

and with a common fund contributed by the above-named Local Authorities in such sums as are in the said Orders provided.

And whereas under and by virtue of the Stourbridge and District Water Board Act, 1909, the Stourbridge and District Water Board was constituted for the purpose of acquiring the undertaking of the Stourbridge Waterworks Company Limited, and for other purposes, and with power to raise money by precept and rate within the district.

And whereas in the year 1874 a Burial Board was duly constituted for the townships of Stourbridge and Upper Swinford, which Board duly purchased and laid out a burial ground for the said townships.

And whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act, 1894, the Council, on the 27th day of May, 1895, resolved that the powers, duties, property, debts and liabilities of the Stourbridge and Upper Swinford Burial Board be, and that they were thereby, transferred forthwith to the Council, and that the said Board should forthwith cease to exist, and the Council should be the successors of the said Board, and the same were transferred, and the said Board ceased to exist, and the Council became their successors accordingly.

And whereas tables of fees, duly allowed and approved in accordance with the provisions of the Burial Acts, are now in force within the district.

And whereas the following Acts have been adopted by the district council, and are now in force within the district (that is to say):—

(1.) The Baths and Washhouses Acts, 1846-1899; adopted on the 29th day of January, 1900.

(2.) The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889; adopted on the 25th day of June, 1894; as to Ophthalmia Neonatorum on the 30th day of January, 1911, and as to Acute Poliomyelitis and Cerebro-Spinal Fever on the 25th day of March, 1912.

(3.) The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890; adopted on the 25th day of June, 1894.

(4.) The Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, Part 3; adopted on the 30th day of December, 1901.

(5.) The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890; adopted as to Parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 thereof on the 6th day of April, 1891, and as to Part 4 thereof on the 30th day of August, 1909.

(6.) The Public Libraries Act, 1892, and the Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1893; adopted on the 20th day of August, 1902.

(7.) The Private Street Works Act, 1892; adopted on the 31st day of October, 1910.

And whereas by the Commissioner's award, dated the 14th day of April, 1881, and made pursuant to a Provisional Order (confirmed by the Regulation (Clent) Provisional Order Act, 1880) for the regulation under the provisions of the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1878, of Clent Hill Common, in the parish of Clent, the general management of the said common was vested in twelve Commissioners, of whom

one should be the chairman for the time being of the urban sanitary authority of Stourbridge (now the district council), and it was provided that an annual sum not exceeding ten pounds should be contributed by such urban sanitary authority towards defraying the expenses of the said Commissioners.

And whereas by the Stourbridge Electric Lighting Order, 1899 (confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1899), the district council were granted certain powers as to electric lighting.

And whereas by the Stourbridge Electric Lighting Order, 1909 (confirmed by the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Act, 1909), the district council were granted certain powers with regard to electric lighting only exercisable in the event of the transfer of the Council's undertaking to the Midland Electric Corporation for Power Distribution Limited, and provision was made for such transfer as aforesaid with the consent of and upon terms approved by the Board of Trade, and it was provided that upon such transfer as aforesaid the Stourbridge Electric Lighting Order, 1899, should be repealed.

And whereas the said transfer was duly effected by deed dated the 16th day of February, 1910, and approved by the Board of Trade on the 25th day of February, 1910, and the said deed includes provisions empowering the district council to require the said company to re-transfer the said undertaking at the expiration of the periods, at the price and upon the conditions therein specified.

And whereas the Local Government Board, under and by virtue of section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894, have made the following Orders affecting the district (that is to say):—

On the 20th day of March, 1895, an Order transferring to the district council the power of appointing overseers for each of the parishes wholly comprised within their district.

On the 5th day of February, 1896, an Order conferring on the district council the powers, duties and liabilities of a parish council under section 14 of the Local Government Act, 1894, with reference to any charity held wholly or partly for the benefit of the inhabitants of any parish comprised within the district.

On the 6th day of February, 1896, an Order transferring to the district council the power of appointing, and revoking the appointment of, any assistant overseer for each parish wholly comprised within the district.

On the 21st day of October, 1898, an Order conferring on the district council the powers, duties and liabilities of a parish council in regard to the hiring, either by agreement or compulsorily, of land for allotments under section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1894.

On the 17th day of September, 1908, an Order conferring on the district council the powers of a parish council under section 13, sub-section 2, of the Local Government Act, 1894 (as to repair and maintenance of public footpaths); and under section 17, sub-section 8, of that Act (as to custody of public books, &c.),