

CHAPTER x.

An Act to confer powers upon the Herne Bay Gas and A.D. 1913.

Coke Company Limited for the supply of electricity and for other purposes.

[4th July 1913.]

WHEREAS the Herne Bay Gas and Coke Company Limited are supplying gas within an area comprising the urban district of Herne Bay and the parish of Herne both in the county of Kent under the powers conferred upon them by the Herne Bay Gas Acts 1899 to 1912:

And whereas by the Herne Bay Electric Lighting Order 1909 which was confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act 1909 the Herne Bay Urban District Council were empowered to supply electrical energy for public and private purposes within the said urban district but the council have not exercised the powers conferred upon them and have agreed to the repeal thereof and to powers being conferred upon the Company for the supply of electrical energy within the said district and it is expedient that such powers be conferred upon the Company and that the other provisions contained in this Act be enacted:

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 (that is to say):—

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the Herne Bay Gas and Short and Electricity Act 1913 and the Herne Bay Gas Acts 1899 to 1912 collective titles.

[Price 1s.]

A.D. 1913. and this Act may be cited together as the Herne Bay Gas and Electricity Acts 1899 to 1913.

Application of Electric Lighting Acts.

2. This Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 to 1909 and the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 so far as the provisions of those Acts and the schedules thereto are applicable to or incorporated with this Act.

Incorporation of general Acts.

- 3.—(1) The following Acts and parts of Acts so far as the same are applicable for the purposes and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby incorporated with this Act (namely):—
 - (a) The Lands Clauses Acts (except the provisions thereof with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement); and
- (b) The provisions of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 except section 5 thereof.
- (2) For the purpose of the provisions of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 incorporated with this Act this Act shall be deemed to be the Special Order.
- (3) The undertakers within the meaning of section 2 (Description of undertakers) of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 are the Company.

Interpretation.

- 4. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction And unless the subject or context otherwise requires—
 - "The Company" means the Herne Bay Gas and Electricity Company Limited;
 - "The council" means the Herne Bay Urban District Council;
 - "The Act of 1912" means the Herne Bay Gas Act 1912;
 - "The recited Acts" means the Herne Bay Gas Acts 1899 to 1912.

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

Area of supply.

5. The area for the supply of electricity by the Company shall be the urban district of Herne Bay as constituted at the passing of this Act and that area shall be the area of supply

within the meaning of section 4 of the schedule to the Electric A.D. 1913. Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899.

6. The Company may appropriate and use for the purposes Appropriaof their electricity undertaking any lands acquired for the purposes tion of lands. of their gas undertaking and may construct a generating station upon the lands described in schedule A to the Herne Bay Gas Order 1899 but the Company shall not construct a generating station on any other land except in accordance with and subject to the provisions of section 2 (Construction of generating station on land acquired by agreement) of the Electric Lighting Act 1909.

7. Subject to the provisions incorporated with this Act the Power to Company are specially authorised by this Act to break up the break up streets and parts of streets not repairable by the local authority which are mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act.

streets.

8. The streets and parts of streets throughout which the Compulsory Company are to lay down suitable and sufficient distributing mains works. for the purposes of general supply within a period of two years after the passing of this Act as mentioned in section 21 of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 are those mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act.

- 9.—(1) The maximum prices which may be charged by the Maximum Company as mentioned in section 32 of the schedule to the prices. Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 are those stated in the Third Schedule to this Act.
- (2) Provided that with the consent in writing of the council the Company shall be entitled to charge rates not exceeding the following rates per quarter:—

For any amount up to twenty units thirteen shillings and fourpence and for each unit over twenty units eightpence.

- (3) The consent of the council under subsection (2) of this section shall not be unreasonably withheld and any question which may arise as to whether the consent is unreasonably withheld shall be determined by arbitration.
- (4) When the Company are entitled to charge rates under subsection (2) or subsection (3) of this section such rates shall be substituted for the rates mentioned in section 1 of the Third Schedule to this Act.

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Power to lay

Power to lay electric lines in private streets.

