

Hon. G. F. Richardson.

GORE ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

[PRIVATE BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

5 AN ACT to authorise the Gore Electric Light and Power Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the Borough of Gore with Electrical Energy. Title.

10 WHEREAS a company with limited liability has been incorporated under the provisions of "The Companies Act, 1882," and its amend- Preamble.
15 as a motive-power: And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to enable the said company to carry out the objects for which it has been so established in and over the area of supply described in section *eight* of this Act, and specified in the Schedule hereto:

20 BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gore Electric Lighting Act, 1893." Short Title.

25 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context hereof, and unless there are words to exclude or restrict such meaning, the words and expressions following shall severally have the meanings herein after assigned to them, that is to say,— Interpretation.

The expression "electricity" means electricity, electric current, or any like agency:

The expression "energy" means electrical energy, and for the purposes of this Act electrical energy shall be deemed to be an agency within the meaning of electricity as defined by this Act:

The expression "the company" means the Gore Electric Light and Power Syndicate (Limited): 5

The expression "public purpose" refers to the supply of electricity to or in any street or any place belonging to or subject to the control of a local authority, or any hall, public theatre, or building belonging to or subject to the control of any public authority, but shall not include any other purpose to which electricity may be applied: 10

The expression "private purpose" refers to any purpose whatever to which electricity may for the time being be applicable, not being public purposes, but shall not include the transmission of any telegram. 15

New clause.

Board of Control and its powers.

3. There shall be a Board of Control for the purposes of this Act, which shall consist of the Governor in Council.

The Board of Control may appoint such officers and make such by-laws for their own guidance as they shall think proper; they may also make such rules and regulations for the control of the company in the interests of the public safety as they may think expedient, for securing the safety of the public from personal injury, or from fire or otherwise, and may from time to time amend or repeal such regulations; and any such regulations so made or amended by the Board of Control shall, from the date and issue thereof, have the same effect in every respect as though they had been originally inserted in this Act; and every regulation so repealed shall from and after the date thereof be repealed accordingly, but such repeal shall not affect any liability or penalty incurred in respect thereof prior to the date of such repeal, or any proceeding or remedy which might have been had in relation thereto. 20 25 30

The Board of Control may from time to time delegate all or any of the powers vested in the Board by this Act to the Electric Telegraph Commissioner, or to such other person as the Board of Control shall think fit. 35

Empowering company to supply electricity.

3- 4. Subject and without prejudice to "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1887," the company may supply energy for public and private purposes within the whole or any part of the area of supply as defined by this Act, and for the purposes aforesaid may break up or cross over streets, roads, rivers, and bridges, and place mains, service-lines, distributing-mains and wires, either above or below ground, and over or under streets and roads, and lay down and place pipes, conduits, and service-pipes, and erect pillars, arches, and poles, in and upon streets, roads, bridges, and other places, and make, construct, and do other works and things for supplying energy within such area of supply, or any part thereof, upon such terms and conditions, for such period or periods, and subject to such regulations and provisions for securing the safety of the public, as may be agreed between the company and the Borough Council of the Borough of Gore. 40 45 50

4. 5. A copy of every agreement made between the company and the said Borough Council shall be deposited at the office of the Borough Council; and notice that such agreement has been previously made, and that a copy thereof is open for inspection, shall be
 5 advertised in some newspaper published in the Town of Gore at least once in each of four successive weeks after such deposit.

Agreement to be referred to burgesses.

The Mayor of the said Borough of Gore shall call a meeting of the burgesses of the said borough, for a day not less than ten days after the last publication of such advertisement, to consider such
 10 agreement, and, if present, shall preside at such meeting. If the Mayor of the said borough be not present, then a chairman of the meeting may be appointed at the meeting.

A copy of such agreement shall be produced at such meeting, and the terms thereof may be then discussed and considered. Any
 15 amendments or alterations in such agreement suggested at such meeting may, if the local authority and the company agree thereto, be made, and the agreement so amended or altered shall be deemed to be the same agreement as that originally deposited and advertised.

After such meeting, and on such day as the Mayor of the said
 20 borough shall appoint, a poll of the burgesses shall be held, at which the question shall be submitted whether such agreement shall be confirmed.

Such poll shall be taken and held in the manner provided by section one hundred and eighty-one of "The Municipal Corporations
 25 Act, 1886." If a majority of the votes polled shall be in favour of confirming such agreement, then such agreement shall be valid and effectual as from the day of the declaration of such poll; and if a majority of the votes polled shall be against the confirmation of such agreement, then such agreement shall be null and void.

30 5. 6. The company shall not be entitled to exercise any of the powers hereby conferred until such agreement is entered into and confirmed. If such agreement is not entered into and confirmed, within one year from the date hereof, the powers and authorities hereby conferred shall cease.

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35 6. 7. The company may, with the consent of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gore, sell and assign any such agreement entered into as aforesaid, and the benefit thereof and the undertaking of the company or any part thereof, to any person, persons, corporation or company, or to the said Borough Council; and, when any such sale
 40 and assignment has been made, all the rights, powers, authorities, obligations, and liabilities conferred and imposed by this Act and by any such agreement shall be transferred to, vested in, and may be exercised by, and shall attach to the person, persons, corporation, company, or Borough Council, to whom such sale and assignment has
 45 been made.

Power of sale with consent of Borough Council.

7. 8. The area of supply shall be the whole of the area included in the Schedule hereto.

Area of supply.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

THE Borough of Gore.