

## CHAPTER 58.

An Act to amend the "Nelson Electric Light Com-1892, c. 54; 1893, c. 58. pany, Limited, Act, 1892."

[17th April, 1896.]

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for "An Act to Preamble. amend the 'Nelson Electric Light Company's Incorporation Act, 1892," and "An Act to amend the 'Nelson Electric Light Company's Incorporation Act, 1892," by extending the time for the establishment and completion of the Company's electric lighting system and undertaking, and confirming powers to the Company therein, and authorizing and confirming the powers of said Company to divert, take and use the waters of Cottonwood-Smith Creek, and enlarging and extending the powers of the Company with reference thereto:

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition, and also to give power to the Company to sell electricity:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:--

1. Section 18 and sub-section (a), chapter 54, of the Statutes of Re-enacts s. 18. British Columbia, 1892, is hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:-

"18. The said Company may construct, maintain, complete, and Power to works for operate works for the production of electricity for the purpose of supplying Town of Nelson with electric supplying the Town of Nelson and parts adjacent thereto with electric lights. lights, and may conduct the electricity by means of wire through, along, and under the streets, highways, and public places of the said town. And for the purpose of generating electricity for the supply of the said system, the said Company shall have full power and authority to divert, take, and use so much of the waters of Cottonwood-Smith Waters Company Creek as may be necessary, but not to exceed three hundred and fifty may use,

inches: Provided that such water shall be taken at any point within half a mile of the falls of the said Creek.

Protects Nelson Saw-mill Co., Limited.

"(a.) Provided, further, that nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to in anywise restrict the Nelson Sawmill Company, Limited, from utilizing so much of the waters of Cottonwood-Smith Creek (not exceeding forty inches) and Give Out Creek (not exceeding sixty inches) as have heretofore been used by them in their milling operations, and their right of user thereof is hereby ratified and confirmed so far as the rights of the Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, are concerned."

Re-enacts s. 19, subsec. (e.)

2. Sub-section (e) of section 19 of the said Act, and an Act to amend the said Act, being chapter 58 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1893, are hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu of said sub-section (e) of section 19 of the said Act:

Extends time for completing work. "(e.) The electric lighting system authorized by this Act shall be established and in operation by the 31st day of December, 1896."

Adds to s. 17.

3. Section 17 of the "Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892," is hereby amended by adding to the said section the following sub-section:--

Power to contract with persons or companies to supply electricity.

"(a). It shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with any person or company for supplying electricity to any such person, or to any streets, ways, lanes, passages, tramways, manufactories, shops, warehouses, public or private houses, buildings and places, and for such purposes may from time to time lay down, carry, fit up, connect and furnish any electric accumulator, storage battery, electric line, cable, wire, pipe, switch, connection, branch, burner, lamp, meter, or other apparatus for or in connection with any electric main, lead, or cable, which for such purposes may be required, and to let any such apparatus for hire for such sum as may be agreed upon."

Validates the "Nelson Electric Light

4. All the powers, rights, and privileges referred to in the "Nelson Company, Limited." Electric Light Company's Incorporation Act, 1892," (subject to the restrictions therein contained, save as amended by this Act) are hereby declared to be, and to have been, lawfully exercisable by the said Company, which is hereby declared to be, and to have been, since the 23rd day of April, 1892, a body corporate and politic under the name of the "Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited."

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the "Nelson Electric Light Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1896."