

In Parliament.—Session 1909.

GREAT NORTHERN, GREAT CENTRAL AND GREAT EASTERN RAILWAYS.

(Working Union of Great Northern, Great Central and Great Eastern Railways; Incorporation and Appointment of Joint Committee; Powers of Joint Committee for the Management and Working of the Joint Undertaking, Tolls, Rates and Charges, Running Powers and Facilities; As to Officers and Servants; As to Pension, Superannuation, Guarantee and Accident Funds; Transfer of Locomotives, Rolling-stock, Steamboats and Stores to the Joint Committee; Joint Committee to be a Railway Company; As to Separate Property of Great Northern, Great Central and Great Eastern Companies; Division of Net Receipts by Joint Committee; As to Capital Powers and Obligations of the Three Companies; Power to make Agreements; Alteration of Midland and Great Northern Railway Companies (Eastern and Midlands Railway) Act 1893, and Scheduled Agreement; Power to make New Railway and Widenings of Railways in the Counties of Lincoln and York (West Riding); Tolls, Rates and Charges on New and Widened Railways; Compulsory Purchase of Lands for Railway and Widenings and Interference with Roads and other Works; Application of Capital by the Three Companies; Extension of Time for Construction of Authorized Railways of Great Northern Railway Company; Variation and Extinguishment of Rights; Incorporation and Amendment of Acts, &c.).

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session by the Great Northern Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Great Northern Company"), the Great Central Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Great Central Company") and the Great Eastern Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Great Eastern Company"), or some or one of them (which Companies are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Three Companies") for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the intended Act") for all or some of the following among other purposes (that is to say):—

To provide for the management, working and maintenance as one joint undertaking, either in perpetuity or for such period as may be specified in the intended Act and on such terms as may be defined by the intended Act of the respective undertakings of the Three Companies or some part or parts thereof respectively, subject to such exceptions, limitations and provisions as the intended Act may prescribe.

The expression "the respective undertakings of the Three Companies," where used in this Notice, includes all railways, stations, tramways, hotels, docks, harbours, piers, wharves and other works, steam and other vessels and means of conveyance of every description and all lands and easements and all buildings and all other property, chattels and effects, whether real or personal, belonging to, leased to, vested in or held in trust for the Three Companies respectively or which they are or may hereafter be respectively authorized to acquire, take on lease or construct, and also all rights, powers, privileges, interests, property and estates held, enjoyed or exerciseable by and all duties and obligations imposed on the Three Companies respectively, whether solely

or jointly or in common with one another or with any other company or companies or person or otherwise, in, over or in relation to the foregoing or to any other railways, stations, tramways, hotels, docks, harbours, piers, wharves and other works, vessels, lands and easements, buildings, property and effects; and the expression "the Joint Undertaking," where used in this Notice, means the respective undertakings of the Three Companies collectively.

To incorporate or provide for the appointment of a Joint Committee (hereinafter called "the Joint Committee") of the Three Companies for the purposes of the intended Act; to provide for the constitution of the Joint Committee and the appointment, resignation and removal of members, the filling up of vacancies, the regulation of the proceedings of the Joint Committee, the keeping and audit of accounts of the Joint Committee and the settlement of differences.

To provide for the management, working and maintenance of the Joint Undertaking by the Joint Committee and, subject to such limitations as the intended Act may prescribe, to vest in the Joint Committee all or some of the powers now vested in the Three Companies respectively for the working, use, management, maintenance, repair and improvement of all or some part or parts of the respective undertakings of the Three Companies, and to enable the Joint Committee to exercise and enforce all or any of the rights, powers, privileges and authorities and to provide for the performance by the Joint Committee of all or any of the duties and obligations of the Three Companies respectively or of any committee of two or more of the Three Companies, whether acting solely or jointly with one another or with any other company or person, and whether in regard to their own or any other undertaking and the working and management thereof, and in particular (but not to the exclusion of other matters) the intended Act will or may enable the Joint Committee to work the traffic on and use the respective railways and steamboat routes of the Three Companies; to use, maintain, renew or increase the locomotives, rolling stock, vessels, stores and materials; to alter, extend and enlarge or improve the railways, docks, stations and works; to take, alter, fix, collect, receive and recover tolls, dues, rates, fares and charges and all or any rents and other revenues and receipts of the Three Companies; to appoint officers and servants; to carry into effect existing and enter into and carry into effect new agreements or arrangements for the working, conveyance and handling of traffic, whether on the respective undertakings of the Three Companies or on any other undertaking; and to exercise for all or any of the purposes of the traffic of the Joint Undertaking the like rights and powers of running over or using the railways and works of any other company or person as are exciseable by the Three Companies respectively for the purposes of their traffic.

To make provision with respect to the taking over by the Joint Committee of all or some of the officers and servants of the Three Companies respectively, subject to the same obligations and incidents as prevail in respect of their employment by the Three Companies respectively; and for the appointment by the Joint Committee of officers and servants for the purposes of the Joint Undertaking; to make provision for the