

Key sections of the 1890 Act

Section 3. - Interpretation of terms.

The expression "Riparian proprietor" shall mean every millowner, person, company, local or public body using or entitled to use the waters of the River Nidd.

The expression "Millowners" shall mean the owners, lessees or occupiers of any mills, works or manufactories along the course of the river below the embankment of Gouthwaite Reservoir (described as Work No.1 in the Act).

Section 10. - Power to construct works.

Work No.1 (Gouthwaite Reservoir) defined as a reservoir "for the storage of water and for compensating the millowners and riparian proprietors on the River Nidd" and describes its location.

Section 17. - Compensation reservoir to be managed by the board.

Directs that the reservoir be "subject to the management and control of a board of management" and defines who shall be represented on the board.

Section 27. - Constitution of the board of management.

The Board of Management is constituted "In order that the waters of the compensation reservoir shall be used and applied as may be most beneficial the Board shall regulate and control the user of the said reservoir and the waters to be collected therein".

The regulations for the government of the board are set out in the schedule to the act.

Section 28. - The board may make and alter rules.

The board may from time to time make and alter rules for regulating the discharge of water from the compensation reservoir.

Section 29. - Maintenance.

The corporation to maintain in a proper condition the compensation reservoir in such a way that it is capable of containing fifteen hundred and ten million gallons of water above the discharge pipe.

Section 31. - Town clerk to convene a meeting to make rules.

After the reservoir and other connected works have been completed and certified the town clerk shall convene a meeting of the board to enable them to make the rules of discharge.

Section 32. - Compensation reservoir to be full compensation.

The corporation shall not at any time take from the appropriated area a daily quantity of water exceeding seventeen million gallons. The corporation maintain the compensation reservoir in proper order and condition then the same fifteen hundred and ten million gallons (see section 29) shall be taken by millowners and riparian proprietors as full compensation for the diversion and appropriation of the water upstream.