10. The Company may on the application of the owner or occupier of any premises within the area of supply abutting on or erected or being erected in any street laid out or made but not dedicated to public use supply such premises with electrical energy and may lay down take up alter relay repair remove and renew in across along or out of such street such electric lines and apparatus as may be requisite or proper for furnishing such supply and the provisions of this Act and of the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 to 1909 so far as they are applicable for the purposes of this section shall extend and apply to and for the purposes hereof and to any works constructed or executed by the Company under the powers of this section.

Period of error in defective meters.

- 11.—(1) In the event of a meter of a construction and pattern approved by the Board of Trade used by any consumer of electricity being proved to register erroneously such erroneous registration shall be deemed to have first arisen during the then last preceding quarter of the year unless it be proved to have first arisen during the then current quarter.
- (2) The amount of the allowance to be paid to or the surcharge to be made upon the consumer by the Company shall be paid by or to the Company to or by the consumer as the case may be and shall be recoverable in the like manner as charges for electricity are recoverable by the Company.

Notice to discontinue supply of electricity.

12. A notice to the Company from a consumer for the discontinuance of a supply of electricity shall not be of any effect unless it be in writing signed by or on behalf of the consumer and be left at or sent by post to the office of the Company or be given by the consumer personally at the office of the Company.

Power to supply engines motors fittings &c.

13.—(1) The Company may purchase provide supply sell and let on hire and may fix set up alter repair and remove (but shall not manufacture) engines machines motors accumulators cables conductors services wires tubes pipes insulators distributing cut-out and other boxes switches transformers lamps meters fittings and other apparatus and appliances used for or in connection with the production transmission storage transformation measuring regulating distributing and use of electrical energy for lighting and other purposes whether public or private or for converting the same into motive power heat or otherwise and may provide all materials and do all work necessary or

proper in that behalf and may demand take and recover such A.D. 1913. remuneration in money or such rents and charges for and may make such terms and conditions with respect to the supply sale letting fixing setting up altering repairing and removing of such articles and things as aforesaid and for securing (both as regards the consumer and third parties) their safety and return to the Company as may be agreed on between the Company and the person to or for whom the same are sold supplied let on hire fixed or set up as aforesaid.

(2) The powers conferred upon the Company by this section shall not be transferred to the council in the event of the council acquiring the Company's electricity undertaking either under this Act or under section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1888.

CAPITAL &c.

- 14. The limitation prescribed by the recited Acts with Additional respect to the share capital of the Company for the purposes of capital. their undertaking shall not prevent the Company from raising for the purposes of the Herne Bay Gas and Electricity Acts 1899 to 1913 further share capital not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds Provided that—
 - (1) The share capital of the Company for the purposes of the Herne Bay Gas and Electricity Acts 1899 to 1913 shall not exceed in the whole the sum of ninety-four thousand pounds unless the Company are hereafter authorised to raise further capital by provisional order under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 or by Act of Parliament:
 - (2) It shall not be lawful for the Company to create and issue under the powers of this Act any greater nominal amount of capital than shall be sufficient to produce including any premiums which may be obtained on the sale thereof the sum of fifteen thousand pounds or to raise by the issue of preference shares any greater amount of the capital authorised by this Act than seven thousand pounds.
- 15. The provisions of sections 5 to 14 of the Act of 1912 Application shall apply to and in respect of the capital which the Company of provisions may raise under the provisions of this Act as if it were capital 1912.

A.D. 1913. which they were empowered to raise under the provisions of that Act and the provisions of the said sections (including the provisions relating to the borrowing of money and the formation of special purposes and reserve funds) shall have effect as if the electricity undertaking of the Company were part of the undertaking of the Company referred to in those sections.

Power to · apply funds.

16. The Company may apply to all or any of the purposes of this Act to which capital is properly applicable any money from time to time raised by them under the recited Acts.

capital if electricity powers not exercised.

Reduction of 17. If within a period of two years after the passing of this Act or such extended period as the Board of Trade may prescribe the Company shall have failed bonâ fide to commence to exercise the powers of this Act with reference to the supply of electricity the additional capital which the Company are by this Act authorised to raise shall be reduced from the sum of fifteen thousand pounds to the sum of seven thousand pounds and until the Company so commence to exercise the said powers they shall not create or issue any greater amount than seven thousand pounds of the said additional capital.

