#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

19.-A. Section 62 of the Romford Act.

The Committee recommend that in all future Bills in which power is sought by a local authority to recover contributions from frontagers towards the cost of laying a sewer in a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large—

(1) the basis of the apportionment of the cost on each frontager should be the extent of his frontage on the highway:

(2) The cost to be apportioned should not exceed the average cost per lineal yard in the district of providing sewers in private streets under the Private Streets Works Act, 1892, any excess cost to be borne by the general rates:

(3) No part of the cost so ascertained and apportioned should be recoverable from any frontagers whose premises abut upon the highway at the date of the resolution by the local authority to construct the sewer unless and until a new building abutting on the highway is erected on such premises, and then only to an extent proportional to the extent of the frontage of the new building; no interest should be chargeable on the apportioned cost or any part thereof until it becomes so recoverable.

(4) The re-erection or alteration of an existing building should not be treated as the erection of a new building unless the size or character of the building is substantially altered.

(5) Frontagers whose existing buildings abut upon the highway at the date above specified should be permitted to connect their buildings with the sewer without thereby rendering exigible the share of the cost apportioned on their premises.

(6) If the construction of the sewer is not completed within two years after the date of the resolution, the resolution and all liabilities consequent thereon should lapse.

(7) All existing agreements entered into between the local authority and landowners should be safeguarded.

It may be necessary to make special provision for cases where the frontage is so small as to be quite out of proportion to the area which the sewer will serve.

# B. Section 64 of the Romford Act.

The Committee recommend that in all future Bills in which power is sought by a local authority to recover contributions from frontagers towards the cost of a sewer which has been laid in land over which a street (whether repairable by the inhabitants at large or not) is subsequently constructed—

(1) There should be no set off in respect of enhancement of value in assessing the compensation payable at the time of the original construction of the sewer to the owner of the land traversed by it.

(2) If and when a street is constructed over the sewer a contribution towards the cost of the sewer should be recoverable from the owners of the land or premises fronting on the street, such contribution to be calculated and exigible in the same manner and subject to the same conditions, with the necessary adaptations, as the Committee have recommended with regard to contributions under Head A.

20. The Committee have not conceived it to be their duty, nor do they feel competent, to frame draft clauses on the lines of these recommendations and they recognise that in the process of actual drafting it may be necessary to adopt different phrasing and to introduce provisions to render the scheme more complete, but they are of opinion that the principles which they have indicated in their recommendations are those upon which future legislation should proceed.

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