

XXXI. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any person or persons, body politic or corporate, from constructing any works for the supply of Gas to his or their own premises, or to prevent the Legislature of this Province from at any time altering, modifying or repealing the powers, privileges or authorities hereinbefore granted to the said Company, or to prevent the incorporating of any other Company for like purposes.

This Act not to affect individuals or other Companies ;

XXXII. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall affect in any way or manner whatsoever the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any person, or any body or bodies corporate or collegiate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned.

Or the rights of Her Majesty or corporate bodies.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the said works hereinbefore mentioned shall be in operation, the said Gas works within three years, and the said Water Works within five years from the passing of this Act, and in default thereof, the privileges and advantages granted by this Act to the said Company shall cease and be of no effect.

Time for completion of works limited.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act be and it is hereby declared to be a Public Act, and that the same shall be construed as such in all Her Majesty's Courts in this Province ; and the Interpretation Act shall apply to this Act.

Public Act, &c.

C A P . C C L I .

An Act to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Hamilton Gas Light Company.*

[Assented to 14th June, 1853.]

WHEREAS the Hamilton Gas Light Company have, by their petition, prayed for certain alterations and amendments in their Act of Incorporation, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the said The Hamilton Gas Light Company, to hold, use, possess and enjoy all and every part of the lands with the Gas works and buildings thereon erected, and being acquired by them for the purpose of supplying the City of Hamilton with Gas, as provided by the Act passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Hamilton Gas Light Company*, and

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Certain powers confirmed to the Company incorporated by 13 & 14 V. c. 136.

to manufacture such quantities of Gas as they may deem expedient.

Penalty on persons fraudulently consuming Gas.

II. And be it enacted, That if any person shall keep any light or lights burning for a longer time than he shall contract to pay for, and shall not on demand make satisfaction to the Company, such person shall be liable to a penalty not less than One Pound, and not exceeding Five Pounds currency, besides the value of the excess of Gas so used by him, to be recovered by the Company with costs as in the said Act provided.

Liability of persons accidentally breaking meters, pipes, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if any meter, pipe, pedestal or lamps supplied by or belonging to the said Company, shall be carelessly or accidentally broken down or damaged by any person, or if they or any of them shall be burned or otherwise accidentally destroyed, the person so breaking down or destroying the same, and the person hiring the same from the Company, shall be severally liable to the said Company for the value thereof; and if they or either of them shall not on demand make satisfaction to the said Company for the damage done, such damage or value may be recovered from them or either of them by the Company with costs, as in the said Act provided.

Other pipes or sewers to be at a certain distance from those of the Company.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any of the pipes mentioned in the thirty-fourth Section of the said Act shall be laid down, or if any common sewers or drains shall be made in the City of Hamilton by the Corporation thereof, or by any person, company or body corporate, such pipes, drains or common sewers shall be laid down at least six instead of three feet distant from those of the Hamilton Gas Light Company, under the penalties mentioned in and provided by the said Section.

Sect. 24, &c., repealed.

V. And be it enacted, That the twenty-fourth Section of the said Act, and any other provisions or clauses thereof inconsistent with this Act, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Public Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.

C A P. C C L I I .

An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Saint Maurice Iron Works Company.

[Assented to 14th June, 1853.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Andrew Stuart and John Porter, have by their Petition represented that they are now proprietors of the Establishment and Manufactory, situate in the district of Three Rivers, in the County of Saint Maurice, in this Province, commonly called and known by the name of the Saint Maurice Iron Works, and that they are willing and desirous to dispose of the same, to a Company to be formed and incorporated for the

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