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An Act for providing for the regulation of certain roads on the Slough Trading Estate and for other purposes. A.D. 1925.
[7th August 1925.]

WHEREAS the Slough Trading Company Limited and Reduced (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") are a company limited by shares and were incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Acts 1908 to 1917 on the nineteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty :

And whereas the Company have agreed to acquire from His Majesty's Government the lands and property near Slough in the county of Buckingham now known as the Trading Estate Slough and formerly as the Slough depôt (which were taken possession of held and controlled by the War Office and subsequently by the Ministry of Munitions for the purposes of the war) and the buildings lines of rails plant and other property and effects belonging to the said depôt :

And whereas the said estate is specially adapted for the erection of warehouses works and manufactories and the same has been developed and is in course of further development by the Company as an industrial estate whereon the warehouses works and manufactories have or are intended to have available direct means of access and communication both by rail and by road and other industrial facilities :

And whereas an extensive system of lines of rails has been constructed on the said estate and such lines of rails

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And whereas in order to utilize and develop the said estate to its full capacity and to the best advantage to traders manufacturers and others the construction of further lines of rails and works will from time to time become necessary :

And whereas in view of the exceptional circumstances of the said estate and of the extent and nature of the business and operations of the Company and their present and prospective lessees and tenants and of the trade requirements thereby involved it is expedient and would be of public and local advantage that such provisions should be enacted as are in this Act contained for the regulation of the roads on the said estate and that such provisions should have effect notwithstanding the dedication to the public or the adoption by the local or road authorities of such roads or any of them :

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

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

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 :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Slough Trading Company Limited Act 1925.*

Interpretation.

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

"The Company" means the *Slough Trading Company Limited and Reduced* and shall include the successors or assigns of the *Slough Trading*

Company Limited and Reduced as owners of the Trading Estate or of such portion thereof as may not have been disposed of in parcels; A.D. 1925.

“The Trading Estate” means the lands now known as the Trading Estate Slough and formerly as the Slough depôt containing in all six hundred and four acres or thereabouts situate partly in the parish of Burnham and partly in the parish of Farnham Royal in the rural district of Eton in the county of Buckingham and more particularly delineated on a map signed in duplicate by the Right Honourable James Fitzalan Hope the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred one copy of which has been deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons and the other copy in the Parliament Office in the House of Lords;

“Estate road” means any road or street already laid out or hereafter to be laid out by the Company on the Trading Estate;

“Grantee” means any person to whom the Company has granted or shall grant any power referred to in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “As to estate roads on the Trading Estate.”

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any public Act or in any local Act relating to the rural district of Eton or in any byelaws made by any authority having jurisdiction in that district (in this section referred to as “the authority”) or the dedication of any estate road as a public highway or the adoption thereof by any public authority the following provisions shall except so far as may be otherwise agreed in writing between the authority and the Company apply and have effect in respect of estate roads on the Trading Estate (that is to say):—

As to estate roads on the Trading Estate.

(1) The Company and (subject to the terms of his grant) any grantee shall have power at all times to construct use maintain and renew in over under along or across any such estate road—

(a) any bridges pipes tubes cables wires subways channels conduits electrical or other

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conductors and apparatus or other means of industrial communication or service (in this section collectively referred to as "works"); and

(b) any line or lines of rails for the conveyance of waggons or carriages drawn by any description of motive power for the purpose of communicating between premises on the Trading Estate and any railway or canal within or communicating with the Trading Estate;

and for all or any of the purposes aforesaid to open and break up any such estate road:

Provided that nothing in this section shall authorise the Company or any grantee to interfere with or affect any easement wayleave right liberty or privilege which before the passing of this Act has been granted or created by the Company or their predecessors in title:

- (2) No such works or lines of rails shall be laid or constructed altered or renewed in under over or across any road or street which at the time of such laying construction alteration or renewal is repairable by the inhabitants at large otherwise than subject to the following conditions and to such further reasonable conditions (if any) as the authority may think necessary for securing the safety of the public and the use and maintenance of such road or street for vehicular and other traffic namely:—

(a) All rails laid shall be so laid and maintained that where they cross the carriageway or footway or are laid in or along the carriageway of any such road or street the upper surfaces thereof shall be upon a level with the surface of such carriageway or footway;

(b) Before any works or rails are laid or constructed altered or renewed in any such road or street the person proposing to lay construct alter or renew any such works or rails shall except in case of emergency and then so soon as is possible after the beginning of the work or the necessity for the same has

arisen submit to the authority a plan showing the proposed position and method of construction of such works or rails;

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(c) The authority shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such plan by them notify in writing to the person submitting such plan their consent or their objection to the laying or construction alteration or renewal of the works or rails in the manner shown on such plan or the conditions on which they will consent to the laying or construction alteration or renewal of the same but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld ;

(d) If within the said period of twenty-eight days the authority shall not have given such notice in writing they shall be deemed to have consented to the laying or construction alteration or renewal of the works or rails in the manner shown on such plans ;

