

Oregon Mortgage Company, Limited.
 Paisley Corporation.
 Clyde Navigation (Superannuation).
 Dumbarton Burgh.
 Dumbarton Burgh and County Tramways.
 Inverness Royal Academy and Educational Endowment.
 Lanarkshire County Council.
 Universities (Scotland) Committee for Training of Teachers (Transfer of Training Colleges).
 Aberdeen Harbour.

Inquiry was held in the case of the nine Orders noticed below, viz. :—

- I. Aberdeen Corporation.
- II. Caledonian Railway.
- III. Leith Burgh.
- IV. Portobello and Musselburgh Tramways (Levenhall Extension).
- V. Edinburgh and District Water.
- VI. Galashiels Drainage and Burgh Extension.
- VII. Paisley and District Tramways.
- VIII. Dundee Corporation.
- IX. Edinburgh Corporation (Tramways).

I. ABERDEEN CORPORATION ORDER.

The objects of this Order were to confer further powers upon the Corporation in connection with their gas undertaking; to authorise them to acquire the Old Town Links and to regulate the use thereof, and of the Queen's Links; to take over the Art Gallery and Industrial Museum; to execute certain street works; to amend building regulations; to borrow on the security of the city rate, and for other purposes.

Opposition to the preamble was confined to the parts of the Order affecting the Links and the Esplanade and seashore. Appearance was made for Mr Hay of Seaton, the proprietor of a part of the lands proposed to be acquired; for the commanding officers of two battalions of volunteers who had an interest in a rifle range situated upon the Links, and in the use of the Links for purposes of drill and manoeuvres; for the proprietors of the Nether Don salmon-fishings, who owned a corff house upon the Links, and who were in use to dry their nets there; and for certain golf clubs. Evidence was led for the promoters, for the volunteers, for the fishing proprietors, and for the golf clubs. In the course of the proceedings a settlement was arrived at with Mr Hay of Seaton. Clauses were inserted in the Order to protect the interests of the volunteers, the golf clubs, and the fishing proprietors.

Appearance was also made upon clauses for the Aberdeen Music Hall Company as to the terms upon which the promoters should acquire the Art Gallery and Industrial Museum.

Heard in Aberdeen, 1st and 2nd May 1907.

II. CALEDONIAN RAILWAY ORDER.

This Order was promoted by the Caledonian Railway Company for a variety of purposes. *Inter alia* it was proposed to sanction an agreement entered into between the Dundee Harbour Trustees of the one part and the Caledonian and North British Railways (thereinafter called "the Companies") as joint owners of the Dundee and Arbroath Joint Railway of the other part. By the said agreement the Companies acquired from the trustees a railway constructed by the trustees upon their property in Dundee, and hitherto leased by them to the Companies, which formed part of the main line of the Dundee and Arbroath Joint Railway's main line. It was stipulated that the Companies should widen a portion of the said acquired railway, situated between the harbour and the works of the Dundee Gas Commissioners, to form lines of rails; further, that when the Companies had executed this widening they should, so far as reasonably practicable, work the coke, coal, and other traffic to and between the gas-works and the harbour, whether over the existing or over any altered or extended lines of the Companies or of the trustees, and, as soon as said widening had been executed or in any event not later than seven years after confirmation of the agreement, the Companies should, so far as in their ability, respectively carry and convey all goods and mineral traffic tendered to them for conveyance to and from the coal hoist or any part of the harbour over the lines as above described.

The Dundee Gas Commissioners objected to the confirmation of this agreement on the ground that its sanction would prejudice their undertaking, in respect that (1) immediate facilities were required by them for the conveyance of the coke traffic from their works to the harbour and the coal traffic from the harbour to their works, across the Companies' line, which facilities were refused by the Companies; (2) the sanction of the agreement would postpone for seven years the period at which the Companies were bound to give such facilities; and (3) such sanction would prejudice the objectors in an application to the Railway and Canal Commissioners for the facilities required.

The promoters objected to the granting of a *locus* upon the preamble on the ground that the sole purpose of the opposition to the Order was to obtain facilities for conveyance of the traffic to and from the objectors' works; the objectors' remedy was by application to the Railway and Canal Commissioners for facilities; the sanction of the agreement could in no way prejudice the objectors.

The Commissioners allowed the objectors a *locus* upon the preamble, and after hearing evidence for parties found the preamble proved.

Heard in Edinburgh, 20th March 1907.