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AN ACT to make provision for the Lighting of portion of the Municipality of Esperance by Electricity, and for other purposes.

[19 *December*, 1927.]

HEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Esperance is Preamble. desirous of providing for the lighting by electricity of the Town of Geeveston and portion of that Municipality adjacent thereto, comprising together the area specified in the schedule to this Act, and for that purpose of obtaining a loan under the provisions of the State Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1921:

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And whereas the Council has passed special resolutions authorising the said work to be carried out, and the sum of Seven thousand Pounds to be borrowed for that purpose:

And whereas the said special resolutions were duly confirmed after having been advertised and posted through the Municipality of Esperance:

And whereas a poll of ratepayers within the area specified in the schedule to this Act was taken at Geeveston on the tenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, to decide whether the Council should take the necessary steps to borrow the sum of Seven thousand Pounds for the purpose aforesaid, and at such poll the question was decided in the affirmative:

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

Short title.

1 This Act may be cited as "The Esperance Lighting Act, 1927."

Interpretation,

- 2 In this Act—
  - "The Council" means the Council of the Municipality of Esperance:
  - "The Corporation" means the Warden, councillors, and electors of the Municipality of Esperance:
  - "The rating area" means the area shown on the plan in the schedule to this Act, and in such plan surrounded by red lines:

12 Geo.V. No. 23.

"The Principal Act" means the State Loans to Local Bodies . Act, 1921.

Power to borrow.

3 It shall be lawful for the Council, on behalf of the Corporation, to borrow, under the provisions of the Principal Act upon the security of its revenues, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Seven thousand Pounds for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of and incidental to carrying out the necessary works for providing for the lighting by electricity of the Town of Geeveston and portion of the Municipality of Esperance adjacent thereto, comprising together the rating area, and defraying the expenses of and incidental to the preparation and passing of this Act.

Sinking fund.

4 The annual contribution by the Council towards a sinking fund in respect of any money borrowed under the authority of this Act shall be an amount equal to Two Pounds per centum of the moneys so borrowed.

Power for the Treasurer to borrow.

5 It shall be lawful for the Treasurer to borrow, raise, and receive a total sum not exceeding Seven thousand Pounds for the purposes of this Act.

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6 It shall be lawful for the Council, once in every year, to make A.D. 1927. and levy a separate local rate of not exceeding Fourpence in the Pound upon the annual value of all properties within the rating area, as shown by the assesment roll in force for the time being, for the purposes of providing for the payment of interest and sinking fund in respect of the moneys to be borrowed under this Act. Any such separate local rate shall be made upon and be payable by the persons who would be liable to be rated in respect of the properties included in the rating area if such rate were a general rate under the Local Government Act, 6 Ed. VII. No. 31. 1906, and shall be made and recoverable in the same manner as any such general rate.

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7 If any person liable to pay any amount of light rate neglects to If rate in arrear, pay the same within due time after the same has been lawfully supply of elecdemanded, the Warden may, after twenty-four hours' notice, stop the trical energy may be stopped. electrical energy supplying the premises in respect of which such rate is payable, by cutting off the wires to the said premises, or by such other means as he may think fit, and the expense of cutting off the electrical energy may be recovered in the same manner as the light rate is recoverable.

8 If any person, when required by the Council, refuses to repair, Electric service or neglects to keep in repair any of the works by which his premises to be kept in are supplied with electrical energy under the authority of this Act, the Council may cut off the supply of electrical energy from such premises until such works are sufficiently repaired, and the Council may repair such works, and the cost of repairing the same shall be repaid to the Council by the person neglecting to repair the same, and may be recovered by the Council from such person in any Court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due by such person to the Council.

9 The Inspector or any other person acting under the authority of Power to enter the Council may, at any time by night or by day, enter into any premises to house or premises supplied with electrical energy under the authority of this Act, in order to examine if there is any waste or misuse of such electrical energy, and the condition or state of repair of the works by which such electrical energy is supplied to such house or premises; and if such Inspector or other person is at any such time refused admittance into such house or premises for any of the purposes aforesaid, the Council may cut off the supply of electrical energy from such house or premises.