(e) No works or rails shall be laid or constructed altered or renewed except in case of emergency before the expiration of the said period of twenty-eight days unless the authority shall have notified their consent as aforesaid nor shall any works or rails be laid or constructed altered or renewed after the expiration of the said period of twenty-eight days in respect of which the authority shall have notified as aforesaid any objections or conditions until any difference between the person proposing to lay construct alter or renew such works or rails and the authority as to such objections or conditions shall have been determined by arbitration as hereinafter provided ;

(f) No railway waggons or railway carriages shall be allowed to remain at rest for more than five minutes at one time on any line of rails laid in the carriageway or crossing the carriageway or footway of any such road or street ;

(g) The owner of any rails shall at all times pave on each side of every rail laid in the

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carriageway or across the carriageway or footway of any such road or street for a distance of not less than twelve inches and maintain and keep such paving in good repair and condition to the reasonable satisfaction of the authority;

(*h*) The provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the breaking up repair and reinstatement of roads or streets shall so far as the same are applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section apply to the works and rails;

(*i*) If any such works or rails laid or constructed in under over or across any such street or road or the paving referred to in paragraph (*g*) of this subsection be not kept in repair to the reasonable satisfaction of the authority the authority may give notice in writing to the owner of such works or rails requiring him to carry out such works of repair as may be reasonably necessary and if the owner fail to comply with such requirement within such time as may be reasonable the authority may carry out such works at the expense of the owner. If any expenses payable by the owner under this paragraph are not paid to the authority within one month after demand in writing the authority may without any previous notice to the owner (and without prejudice to any other remedy which the authority may have for the recovery of the amount) remove the works or rails in respect of which the owner has failed to pay any expenses payable under this paragraph and sell and dispose of the materials of the same either by public auction or private sale and for such sum and to such person as the authority may think fit and may out of the proceeds of such sale pay and re-imburse themselves the amount of the said expenses and of the cost of removal and of the sale and the balance (if any) of the proceeds of the sale shall be paid over by the authority to the owner. A notice under this paragraph may

be served in the same manner as notices under the Public Health Act 1875 are by section 267 of that Act authorised to be served : A.D. 1925.
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(3) Before commencing the work of laying constructing altering or renewing any works or rails which work may affect or interfere with any sewers or drains belonging to the authority in any estate road the person proposing to lay construct alter or renew such works or rails shall submit to the authority a plan showing the proposed position and method of construction of such works or rails and the provisions contained in the immediately preceding subsection of this section with regard to the consent of the authority to such rails or works or otherwise in relation thereto shall apply with such modifications as may be necessary :

(4) If the authority put in force in respect of any estate road the provisions of sections 150 151 or 152 of the Public Health Act 1875 or of the Private Street Works Act 1892 or of any Act amending or re-enacting the same they shall not make any requirement which is not reasonably necessary for a road used for industrial purposes and the byelaws of the authority shall not be deemed to prevent the laying out and construction of estate roads in the manner heretofore customary on the Trading Estate :

Provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any such part of the Trading Estate as is for the time being used or allocated for residential purposes :

(5) The byelaws of the authority prescribing the width of any new street shall not be deemed to prevent the laying out of any estate road in two carriageways separated by lines of rails although any such proposed carriageway with the adjoining footway may be of less width than the width prescribed for a new street by any such byelaws :

Provided that each of the two carriageways shall not except with the written consent of the authority be of less width than seventeen feet and each such carriageway shall have at least

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one footway the width of which shall not except with the like consent be less than six feet Provided also that upon such estate road becoming repairable by the inhabitants at large the owner of the lines of rails shall pave each carriageway for a distance of not less than twelve inches on the side nearest to such lines of rails and maintain and keep such paving in good repair and condition to the reasonable satisfaction of the authority :

- (6) The expression "pave" where used in this section means pave with granite setts or other suitable material :
- (7) In the event of any dispute or difference arising under this section between the authority and the company or the owners of any works or rails or any person proposing to lay construct alter or renew any such works or rails as aforesaid or as to whether any consent or approval is unreasonably withheld or as to the reasonableness of any objection condition or requirement or otherwise in respect of any of the provisions of this section the same shall be determined by an arbitrator to be appointed failing agreement by the Minister of Transport on the application of either party :
- (8) Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to authorise the placing of electric lines above ground except subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1922.

As to dedication of roads.

4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed or deemed to impose upon any local authority an obligation to accept the dedication of any road or to declare any road to be a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

For protection of Postmaster General.

5.—(1) All the provisions for the protection of the Postmaster-General and his telegraphic lines which are contained in the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1922 and in the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 shall so far as applicable extend and apply to the construction and use of electrical works under this Act.

(2) Any works constructed under the provisions of this Act shall not be used for the purpose of transmitting telegrams in contravention of the exclusive privilege conferred on the Postmaster-General by the Telegraph Act 1869 and shall not be installed or worked in contravention of the provisions of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1904 or any statutory re-enactment or modification thereof. A.D. 1925.
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6. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company. Costs of Act.

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