

entering the same; to open, have opened, build or construct, to enclose, to keep open, to regulate and to keep in repair all necessary and useful drains and sewers, and to demand and obtain for the bailiff, employees, workmen and laborers in the services of the town the right to enter any private property and premises for the purpose of improving the condition of any such drain or sewers, for opening the same when they have become closed or obstructed, rebuild or repair them when they require rebuilding or repairing, and also to provide penalties in the case of persons who resist any employees, workmen or laborers in the service of the town, and to forbid and prevent any parties or persons from obstructing such drains or placing upon or over any drain or sewer, coal, wood or heavy masses of any kind, and from erecting buildings thereon, and to provide penalties for obstructing or covering any drain or sewer with coal, wood or other heavy mass, or with any building or for improperly interfering with any such drain or sewers in said town; to grant and regulate franchises to electric light companies, power companies, street railway companies, gas companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, and sewer or drain companies, and to regulate the charges for service or for the products of such companies as now possess, or may hereafter obtain franchises in said city, all such franchises shall be for a definite term of years not exceeding twenty-five years, and be renewable at the discretion of the commissioners of Cambridge, and shall especially set out the nature, right and duration of the same, and no power or right not expressed in the franchise or grant shall pass thereunder; and the said the commissioners of Cambridge, notwithstanding anything that may be set out in any such franchise, or grant, shall not have the power to divest itself of the right to regulate and control the use of the rights under any franchise granted or that may be granted by it, and to fix and regulate the charges for services whenever they deem the public interest may require it; to regulate the use of streets, lanes and alleys in said city by railway or other tracks, gas or other pipes, telegraph, telephone, electric light or other wires and poles in, under, over and upon the same, and to require all such wires to be placed under ground after such reasonable notice as it may prescribe; to provide a series of conduits under the streets, lanes and alleys of said city, or any part or parts thereof, for the use of telegraph, telephone, electric light or other wires, either by constructing said conduits itself or authorizing their construction by such person or corporation, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon; to require all such wires, or any part or parts thereof, and the poles carrying the same