Separate accounts of gas and electricity undertakings.

- 18.—(1) Separate capital and revenue accounts shall be kept of the gas undertaking and of the electricity undertaking of the Company.
- (2) The Company's gas undertaking and electricity undertaking respectively shall be duly credited and debited with the receipts and payments exclusively attributable thereto.
- (3) The Company shall out of the capital raised under the recited Acts or this Act carry to the credit of the capital account of their gas undertaking the value of all land and buildings acquired or erected for the purposes of that undertaking and used for the purposes of the Company's electricity undertaking Provided that the sum so credited shall be agreed between the Company and the council or failing agreement shall be determined by the auditor appointed by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899.
- (4) The expenses of direction and management and any expenses common to both the gas undertaking and the electricity undertaking of the Company shall be from time to time apportioned between them as nearly as conveniently practicable in proportion to the amount of capital for the time being

expended on the gas undertaking and the electricity undertaking A.D. 1913. respectively.

(5) A copy of such accounts shall be sent to the council at the same time as they are sent to the clerk of the peace.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 19. As from the date upon which a printed copy of this Change of Act is delivered to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in name. pursuance of the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is "Copy of Act to be registered" the name of the Company shall be "The Herne Bay Gas and Electricity Company Limited" and the provisions of the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908 shall apply as if the Company had changed its name by special resolution with the approval of the Board of Trade.
- 20. The Company may refuse to supply gas or electrical Company energy to any person whose payments for the supply of either may refuse gas or electrical energy or meter rent are for the time being in gas or elecarrear whether any such payments be due to the Company in trical energy respect of a supply to the premises in respect of which such cases. supply is demanded or in respect of other premises.

in certain

21. Where the payment of more than one sum by any Several sums person is due under this Act any summons or warrant issued in one for the purposes of this Act in respect of that person may contain in the body thereof or in a schedule thereto all the sums payable by him.

22. Proceedings for the recovery of any demand made under Recovery of the authority of this Act or any incorporated enactment whether demands. provision is or is not made for the recovery in any specified court or manner may be taken in any county court having otherwise jurisdiction in the matter provided that the demand does not exceed the amount recoverable in that court in a personal action.

23. The agreement made the twelfth day of April nineteen Confirmation hundred and thirteen between the council of the one part and of agreement with the Company of the other part set forth in the Fourth Schedule council. to this Act is hereby confirmed and made binding on the parties thereto.

24.—(1) The council may by a twelve months' notice in Power of writing expiring at the end of ten years twenty years or thirty purchase by

- A.D. 1913. years from the date of the passing of this Act require the Company to sell and (subject to the provisions hereinafter contained) the Company shall on the expiration of such notice sell to the council the Company's electricity undertaking including the lands buildings works materials and plant suitable to and used by the Company for the purposes thereof.
 - (2) The price to be paid by the council to the Company shall be a sum equal to the total amount expended by the Company upon the said undertaking and chargeable to capital account as appearing in the Company's accounts as audited in accordance with section 6 (Audit of undertakers' accounts) of the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 together with—
 - (a) If the notice expires at the end of ten years from the date of the passing of this Act a sum equal to twenty-five per centum upon such total amount:
 - (b) If it expires at the end of twenty years from that date a sum equal to twenty per centum upon such total amount:
 - (c) If it expires at the end of thirty years from that date a sum equal to ten per centum upon such total amount.
 - (3) The Board of Trade may determine any questions which may arise in relation to such purchase and may fix the date from which the purchase is to take effect.
 - (4) From the date on which the purchase takes effect the Company's electricity undertaking (including all such lands buildings works materials and plant as aforesaid) shall subject to the provisions of this Act vest in the council freed from any debts mortgages or similar obligations of the Company or attaching to the undertaking and the powers of the Company in relation to the supply of electricity within the area of supply under this Act shall cease and determine and shall vest in the council.
 - (5) Provided that if within three months after the service of a notice under this section the Company give notice to the council that they require the council not to purchase their electricity undertaking unless the council also purchase their gas undertaking the Company shall not be obliged to sell their electricity undertaking under the foregoing provisions of this section unless the council obtain the sanction of Parliament to

purchase and purchase the gas undertaking of the Company on A.D. 1913. the terms mentioned in section 29 (Purchase of undertaking by Herne Bay Urban District Council) of the Herne Bay Gas Order 1899 at the same time as they purchase the Company's electricity undertaking and for that purpose the limitation of time within which the council may purchase the undertaking contained in that section shall not apply.

