

cality shall be liable to all the penalties hereinafter affixed to the breach of any such provision, but the Inspector shall not be required to visit such locality.

**20.** Upon application in writing to any Company, from the owner 5 or occupier of any house or building erected, or premises situated in any street in which the mains of any such Company are laid, the Company shall supply and lay at their own expense, the necessary service pipes communicating from their main pipe to the side line dividing the street from such premises. But the expense of providing and laying such 10 service pipe from the line of the street, into such house or building, together with all expense for blasting in the street (should it be required), shall be paid to the Company by the applicant, and the Company shall furnish a supply of Gas to be used on such premises, together with one or more Meters as may be required: Provided always, that no such 15 Company shall be required to lay such service pipes at any period of the year when the ground in which such pipe is required to be laid shall be frozen, or if they have other lawful excuse for not doing so: Provided also, that no Gas Company shall be liable for accidents arising from the effect of Gas escapes, unless such accident shall be caused by the gross 20 neglect of the Company, or by reason of unskilful or defective work on the part of the Company or their servants in laying their pipes.

Gas Companies to furnish Gas when required.  
Proviso.

**21.** Any Company receiving an application in conformity with the next preceding section, may refuse to act upon the same until they shall have received from the applicant, good and sufficient security for the 25 payment of the price of the Gas to be supplied to him, and of the rent of the Meter to be furnished to him, and also of all such other sums of money as the Company may be entitled to demand under this Act, or under the special Act incorporating them, or until he shall at his option deposit with the said Company, a reasonable sum of money according to 30 the number of lights to be required, sufficient to secure such payments, and the price of such Gas, and the rent of such Meters for three months; such deposit, so far as regards the price of Gas and rent of Meters, to be renewed every three months, if so required by the Company.

Gas Company may demand security for the payment of Gas account, &c., and other expenses before laying service pipes.

**22.** The Municipal Corporation of any City or place in which Gas 35 is used, are hereby authorized on complaint made to them by at least twenty consumers of Gas, that the Gas supplied is impure or injurious to health after ignition, to appoint jointly with the said Company, a chemical referee, who shall examine and report to the Corporation, and the said Company upon such complaint, and if such complaint shall 40 prove unfounded, the complainant shall pay all expenses incidental thereto; and if the complaint shall be well founded, the Company furnishing the Gas shall pay such expenses, and shall be bound within five days to cause such impurities to be removed; in default of which, they shall incur a penalty of twenty dollars for every day such impurities 45 shall afterwards continue (unless such impurities be caused by mere inevitable accident,) or unless such Company shall have other lawful excuse for the occurrence thereof.

Upon complaint of 20 consumers, Municipal Council to have power to have Gas examined by chemical referee.

**23.** Any person giving up possession of any house or premises in which gas is used, and any person entering into possession of such house 50 and premises shall respectively forthwith give notice thereof to the Company supplying the gas, and in default of both of them so doing, the person leaving and the person entering into possession, shall each be liable for the payment of the price of all the gas consumed on such pre-

Parties giving up and parties taking possession of premises without notifying the Gas Company are held liable for