

Junee Water Supply Administration (Amendment) Bill.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

THE principal object of the Bill is to make a more equitable arrangement for the payment for water supplied to the Council and the Railway Commissioners by the Administrator.

Under the Principal Act of 1915 the Council is at present paying per annum a sum of £2,000 minus an allowance of £200 for administrative expenses. On the volume supplied in 1922 the Council is required to pay for water at the rate of 12·13d. per 1,000 gallons.

The Principal Act requires that the balance of the expenditure incurred should be paid by the Railway Commissioners. The liability of the Commissioners for 1922 was £8,753 11s. 7d., and the volume of water supplied was 64,523,781 gallons. The price payable by the Commissioners for water was therefore 32·43d. per 1,000 gallons.

It is proposed to fix from time to time the actual price of delivery per 1,000 gallons, and require the Council and the Commissioners to pay accordingly.

The remainder of the Bill deals with consequential amendments of the Principal Act or alterations of the machinery of administration, which, although in some cases not unimportant, do not disturb in any essential the principles of the Principal Act.

James W. Kelly Supply Administration (Appointment) Bill

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

The Commission on the Administration of the State has the honor to report to the Legislature on the progress of its work during the past year. The Commission was organized on January 1, 1911, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the various departments of the State, with a view to securing the most efficient and economical administration of the public affairs. The Commission has held numerous public hearings, and has received many suggestions from the public. It has also conducted extensive research into the various problems connected with the administration of the State. The Commission believes that the following recommendations will result in a more efficient and economical administration of the State:

1. The reorganization of the various departments of the State, so that the functions of each department may be clearly defined and the work of each department may be coordinated with the work of the other departments.

2. The consolidation of the various offices of the State, so that the work of each office may be coordinated with the work of the other offices.

3. The improvement of the methods of selecting and promoting the various officers of the State, so that the most efficient and capable persons may be selected and promoted.

4. The improvement of the methods of controlling the expenditure of the State funds, so that the State funds may be expended in the most economical and efficient manner.

5. The improvement of the methods of collecting the State taxes, so that the State taxes may be collected in the most efficient and economical manner.

6. The improvement of the methods of distributing the State funds, so that the State funds may be distributed in the most efficient and economical manner.

7. The improvement of the methods of auditing the accounts of the various departments of the State, so that the accounts of each department may be audited in the most efficient and economical manner.

8. The improvement of the methods of reporting the progress of the various departments of the State, so that the progress of each department may be reported in the most efficient and economical manner.

9. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State property, so that the State property may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

10. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State contracts, so that the State contracts may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

11. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State purchases, so that the State purchases may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

12. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State sales, so that the State sales may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

13. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State investments, so that the State investments may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

14. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State debts, so that the State debts may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

15. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State revenues, so that the State revenues may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

16. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State expenditures, so that the State expenditures may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

17. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State assets, so that the State assets may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

18. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State liabilities, so that the State liabilities may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

19. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State income, so that the State income may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

20. The improvement of the methods of controlling the State expenses, so that the State expenses may be controlled in the most efficient and economical manner.

No. , 1923.

A BILL

To make provision for the future administration of the water supply at Junee ; to amend the Junee Water Supply Administration Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR. BALL ;—25 *October*, 1923.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Junee Water Supply Administration (Amendment) Act, 1923," and shall be read and construed with the Junee Water Supply Administration Act, 1915, hereinafter called the Principal Act.

The Principal Act and this Act may be referred to in any Act, proclamation, by-law, or regulation, or in any proceedings in any court as the "Junee Water Supply Administration Acts, 1915-1923."

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall commence and come into operation 5
on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
and twenty-four.

Amendment
of s. 2 of
Principal
Act.

3. (1) Section two of the Principal Act is amended
by omitting the definition of "The Commissioner" and
inserting in place thereof— 10

"Commissioners" means the Railway Commis-
sioners for New South Wales.

Conse-
quential
amendments.

(2) The Principal Act is further amended—

(a) by omitting from sections seven, eight, nine,
twelve, thirteen, and fourteen the word "Com- 15
missioner" wherever therein occurring and
by inserting in lieu thereof the word "Com-
missioners";

(b) by omitting from sections eight and fourteen
the word "he" and by inserting the word 20
"they" in lieu thereof;

(c) by omitting from section nine the words "he"
and "his" and by inserting the words "they"
and "their" in lieu thereof respectively.

Amendment of
s. 3 of Principal
Act.

4. Section three of the Principal Act is amended by 25
inserting new subsections as follow:—

Delegation.

(3) The Administrator may with the consent of
the Minister by writing under his hand delegate to
any officer in the Public Service any of the powers,
authorities, duties, or functions conferred or 30
imposed upon him by this Act other than the
power of delegation.

Legal entity.

(4) The Administrator shall for the purposes of
this Act be a corporation sole with perpetual
succession and a seal of office, under the name of 35
"the Administrator of the Junee Water Supply,"
and in that name may sue and be sued.

Amendment
of s. 5 of
Principal
Act.

5. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by
omitting paragraph (j) and inserting the following:—

(j) the boosting plant on the gravitation main; 40
(k) the additional service reservoir;

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(1) any additions, amplifications, improvements, or extensions of works (other than those vested in the council) for supplying the council or the Commissioners with water.