- (6) Nothing in this section shall affect the power of the council as the local authority to purchase under section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1888.
- 25. The Herne Bay Electric Lighting Order 1909 is hereby Repeal of repealed.

Order of 1909.

26. The Company shall deliver to the Registrar of Joint Copy of Act Stock Companies a printed copy of this Act and he shall retain to be regisand register the same and if such copy is not so delivered within three months from the passing of this Act the Company shall incur a penalty not exceeding two pounds for every day after the expiration of those three months during which the default continues and any director or manager of the Company who knowingly and wilfully authorises such default shall incur a like penalty Every penalty under this section shall be recoverable summarily.

There shall be paid to the registrar by the Company on such copy being registered the like fee as is for the time being payable under the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908 on registration of any document other than a memorandum of association or the abstract required to be filed with the registrar by a receiver or manager or the statement required to be sent to the registrar by the liquidator in a winding-up in England.

27. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the Costs of Act. preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company and may in whole or in part be charged against revenue.

A.D. 1913. The SCHEDULES referred to in the foregoing Act.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

LIST OF STREETS AND PARTS OF STREETS NOT REPAIRABLE BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WHICH MAY BE BROKEN UP BY THE COMPANY IN PURSUANCE OF THE SPECIAL POWERS GRANTED BY THIS ACT.

Albany Drive Alexandria Drive Arkley Road Beaumont Street Beacon Hill Parade Belmont Street Bird's Lane Bognor Drive Bournemouth Avenue Buller's Avenue Carlton Hill Central Avenue Chamberlain Drive Cliff Avenue Clarendon Street Clarendon Square Claremont Street Cliff Sea Grove Clifftown Gardens Crown Hill Road Culverden Road three unnamed streets on the Station Avenue Estate Douglas Road from No. 62 to its junction with Mayfield Road Fernlea Avenue Fitzgerald Avenue Fleetwood Avenue Glen Avenue from "Glenside" to its junction with Grange Road Gordon Road from "Brock Villa" to its termination at Culverden Road Harcourt Drive Hill Top Road Ivanhoe Road Linden Avenue Leighville Drive Mayfield Road Montagu Street Oakdale Road from No. 28 to its junction with Mayfield Road Oxenden Park Oxenden Square Queen's Avenue Queensbridge Drive Ridgeway Cliff Sandown Drive Salisbury Drive Selsea Avenue South Cliff Drive Spa Esplanade Spencer Road St. Anne's Drive St. George's Avenue St. Helena Grove St. Louis Grove Stanley Road from "Eagland Villas" to its termination at Spencer Road Sunnyhill Road The Broadway Thurlow Avenue Tyndale Park from No. 16 to its junction with Mickleburgh Hill Westcliff Drive Westcliff Gardens West Hill Drive York Road road between Beltinge Road and Bird's Corner.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

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LIST OF STREETS AND PARTS OF STREETS THROUGHOUT WHICH THE COMPANY ARE TO LAY DOWN SUITABLE AND SUFFICIENT DISTRIBUTING MAINS FOR THE PURPOSES OF GENERAL SUPPLY WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS ACT.

High Street from William Street to Brunswick Street William Street from High Street to Marine Parade Mortimer Street from William Street to Richmond Street Brunswick Street from High Street to Marine Parade Dolphin Street Richmond Street from High Street to Marine Parade Marine Parade from the Pier to Belle Vue Road Beach Street from High Street to termination Market Street and Telford Street.

THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

MAXIMUM PRICES.

