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GASWORKS PURCHASE EMPOWERING.

ANALYSIS.

4. Power to Borough Council to acquire under-Title. 1. Short Title. taking. 2. Act to be read subject to "The Municipal 5. Notice to be gazetted and publicly notified. Corporations Act, 1900." Schedule 3. Interpretation.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to empower the Corporation of any Borough in which Title. Gasworks are established to purchase such Gasworks.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand 5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:--

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gasworks Purchase Short Title. Empowering Act, 1902."

2. This Act shall be read subject to the interpretations Act to be read 10 respectively contained in "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900,"

(hereinafter called "the said Act").

3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, "the under- Interpretation. taking" means the gasworks authorised by virtue of the Acts named

in the Schedule hereto, and includes all the works, machinery, and 15 plant thereof, and the lands whereon the gasworks and buildings used in connection with the same are erected, and the business carried on under the provisions of the Acts named in the Schedule hereto as a going concern, and all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred under the provisions of the Acts named in the Schedule 20 hereto.

4. It shall be lawful for the Borough Council of a borough, on Power to Borough behalf of the Corporation of the borough, to acquire and take the undertaking. undertaking carried on within the district, in the manner provided by "The Public Works Act, 1894," as if the undertaking were land 25 taken by the Borough Council for a public work; and all the provisions of the following sections of "The Public Works Act, 1894," shall apply, mutatis mutandis, that is to say: Subsection three of section eighteen, except the words "together with the aforesaid map in duplicate," in paragraph (a) thereof; subsection four of section 30 eighteen; sections nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-six, thirty-four to No. 119—1.

subject to "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900.

eighty-two inclusive, and eighty-six—the words "the undertaking," as hereinbefore defined, being substituted for the word "land" wherever it occurs in the said sections.

Notice to be gazetted and publicly notified.

5. Before laying before the Governor a memorial, as provided by subsection three of section eighteen of "The Public Works Act, 1894," the Borough Council shall cause a notice to be gazetted, and be twice publicly notified, stating its intention to acquire the undertaking.

Accounts.

6. It shall be lawful for the Council from time to time to transfer to the general account of the borough any surplus remaining to the 10 credit of the separate account which the Council would be obliged by law to keep, showing the moneys accruing from gaswork or electriclight works: Provided always that no moneys shall be so transferred till due provision is first made for all sums with which the separate account is by law chargeable.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

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- "The Wellington Gas Company's Act, 1870."
- "The Christchurch Gas Act, 1870."
- "The Auckland Gas Company's Act, 1871." "The Thames Gas Company's Act, 1873."
- "The Napier Gas Company's Act, 1875." "The Napier Gas Company's Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1885."

"The Timaru Gas Act, 1876."

"The Hokitika Gas Company's Act, 1877." "The New Plymouth Gas Company's Act, 1879."

"The Gisborne Gas Company Act, 1884."

By Authority: John Mackay, Government Printer, Wellington. - 1902.