of Sheffield
and
Ecclesall
Unions. 5.—(1) All property which immediately before the appointed day was vested in the guardians of the Sheffield Union or the guardians of the Ecclesall Union and is not at the passing of this Act vested in the guardians of the new union shall by virtue of this Act be transferred to and vest in the guardians of the new union.

(2) All liabilities of the guardians of the Sheffield Union or of the guardians of the Ecclesall Union which at the passing of this Act have not been discharged shall by virtue of this Act be transferred and attach to the guardians of the new union.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Dissolved Boards of Management and Guardians Act 1870 all sums borrowed by the guardians of the Sheffield Union and by the guardians of the Ecclesall Union respectively and outstanding at the passing of this Act are hereby charged on the funds properties rates and revenues of the guardians of the new union.

(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of the section of this Act the marginal note whereof is "Contributions to meet certain loans of Sheffield guardians."

As to
adjustment
between
Sheffield
and
Ecclesall
Unions. 6. The provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be an adjustment of the property income debts liabilities and expenses of the guardians of the Sheffield Union and the guardians of the Ecclesall Union under the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Act 1903 and no other adjustment shall be made under that or any other Act.

Power to
remove
difficulties. 7. If any difficulty shall arise in carrying into effect the provisions of this Act the Minister of Health may by order give any direction which may appear to him to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty.

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8. The costs charges and expenses preliminary A.D. 1925.
to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for —
obtaining and passing of this Act as taxed and ascertained Costs of
by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the Act.
House of Commons shall be paid by the lord mayor
aldermen and citizens of the city of Sheffield out of
the city fund or city rate of the said city.

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1. The first part of the document is a list of names and their corresponding dates. The names are: "John Doe", "Jane Smith", "Bob Johnson", "Alice Brown", "Charlie White", "David Green", "Eve Black", "Frank Gray", "Grace Pink", "Henry Blue", "Ivy Yellow", "Jack Purple", "Karen Red", "Leo Orange", "Mia Silver", "Noah Gold", "Olivia Bronze", "Peter Copper", "Quinn Iron", "Rory Steel", "Sam Tin", "Tina Lead", "Uma Zinc", "Victor Nickel", "Wendy Platinum", "Xavier Silver", "Yara Gold", "Zoe Bronze". The dates are: "1990-01-01", "1990-02-01", "1990-03-01", "1990-04-01", "1990-05-01", "1990-06-01", "1990-07-01", "1990-08-01", "1990-09-01", "1990-10-01", "1990-11-01", "1990-12-01", "1991-01-01", "1991-02-01", "1991-03-01", "1991-04-01", "1991-05-01", "1991-06-01", "1991-07-01", "1991-08-01", "1991-09-01", "1991-10-01", "1991-11-01", "1991-12-01", "1992-01-01", "1992-02-01", "1992-03-01", "1992-04-01", "1992-05-01", "1992-06-01", "1992-07-01", "1992-08-01", "1992-09-01", "1992-10-01", "1992-11-01", "1992-12-01".