This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 7 December, 1893. F. W. WEBB, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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BE it enacted by the Queen'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. All rates or charges hereafter imposed and payable and all Amendment of expenses hereafter incurred by the Board under the Metropolitan Water Acts 1880–1889. and Sewerage Acts 1880-1889 or this Act shall be and remain a charge Rates, &c., to be upon the lands and tenements in respect of which they are payable binding on land for

for a period of two years from the time such rates or charges first 10 become payable, and may during such period be recovered from any owner of those lands or tenements with full costs of suit in the manner in which rates may be recovered under those Acts: Provided that if Proviso. at any time or from time to time the owner of any such lands or tenements shall be unknown to the Board after diligent inquiry made c 6— (281)—

for such owner, the Board may publish a notice in the Gazette and in a newspaper circulating in the district in which such lands or tenements are situated, which notice shall contain particulars of such lands or tenements, and of the amount of rates or charges overdue thereon; 5 and upon the publication of such notice the overdue rates or charges upon such lands or tenements shall be and remain a charge thereon until payment thereof, and may be recovered at any future time from the owner of such property in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Storm-water Drains and Sewers.

2. (I) The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Proclamation as to Council, may, by proclamation in the Gazette, declare that any drains and sewers storm-water drains and sewers therein mentioned, together with any 10 lands and buildings used in connection therewith shall be, and the same shall thereupon be transferred to and vested in the Board on

15 behalf of Her Majesty.

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(II) The Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may also by the same or any other proclamation in the Gazette declare the boundaries of a drainage area in respect of those drains and sewers: Provided that thirty days' notice of such proposed drainage area shall Proviso. 20 be given in the Gazette and in a local newspaper, and that an appeal

against the boundaries of such area may be made by any person or body interested to the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, whose decision on such appeal shall be taken as a recommendation to the Governor, and the boundaries shall then be amended in accordance with such

25 recommendation, and the Minister for Works may make, alter, and repeal by-laws to give better effect to this provision.

3. The Board may make, alter, and repeal by-laws:

Rates and charges

(I) For prescribing the method of valuing the lands and tenements and by-laws. within a drainage area proclaimed under this Act: Provided that the valuation of any lands or tenements shall not exceed in any year the valuation (if any) of those lands or tenements during the same or the previous year by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, or of the Borough or Municipal District in which those lands or tenements are situated.

(II) For prescribing the rates to be paid in respect of all or any of those lands and tenements, not exceeding the amount of three pounds per centum per annum of the assessed rental value.

(III) For carrying this Act into effect.

All by-laws on being approved by the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, and published in the Gazette shall have the force of law and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament without delay.

4. The provisions of section thirty-five of the "Metropolitan Penalties in by-laws. Water and Sewerage Act of 1880" relating to penalties, shall apply 45 to any by-law made under subsections (I) or (III) of the last preceding section of this Act.

5. (I) The Board may impose the rates authorised by this Act, Recovery of rates and may recover them from the owner or occupier of the lands or and charges. tenements in respect of which they are payable, and shall have for 50 that purpose the powers granted to them in respect of sewerage rates by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880–1889 and this Act: Provided that the rate to be raised shall not exceed the amount Proviso.

of interest payable upon the capital cost of the drain or sewer, and the expense of maintenance of the same.

(II) Provided that when sewerage rates become payable 55 in respect of any lands or tenements, those lands and tenements shall be exempt from any rates imposed under the authority of this Act.

- 6. The provisions of sections five, six, and seven of the Ss. 5, 6, 7 of 53 Vic. "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act of 1889" No. 16 to apply to shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to storm-water drains and sewers and sewers. transferred to and vested in the Board under this Act.
- 7. Where any prescribed notice shall have been given under Power to Board to section sixteen of the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Amendment with water-main with water-main Act of 1889" and the owner or occupier to whom such notice shall have been given, or of the house, tenement, or lands on which such notice shall have been left, shall fail to make and attach the 10 connections and fittings thereby required, the Board may lay, make, construct, and attach the same, and for that purpose may enter into or upon the house, tenement or lands of such owner or occupier, and excavate the ground, and lay, make, construct, and attach such connections and fittings in, along, or against, such house, tenement, or lands

15 to communicate with the water-main, as they may deem proper for that purpose:-

(I) The Board may in any such case recover from any such owner and recover expenses. or occupier by the like proceedings and with the like remedies as if such expenses were a water rate, the full amount of the 20 expenses of making, constructing, and attaching such connections and fittings, but no proceedings for recovery of such amount shall be taken until default shall have been made in payment thereof for twenty-one days after a written demand by the Board for such payment shall have been made upon such owner or occupier, or shall have been posted upon such 25 house, tenement, or lands.

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in connection with water supply or sewerage, such owner, lessee, or occupier may make application in writing to the Board for such works to be carried out under the direction of the Board on a system of deferred payment, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Board, 35 subject to the approval of the Minister, to enter into an agreement

with the applicant for the doing of such works under the direction of the Board at a price or sum, and upon terms to be therein named or referred to, and for the payment of such price or sum by the applicant in not more than twelve quarterly instalments from the completion

40 of the works, and interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on the amount remaining to be paid shall be added to each instalment; and such payments shall be charged upon the land in respect of which such works have been carried out.

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(I) Upon the execution of such agreement by the applicant, the Commissioner upon Board shall cause the works aforesaid to be carried out, and completion of work forthwith upon completion they shall give notice in writing applicant. to the applicant of such completion, and of the quarterly days on which the instalments of payment will respectively fall due.

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such lessor or landlord the amount so paid or recovered, unless such lessee or occupier shall be liable to pay the same under or by virtue of his lease or agreement with his lessor or landlord.

10. In this Act the expression "storm-water drain and sewer" Definition. 5 means any drain or sewer, of what kind soever, whereby any liquid-refuse or any water other than that containing feecal matter or urine is carried off, and the expression "the Board" means the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

11. This Act shall be read with the Metropolitan Water and Commencement and 10 Sewerage Acts 1880–1889, and shall take effect on and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and may be cited as the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1893."

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