

Part II., containing the Law relating to Electric Traction, makes no pretence to deal with the law relating to tramways or railways generally, but is merely intended to set out the conditions under which electricity may be used as a motive power on railways, tramways, or railless traction systems.

The last Edition contained a Chapter on "Leakage and Electrolysis," in which the decisions of Parliamentary Committees upon the claims of gas and water companies to special protective clauses were collected. In view, however, of the settled policy of Parliament and the Board of Trade not to allow such special protective clauses it was not deemed necessary to retain this Chapter, and it has accordingly been omitted.

It has been thought convenient to retain the Reports of the Joint Committees presided over by Viscount Cross in the years 1893 and 1898.

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