In this schedule—

The expression "unit" shall mean the energy contained in a current of one thousand ampères flowing under an electromotive force of one volt during one hour.

Section 1.

Where the Company charge any consumer by the actual amount of energy supplied to him they shall be entitled to charge him at the following rates per quarter:—-

For any amount up to twenty units supplied for the purpose of lighting ten shillings and for each unit over twenty units sixpence;

For any amount up to twenty units supplied for the purpose of power or heating six shillings and eightpence and for each unit over twenty units fourpence.

SECTION 2.

Where the Company charge any consumer by the electrical quantity contained in the supply given to him they shall be entitled to charge him according to the rates set forth in section 1 of this schedule the amount of energy supplied to him being taken to be the product of that electrical quantity and the declared pressure at the consumer's terminals that is to say such a constant pressure at those terminals as may be declared by the Company under the Board of Trade regulations.

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THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.

AGREEMENT WITH HERNE BAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

An Agreement made the twelfth day of April one thousand nine hundred and thirteen between the Herne Bay Urban District Council (herein referred to as "the council") of the one part and the Herne Bay Gas and Coke Company Limited (herein referred to as "the Company") of the other part.

Whereas by the Herne Bay Electric Lighting Order 1909 which was confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act 1909 the council were empowered to supply electricity for public and private purposes within the urban district of Herne Bay but the council have not exercised the powers conferred upon them and have agreed (subject to the provisions herein appearing) to the repeal thereof and to powers being conferred upon the Company for the supply of electricity within the said district and the Company have introduced into Parliament a Bill (herein referred to as "the Bill") to give effect to such agreement:

Now it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows (that is to say):—

- 1. The council will to the best of their ability support the Bill and provided that the Bill is amended in such respects as they may reasonably require will give evidence in favour of it and will bear and defray any expense incurred by them in so doing.
- 2. As soon as the Bill is passed into law the Company will forthwith exercise the powers granted to them in regard to the supply of electricity for all public and private purposes and will erect and equip a generating station either upon the lands forming the site of their existing gasworks or upon such other site as they may be empowered to use for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Electric Lighting Act 1909 and (unless they are prevented by circumstances beyond their control) they will be prepared to supply electricity to the council in accordance with this agreement on or before the expiration of the period of two years from the passing of the Bill.
- 3. From and after the date upon which the Company have executed the necessary works to enable them to give a supply of electricity to the pier and East Cliff Pavilion of the council the council shall use only electricity for lighting and power purposes in and about the said pier and pavilion and subject as hereinafter provided the Company shall supply to the council and the council shall take from the Company all

such electricity as may be required by them in and about the said A.D. 1913. pier and pavilion.

- 4. The council shall be at liberty to retain their existing generating plant on the said pier for such period as they may think fit and to use the same for the purpose of generating the electricity required for the purpose of working or lighting the pier tramway but the council shall not extend such plant or provide other plant in lieu thereof or of any part thereof (except in the case of a breakdown and except that they may renew the present gas engine forming part of such plant or substitute for the same another gas engine using only gas supplied by the Company) and in the event of the council discontinuing the use of such plant the Company shall thereafter during the continuance of this agreement supply to the council and the council shall take from the Company any electricity required by them for the purpose of working or lighting the said tramway.
- 5.—(1) The council shall give to the Company reasonable facilities for installing the motor generator or motor generators and any other apparatus (herein called "trainway power plant") required to be installed at the pier in connection with the supply of electricity at the pressure required for working the said tramway and such tramway power plant shall be provided and fixed by the Company on behalf of the council at a cost not exceeding six hundred pounds and the amount of such cost shall be treated as a loan from the Company to the council and shall be repaid to the Company by the council in quarterly instalments within a period of five years thereafter together with interest on the amount from time to time outstanding at the rate of five per centum per annum.
- (2) The council shall properly control and supervise the working of the tramway power plant and maintain the same in good and efficient working order and shall allow the duly authorised representatives of the Company at all reasonable times to inspect the same and shall also make and keep available for the inspection of the Company such records of the working of the same as may reasonably be required by the Company.
- 6. At any time during the continuance of this agreement the council may on giving reasonable notice in writing to the Company require them to supply and thereupon the Company shall during the continuance of this agreement supply to the council and the council shall take electricity for the purpose of lighting the forty-five special street lamps of the council situate on the Marine Parade the positions of which are indicated upon the plan annexed hereto and such additional street lamps situate on the Marine Parade or in any other street lighted by the council which may be named in such notice and in which the Company have laid distributing mains Provided that the council may add to or reduce the number of public lamps on the Marine Parade or may alter the same

