

PROVISIONAL ORDER COMMITTEES.

NOTICES TO AGENTS.

Proofs.

All persons acting as Agents under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act are requested to take note that they are responsible for the accuracy of the statements contained in the formal proofs of compliance with the General Orders. It is the duty of the agent in every case to call the Examiner's attention to any instance in which the requirements of the General Orders have not been fully complied with, and he will be held responsible for any neglect of this duty and for the consequences thereof.

In proving compliance with General Orders, agents are requested in every case to use the printed statements of proofs, which may be obtained from the usual agents for the sale of Government publications.

Fees.

All Fees under General Orders must be paid to the Secretary for Scotland's Office.

Fees should be remitted to the Scottish Office by letter addressed to the Under Secretary for Scotland. Bank drafts and cheques should be made payable to His Majesty's Paymaster-General and crossed to the account of that officer at the Bank of England. As regards fees in respect of proceedings before the Examiner or Commissioners, it has been arranged that a daily note of these fees shall be handed or forwarded to each party appearing at such proceedings. As soon as the proceedings are closed the total amount due should be remitted to the Scottish Office in the manner above mentioned.

In remitting fees by bank draft or cheque, agents are requested not to add any sum in respect of anticipated bank charges. If such charges are actually made, agents will be notified and the amounts will be collected from them in due course.

Applications for Fresh Borrowing Powers.

Parties applying for Provisional Orders, and their respective agents, are requested to note that where new borrowing powers are applied for by Town Councils or other bodies possessing power to levy rates which will form the security for the repayment of the loans, it will save time and correspondence if the application to the Secretary

for Scotland, or the estimate required under General Order 36, is accompanied by full statements showing the existing borrowing powers and conditions of repayment, the amounts which have been annually repaid or paid into sinking fund since the loans under existing borrowing powers were incurred, and the outstanding debt. Such statements should be supported by copies of annual accounts for three years preceding date of application.

Variations from Model Bill Clauses.

It is also desired that in three of the prints of Draft Provisional Orders deposited in the Scottish Office for the use of the Secretary for Scotland and his Counsel, extracts from and variations of the Model Bill Clauses should be marked so as to show whether they are adopted with or without variation. It is suggested that where the whole or part of a model clause has been adopted, a marginal note "Model" would suffice, and that where a model clause is intentionally altered it should be either underlined or sidescored, and marked "Model Varied." Where clauses of an unusual character are inserted, especially in the case of Improvement Orders, a marginal reference to precedents would in many instances facilitate business.

General Orders.

The General Orders under the Procedure Act, as amended up to November 1920, are issued as a Stationery Office Publication, and may be obtained from the usual agents for the sale of Government publications, price six shillings.

Amending General Orders, dated 12th September 1921 and 19th September 1922, are now in force and have been placed on sale.

Note. — General Orders were further amended on 1st December 1922. (See Journal of Proceedings upon Applications for Provisional Orders, 1922-23, p. 5.)

Warrants under the Parliamentary Deposits Act 1846.

A form of requisition for warrant, and a form of warrant, under the Parliamentary Deposits Act 1846, as read with General Order 145, may be obtained on application to the Scottish Office.

SUMMARY.

In December 1922 eleven applications for Provisional Orders were made, viz.—

- I. Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Board.
- II. Baldovan Institution for the Treatment and Education of Defectives.
- III. Buchanan Trust.
- IV. Caledonian Insurance Company.
- V. Caledonian Railway.
- VI. Church of Scotland Ministers' and Scottish University Professors' Widows' Fund.
- VII. Fraserburgh Harbour.
- VIII. Glasgow Blind Asylum.
- IX. Glasgow Corporation.
- X. Greenock Corporation.
- XI. North Berwick (Links and Burgh Extension).

Of these the fourth and fifth, and the tenth so far as it related to electricity, were directed to be proceeded with by way of Private Bill; the first, second, third, sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, and eleventh were either unopposed or had the opposition withdrawn; inquiry was held into the ninth (*v. infra*).

In April 1923 five applications for Provisional Orders were made, viz.—

- I. Aberdeen Harbour.
- II. Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water.
- III. Leith Harbour and Docks.
- IV. Robert Gordon's Technical College and Aberdeen Endowments Trust.
- V. Whitehills Harbour.

These applications were unopposed or had the opposition withdrawn.

10th and 11th April 1923.

GLASGOW CORPORATION.

(Before Lord Meston (*Chairman*), Lord Belhaven and Stenton, Mr James Brown, M.P., and Sir Samuel Chapman, M.P.—at Glasgow.)

This Order was promoted to provide for the acquisition by the Corporation of the undertakings of the Glasgow Subway Railway Company and of the Paisley District Tramways Company for tramway extensions and for other purposes.

The Minister of Transport objected to the Corporation's proposal to include the Subway in their general tramway undertaking on the ground that the Subway was a railway and not a tramway. The Minister also proposed that the existing provisions in regard to tramway fares be altered. The Corporation had complete freedom in regard to tramway fares subject to statutory maxima, but the Minister now proposed that all intended alterations in fares be submitted to him for approval. In regard to both points the Committee approved of the proposals of the Corporation.

The Royal Burgh of Renfrew, through which part of the existing tramway lines of the Corporation and of the Paisley Company ran, appeared as objectors to the part of the Order relating to the Paisley Tramways in order to secure an undertaking that the Corporation would make a contribution to the expense of widening the High Street of Renfrew, through which the existing Glasgow Tramway lines ran. This assurance was given.

The preamble was proved and clauses were adjusted.

Counsel for the Corporation of Glasgow (*Promoting*)—Macmillan, K.C.—Russell. Agent—Sir John Lindsay, Town Clerk of Glasgow.

Agent for Royal Burgh of Renfrew (*Objecting*)—Andrew R. Harper, Solicitor, Town Clerk of Renfrew.