

In Parliament.—Session 1928-9.

ROMFORD GAS.

NOTICE is hereby given that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the Session of 1928-9 by the Romford Gas and Coke Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Limited Company") for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter called "the Bill") of which the principal subject matters are as follows:—

Dissolution of the Limited Company and incorporation of a new Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"); transfer to the Company of the undertaking property etc. of the Limited Company and repeal of Orders relating to the Limited Company and annulment of their deed of settlement and articles of association and regulations.

Definition of the capital and borrowing powers of the Company and provisions as to issue of shares or stock and debenture stock (redeemable or irredeemable) of the Company in substitution for the shares or stock and debentures or debenture bonds of the Limited Company; additional capital and borrowing powers to be exercised by the Company; various provisions as to the constitution management and administration of the Company; power to the Company to maintain the existing gas works of the Limited Company and to continue to manufacture and store gas and to work up and convert residual products on the lands in the urban district of Romford and in the parish of Upminster in the rural district of Romford in the County of Essex on which the Limited Company are authorised to exercise those powers respectively; power to the Company to manufacture and store gas and work up and convert residual products on additional lands in the said urban district of Romford adjoining the existing gas works of the Limited Company; power to the Company to acquire additional lands by agreement, to erect dwelling-houses, offices, showrooms &c., to sell lease or otherwise dispose of lands buildings, offices or property and to provide and equip grounds for sports or recreation and acquire lands for that purpose; definition of limits of supply of the Company being the authorised limits of supply of the Limited Company consisting of the urban districts of Romford and Hornchurch and the parishes of Upminster and Noak Hill in the rural district of Romford in the County of Essex; power to the Company to lay mains &c. in streets not dedicated to the public use, to prescribe and regulate the materials size and position and the laying of pipes &c. on the premises of consumers, to lay down mains for ancillary purposes, to lay mains pipes &c. into through or against buildings, to manufacture or arrange for the manufacture of and to provide sell let fix and repair or remove meters lamps stoves engines dynamos and other apparatus and fittings and provisions excluding the same from liability to be taken in distress or execution and providing that apparatus let on hire shall remain the property of the Company whether fixed to any property or not.

Provisions as to the right of entry of the Company into and removal of fittings from premises, the use or repair of anti-fluctuators or other apparatus in connection with gas

engines and of valves where high pressure air or gas compressors are used or gas not supplied by the Company is consumed, the period of error in defective meters, standby supplies, the notice to be given by consumers in certain cases, the mode of cutting off supplies and the recovery of the cost of such cutting off and of reconnecting supplies.

Power to the Company to cut off supplies or to refuse to supply where gas is improperly used or dealt with or to persons in debt for other premises, to require the repair of gas pipes &c. in a dangerous condition, to enter premises for inspecting and removing meters fittings and apparatus and to make charges for special readings of meters; relief from obligation to supply gas in certain circumstances.

Provisions as to charging by the Company for gas supplied according to number of heat units contained therein; prescription of calorific value of gas supplied by the Company and provisions as to alteration thereof; prescription of minimum pressure; provisions as to testing of gas and to penalties forfeitures meters accounts and other matters; provisions for defining the amounts to be divisible by way of dividends on the Company's ordinary capital and payment of dividends at a minimum rate; fixing of a basic price or basic prices for gas supplied by the Company and power to charge differential prices and provisions as to revision of basic prices; prescription of basic rate or basic rates of dividend and provisions as to application of profits in excess of sum required for payment of dividends at basic rate or rates; power to vary price of gas according to purposes for which it is supplied.

Power to directors of the Company to declare and pay interim dividends; provisions as to closing of transfer books and preparation of yearly balance sheets; provisions as to incidence of forfeitures, the giving of receipts by joint holders and the charges to be made for gas supplied by means of prepayment meters.

Power to the Company to create various funds; establishment of profit sharing schemes for the benefit of employees of the Company; acceptance of money on deposit from employees; provisions as to transfer or payment on death or otherwise of stock or money to which any employee is entitled; power to grant pensions gratuities and superannuation or other allowances; contributions to funds of the employees; subscriptions or donations to various institutions and objects; establishment of superannuation fund.

Power to the Company and other Companies to enter into agreements for adjusting the boundaries of their respective limits of supply or for amalgamation of undertakings or provision or use of plant organization and other facilities; powers as to allotment or transfer of securities in satisfaction of consideration payable under such agreements and powers of issuing and exchanging securities or lending money; power to subscribe for and hold securities of other companies authorities or bodies; agreements for sale and purchase of gas in bulk; provisions as to recovery and payment of penalties; power to the directors of the Company to determine remuneration of the Secretary; relief from obligation to keep separately register of shareholders and share-