- A.D. 1913. or substitute others as they may from time to time think fit but any expense incurred by the Company by or in consequence of such alteration or substitution shall be repaid to them by the council Provided also that the Company shall not be required to commence the supply of electricity to any lamps under this clause within a period of three years before the termination of this agreement.
 - 7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bill the prices to be charged by the Company and to be paid by the council for electricity supplied in pursuance of this agreement shall be as follows:—
 - (a) For electricity supplied for the purposes of the pier (except for purposes in connection with the pier tramway) and the East Cliff Pavilion twopence halfpenny per unit:
 - (b) For the purposes of the pier tramway twopence three farthings per unit:
 - (c) For the purposes of the forty-five special street lamps on the Marine Parade twopence halfpenny per unit:
 - (d) For the purposes of other street lamps threepence per unit:

Provided that—

- (1) The said prices shall be open to revision from time to time such revision to take effect at the expiration of ten years from the passing of the Bill or of any subsequent period or periods of ten years:
- (2) If either party desire such revision they shall give notice thereof in writing to the other party not later than one year before the date on which the revision is to take effect:
 - (3) The revision shall be made by agreement or failing agreement by arbitration.
- 8. All sums payable by the council to the Company under this agreement shall be paid quarterly. On the termination of each quarter the Company shall render to the council an account of the sums payable in respect of such quarter and every such account shall be paid within thirty days of the date upon which it shall have been rendered.
- 9. The supply of electricity to be given by the Company to the council under this agreement shall be given subject to and in accordance in all respects with the terms and conditions for the supply of electricity by the Company for the time being in force so far as the same are applicable and with the provisions of the Herne Bay Gas and Electricity Act 1913 and the Acts incorporated therewith or applicable thereto and all such provisions shall apply to such supply and to the Company and the council in respect thereof as if the council were ordinary consumers within the meaning of the said Acts and in the event of any default by the Company in relation to the supply of energy to the council

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the Company shall be liable to the penalties by and as in such Acts A.D. 1913. provided but shall not incur any further or other liability in respect of such default.

- 10. Subject to the provisions of this agreement the supply of electricity by the Company to the council thereunder shall be subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the parties or failing agreement as may be determined by arbitration.
- 11. From and after the date when the Company commence to give a supply of electricity and until the determination of this agreement the council shall except as provided by clause 4 hereof take from the Company all the electricity they may require for any purpose.
- 12. This agreement shall continue for a period of forty-two years from the passing of the Bill.
- 13. Any question or difference which may arise between the Company and the council under the provisions of this agreement shall be referred to arbitration under the Arbitration Act 1889 the arbitrator being appointed in default of agreement by the Board of Trade.
- 14. This agreement is subject to the approval of Parliament and to such alterations as shall be made by Parliament therein but in the event of either House of Parliament making any material alteration therein it shall be competent to either party to withdraw from the same by giving notice of such withdrawal to the other party their solicitors or agents before the said Bill is read the third time in the second House of Parliament.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto caused their respective common seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

The common seal of the Herne Bay Urban District Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of

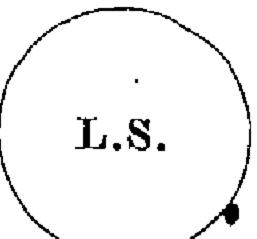
L.S.

ARCHIBALD G. IGGULDEN Presiding Chairman.

GEO. H. BEETENSON

Clerk to the Council.

The common seal of the Herne Bay Gas & Coke Company Limited was hereto affixed in the presence of



WM. A. SURRIDGE } Directors. HENRY WOODALL) WM. CASH Secretary.

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