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(PRIVATE BILL.)

**BILL.**

An Act to amend the Charter of the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company.

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An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of the City of Toronto.

**W**HEREAS the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of Toronto, as well as certain freeholders and rate payers of the City of Toronto, have set forth in their petitions that it would be for the interest and advantage of the inhabitants of the City of Toronto, that further powers be granted to the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company, incorporated under the Act 16 Vic. chapter 250 ; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. The said Company may erect Water Works in any Municipality, or may contract with any Municipal Council, Company, or individual, for the erection of Water Works ; provided, however, that such erection shall not be done without first having obtained the consent of such Municipality under and by virtue of a By-law of the Municipality within which the same is intended to be erected.

Company may erect Water works in any place with the consent of the Municipality.

II. Inasmuch as the City of Toronto covers an extensive surface with but a scattering population, and as the expense of constructing Water Works for sanitary and domestic purposes, to supply so large an area, would be very great, while the actual number of Water consumers is comparatively small, it is desirable that the privilege of levying a small frontage rate upon the property fronting on the streets of the said City should be conferred in favour of this Company ; It shall, therefore, be lawful for the City Council of Toronto to impose a small annual rate per lineal foot upon all property fronting on the streets of said Municipality where pipes shall be laid, such rate not to exceed *pence per lineal foot of such frontage* ; Provided always that no rate shall be levied on any property as aforesaid, within such Municipality until the said Company shall have laid the water on the street in which such property is situated, and shall be in a position to supply it therewith ; And provided further that the said Company shall erect Fire Hydrants of the most improved construction on the several streets through which the water may be conveyed, and shall maintain and supply the same with water to be used in cases of fire, and for the purpose of watering the streets without cost or expense to the Municipality ; and shall establish public wells for the use and convenience of the poorer classes of the inhabitants of the city, wherever such wells are desirable ; the said Company being fully empowered under the provisions of this Act to collect such rates in the same manner as all Municipal rates are collected.

Recital.

City Council may impose a frontage rate for the benefit of the Company, in streets in which the Company have laid on the water. Company to erect fire hydrants, &amp;c.

III. So soon as the revenue derived from the said rate and from the consumers' rate shall be greater than the amount required to pay the divi-

Any surplus after paying the Compa-

ny's lawful  
dividends  
shall be ap-  
plied to pur-  
chase the  
works for the  
City.

dend, to which the company are restricted in their Charter of Incorporation, all the proceeds of such rate over and above said amount shall be applied to the purpose of buying up the stock of the Company so that ultimately the entire Works shall revert to the city and shall become the property of the citizens.

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Public Act.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.