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ROSS GOLDFIELDS ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorise the Ross Goldfields (Limited) to ~~contract with~~ Title.
~~His Majesty the King, or with any other Person or Persons or Body~~
~~Corporate, for the Construction, Maintenance, and Working of~~
5 ~~an Electric Installation within the County of Westland and~~
~~within a Circle having a Radius of Twenty five Miles from the~~
~~Borough of Hokitika, for working and lighting the Company's~~
~~Mines at Ross, or the Mines of any other Company or Companies~~
~~within the said Radius, and for other Private and Public Purposes~~
10 ~~therein.~~

WHEREAS on the seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and Preamble.
eight, the representative of the Ross Flat Gold-mining and
Electric Drainage Syndicate submitted to the officers of the Mines
Department for report a memorandum of proposals for the subsidy
15 offered by the Parliament of New Zealand for unwatering, sinking
upon, and working the deep-level auriferous deposits at Ross Flat, in
Westland: And whereas such report was received by the said Mines
Department: And whereas favourable consideration was given
20 thereto, subject to several conditions, one of which was that a
company be formed to carry out the work, with a working capital
of not less than thirty-five thousand pounds plus a fifteen-thousand-
pounds subsidy, and that a Local Bill be introduced into Parliament
for the carrying-out of the said scheme: And whereas a company
25 called the Ross Goldfields (Limited) has been duly incorporated, with
a subscribed capital of thirty-five thousand pounds, having for its
object, firstly, the unwatering and working the company's two one-
hundred-acre claims at Ross Flat aforesaid, and ~~selling electric energy~~
Struck out.

30 for the working of any other claims on Ross Flat aforesaid: And
whereas the company will have a considerable amount of electric
energy over and above that which is necessary to work the said claims:
And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to the said
company to contract for the supply of electrical energy to any
company or companies, and for other public and private purposes:

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Ross Goldfields Electric Power Transmission Act, 1908. 5

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context thereof *Struck out.*

respectively and unless there are words to exclude or restrict such meaning, the words and expressions following shall severally have the meanings hereinafter stated, that is to say :— 10

“Electricity” means electricity, electric currents, or any like agency :

“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 15 by this Act :

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“Person” means any person, company, local authority, body corporate, or the Government of New Zealand :

“Private purpose” refers to any purpose whatever to which electricity may be for the time being applied : 20

“The company” means the Ross Goldfields (Limited) :

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“Public purpose” refers to the supply of electricity to any Department subject to the control of the Crown or of any local authority : 25

“Work” means and includes the erection and maintenance of electric lines and plant, also any buildings, machinery, engines, works, matters, or things of whatsoever description required for the generation, transformation, or distribution 30 of electricity, and for carrying into effect the objects of this Act.

Power to instal works for supplying electrical energy.

3. Subject and without prejudice to the provisions of the ~~Electric Lines Act, 1884~~, *Post and Telegraph Act, 1908*, and the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, the company may construct, 35 maintain, and carry on an electric installation and works for

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supplying electrical energy within the Borough of Hokitika and within a circle having a radius of twenty-five miles from the Borough of Hokitika as a distributing centre, and may use the same for 40 working the said company's mines at Ross aforesaid ; and ~~may~~

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contract with His Majesty the King or with any person for the supply of electrical energy for any public or private purpose, upon such terms and conditions, for such period, and subject 45 to such agreements and provisions as may be agreed upon between the contracting parties ; and shall for such purpose have power, with the consent of the controlling local authority, but not otherwise, to break up or cross over streets and place mains, service lines, and wires either above or below the ground and over or under streets and roads, and 50 lay down and place pipes, conduits, and service pipes, and erect pillars,

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5 arches, and poles, in and upon the said streets, roads, and other places within the Borough of Hokitika and within the said radius; and make, construct, and do all other works and things for supplying energy within the said radius of twenty-five miles from the Borough of Hokitika aforesaid, upon such terms and conditions and subject to such agreements and provisions as may be agreed upon between the contracting parties.

10 4. The company may use the water-race belonging to the company *and* registered under Number 8765 in the books of the Mining Registrar at Hokitika, or any other water-power it may acquire for the generation of energy.

Power to use
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