5 **6.** Section six of the Principal Act is amended by Sec. 6 *ibid.* omitting "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and any Acts amending them," and inserting in place thereof "Local Government Act, 1919, and any Acts amending that Act."

10 **7.** The following sections are inserted next after New sections. section six of the Principal Act:—

15 **6A.** The Administrator may at the request of the council construct any extensions of the works referred to in the next preceding section, and in respect of such extensions the provisions of Part XIV of the Local Government Act, 1919, shall apply. Extension of works for council.

20 **6B.** Notwithstanding the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1919, lands the property of the Commissioners which are supplied with water by the Administrator through the Commissioners' metered supply, shall not be ratable to a water supply local rate levied by the council. Certain railway lands exempt from rates.

25 **8.** Sections seven and eight of the Principal Act are repealed, and the following are inserted in place thereof:— Sections 7 and 8 of Principal Act.

30 **7.** (1) The Administrator shall, when required, supply to the council every calendar year a volume of water equal to the volume which would be purchased by the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds at the rate per thousand gallons fixed by regulations in force on the first day of January in the year in which water is supplied. Supply to council.

35 (2) The Administrator shall not be obliged in any one day to provide more than one hundred and fifty thousand gallons to the council.

40 (3) The Administrator may in addition to the volume as provided in subsection one of this section supply to the council any water which may be available after having supplied to the Commissioners the quantities which they may require under section nine. **8.**

Fixing price
of water.

8. (1) The Governor shall from time to time by regulation fix the price per thousand gallons to be paid by the council and the Commissioners having regard to—

- (a) interest on the capital cost of the works 5
enumerated in section five;
- (b) the cost of operating such works;
- (c) the cost of maintenance and the renewal and repair of such works.

Payments by
council.

(2) The council shall on or before the thirty- 10
first day of July and December in each year pay to the Administrator the sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, and in addition on demand of the Administrator any amount in excess of two thousand five hundred pounds for water 15
supplied in any year in excess of the volume which that amount would purchase at the rate fixed per thousand gallons.

Amendment
of s. 12 of
Principal
Act.

9. Section twelve of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection one— 20

(i) by omitting the words “eighty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy-four pounds three shillings and nine-pence” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “one hundred and two 25
thousand five hundred and seventy-seven pounds eleven shillings and five-pence.

(ii) by omitting the word “subsection” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words 30
“following subsections”;

(b) by inserting a new subsection as follows:—

(1A) Upon ascertainment of the amount of liabilities incurred in providing any works referred to in the next preceding subsection, 35
the cost of which has not been included in the declared capital cost, such amount shall be certified by the Minister, and the total amount, together with interest at the rate determined in accordance with the next succeeding sub- 40
section, shall be added to and become part of the capital cost (c)

Inclusion of
outstanding
accounts.

(c) in subsection two by omitting the words "and whether" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "unless"; and by omitting the words "or of the Commissioner, or for the benefit of both."

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10. Section thirteen of the Principal Act is amended—

Amendment
of s. 13 of
Principal
Act.

(a) in subsection one by adding at the end of paragraph (a) the words "as declared by the Junee Water Supply Administration (Amendment) Act, 1923, and the average rate of interest paid by the Colonial Treasurer on loan moneys by the Government of New South Wales on any amount added to the capital cost after the date of the passing of that Act";

(b) by inserting a new subsection as follows:—

(1A) Where in any year as a result of the price per thousand gallons having been fixed too high or too low there is a surplus or a deficiency of revenue, such surplus or deficiency shall be credited or debited as the case may be to the council and the Commissioners in proportion to the payments made by each respectively in such year, and the Administrator may, where in his opinion the circumstances so warrant, make such adjustments as he may determine.

Surplus and
deficiency.

(c) Subsection three is amended by inserting after the word "account" the words "adjusted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1A) of this section."

11. Section nineteen of the Principal Act is omitted, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

Section 19 of
Principal Act.

19. For the purpose of the construction or maintenance of any works referred to in section five of this Act, the Administrator shall have all the powers of a constructing authority under the Public Works Act, 1912, and of a council under the Local Government Act, 1919. The council shall not in respect of such works exercise any of the powers or functions which are by this Act conferred or imposed on the Administrator.

Powers of
Adminis-
trator.

12.

Repeal, s. 20.
Amendment
of s. 22 of
Principal
Act.

12. Section twenty of the Principal Act is repealed.

13. Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Local Government Act, 1919, or any Acts amending that Act." 5

Application
of Local
Government
Act to certain
works.

14. (1) Notwithstanding the terms of any agreement heretofore made, the provisions of Part XIV of the Local Government Act, 1919, shall be deemed to apply and to have applied to any works or services relating to water supply (including the extension of a three-inch main laid in Pitt-street, Junee) carried out by the Minister or the Administrator prior to the passing of this Act at the request of or for and on behalf of the council. 10 15

(2) For the purpose of giving effect to the last preceding subsection all necessary steps may be taken after the passing of this Act in relation to any such work or service including certifying the cost, and notifying the capital debt, the period for repayment, and the instalments and rate of interest payable by the council. 20