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[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE BILL, 1ST AUGUST, 1899.]

Mr. Wilson.

WELLINGTON ELECTRIC LIGHTING ACT 1891
AMENDMENT.

[PRIVATE BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) Title.
to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges,
and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either
5 above or below Ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Con-
duits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles,
and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for
supplying the respective Boroughs of Melrose, Karori, and
Onslow, *and the Road District of Seatoun*, or portions thereof,
10 with Electrical Energy.

WHEREAS by "The Wellington Electric Lighting Act, 1891," it Preamble.
was enacted that the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited)
should not at any time after the commencement of the said Act supply
energy, or (except for the purposes of the said Act) erect or lay down
15 electric lines or works beyond the area of supply, otherwise than
with the consent of the Board of Control by the said Act constituted,
confirmed by the authority of a special Act :

And whereas it is expedient that power should be conferred upon
the said New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to supply
20 electrical energy, and work and lay down and erect electric lines and
works within the respective Boroughs of Melrose, Karori, and
Onslow, *and the Road District of Seatoun*, and for the purposes
thereof to break up or cross over streets, roads, rivers, and bridges,
and to place mains and service-lines, and to make, construct, and do
25 other works and things for supplying the said boroughs or parts
thereof :

And whereas the Board of Control under the said Act has con-
sented to the supply of energy, and the erecting and laying down
of electrical lines and works by the said New Zealand Electrical
30 Syndicate (Limited), to and in the said boroughs, being beyond
the area of supply in the said "Wellington Electric Lighting Act,
1891 " :

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. The Short Title of this Act is “The Wellington Electric Lighting Act 1891 Amendment Act, 1899.”

Construction of Act.

2. This Act shall be read with and form part of “The Wellington Electric Lighting Act, 1891” (hereinafter called “the principal Act”), and shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of the principal Act.

Extended area of supply.

3. (1.) In addition to the area mentioned in the First Schedule of the principal Act, the area of supply shall be such part or parts of the respective areas which are now or may at any time hereafter be comprised in the boundaries of the respective Boroughs of Melrose, Onslow, and Karori, and the Road District of Seatoun, as shall from time to time be agreed upon in writing under seal between the said New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) and the local authority having jurisdiction over such part or parts, and the Board of Control; and the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) and each such local authority are hereby expressly authorised and empowered from time to time to enter into any such agreement for the purpose of including in the area of supply any portion or portions of the borough under the control of such local authority, and it is hereby expressly declared that no such agreement shall have any force or effect until it shall have been submitted to and approved by the Corporation of the City of Wellington: Provided that such consent shall not be arbitrarily, or without some reasonable cause affecting the interests of the Corporation of the City of Wellington, withheld.

~~(2.) The provisions of the principal Act shall, mutatis mutandis, and, in so far as the same are applicable, apply to the area or areas so agreed upon.~~

New subclauses.

(2.) Such part or parts of the said respective areas shall form part of the area of supply only during such period and subject to such provisions (if any) as to the following matters, being the same matters as are referred to under the same headings in the principal Act, that is to say—(a) nature and mode of supply, (b) works, (c) compulsory works, (d) supply, (e) price, (f) electric inspectors, (g) testing and inspection, (h) meters, (i) maps, (j) notices, (k) revocation of this Act, (l) purchases, and (m) general, and as to any other matters and things which may be agreed upon between the said syndicate and the local authority as shall in such writing be set forth and be agreed to by the Board of Control; and the provisions (if any) in respect of any such matters shall be in substitution of the provisions in respect of the same matters contained in the principal Act.

(3.) Failing provisions in respect of any such matters, then the provisions of the principal Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, and in so far as the same are applicable and where expressly modified in such writing, then, subject to such modification, apply to the extended area or areas so agreed upon.

3. (4.) Failing any such agreement as mentioned in subsection one of this section, the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) shall not be entitled or required to supply energy over any part of

the area within the jurisdiction of any local authority which shall have so failed to agree.

5 4. (5.) A copy of every agreement made between the New Zealand Electric Syndicate (Limited) and any local authority and the Board of Control shall be deposited at the office of the local authority and of the Board of Control; and notice that such agreement has been previously made, and that a copy thereof is open for inspection, shall be advertised in some newspaper published in the City of Wellington at least once in each of four consecutive weeks after such deposit.

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New clauses.

15 4. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to prevent the local authority from supplying electrical or other lighting or energy within the ~~borough,~~ *area within the jurisdiction of such local authority*, or from entering into any contract engagement with any other company or persons authorising the supply by them of electrical or other lighting or energy within the borough.

Right of local authority to supply light, &c.

20 5. All and every the powers and authorities conferred by this Act upon the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) shall cease within the ~~Borough of Melrose~~ *area within the jurisdiction of any local authority* if no agreement hereunder is come to under subsection one of section three hereof with such local authority within four years from the date of the passing of this Act.

Limitation of powers and authorities.

25 6. Subject to the provisions of section forty-nine of the principal Act, the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) shall pay such sums to the Consolidated Fund as the Board of Control shall from time to time determine, as the remuneration and reasonable expenses of any person appointed by the Board of Control to exercise any of the powers vested in the said Board by the principal Act and this Act.

Syndicate to pay Board of Control necessary expenses incurred.