

Underground Electric Railways Company
of London Limited

*At a Board Meeting held at the Offices of
the Company, Electric Railway House, Broadway,
Westminster London S.W.1*

Tuesday 3rd June 1919

Present

Mr H. A. Vermet, in the Chair

Mr W. M. Anwerth

Mr W. H. Burton

RT Hon. Lord Jarrow

RT Hon. Lord George Hamilton G.C.S.I.

Col. Sir Herbert Jekyll K.C. K.M.G.

RT Hon. Viscount Amulford

RT Hon. Lord Southborough

Mr C. J. Galer Scott

RT Hon. Lord Stuart of Wortley

In attendance

Secretary Officers and Director of the Company

*The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 5th April 1919
and Special Board Meeting held on 30th May 1919 were read
and signed.*

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*The Resident Director reported,
London United Tramways, Scheme of reorganization & reconstruction,
Referring to Minute A 2397 of the 11th March 1919 approving so far
as this Company is concerned, the scheme of Arrangement between the
London United Tramways Ltd and the Preference Shareholders Mortgage
Debenture Stock holders and second and third Debenture Stock Holders that
an Order of the Court had been made under date the 3th April 1919 sanctioning
the scheme of Arrangement and confirming the reduction of Capital.*

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*London Electric Railway and City and South London Railway Bills
in Parliament Session 1919*

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*Referring to Minute A 2375 of 3th February 1919 that the London Electric
Railway and City South London Railway Companies had deposited Bills in
Parliament, and that these two Bills were each approved at Warwick, Meetings
of the Metropolitan District, London Electric, City & South London and Central
London Railway Companies held on 6th May 1919*

That representatives of Insurance Companies who were already large Holders

of London Electric Railway ²⁴²³ of Debenhams stock had raised objections to the financial clauses of the London Electric Railway Bill, respecting the proposed ²⁴²⁴ of Debenhams stock capital powers involving some fusion with the existing ²⁴²⁵ of Debenhams stock. As a result of prolonged interviews it had been agreed to alter the clauses in the Bill so that the proposed ²⁴²⁶ of Debenhams stock would come before the parent ²⁴²⁷ of Debenhams stock, but further issues of ²⁴²⁸ of Debenhams stock would in no way be prejudiced.

In regard to the City & South London Railway Bill, a block had been placed against this Bill by a London Member of Parliament, and it was announced that the Railway Clerks Association had arranged for this step to be taken with a view to the Railway Clerks on the South Railway being permitted to join the Company's Superannuation Fund. A discussion had taken place with the Secretary of the Association, and arrangements had been made for the block on the Bill to be withdrawn, the Companies giving an undertaking that male Railway Clerks on reaching the age of 18 should be allowed to enter the Fund.

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London County Council Tramways and Improvements Bill

That the Standing Orders Committee of the House of Parliament would not approve this Bill and the same had been thrown out. The London County Council might, however, endeavour to arrange for the Bill to proceed, Standing Orders being dispensed with.

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Select Committee on London Traffic

That arising out of the Press agitation in regard to overcrowding in connection with passenger transport in London, a Select Committee of Members of Parliament had been appointed to investigate the subject of London traffic.

It was proposed that certain officers of the Companies should give evidence before the Committee.

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Use of Government Lorries for passenger convenience

That with a view to relieving the congestion caused by the overcrowding in the London General Omnibus Company's vehicles arrangement had been made to take over from the Government a number of lorries. These vehicles would be fitted with seats of a total capacity of 27 passengers per vehicle and placed on the London Streets under the same conditions of service as applied to the Omnibuses.

No definite arrangements had yet been made but the lorry would probably be hired on a rental basis.

A few omnibuses were also being obtained and these would probably be acquired on a purchase basis.

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Office Building Architects

That it was proposed to appoint Messrs Richardson & Lloyd J.F.R. B.A. as Consulting Architects in connection with the erection of the new Office Building at St James' Park Station, the remuneration being fixed at 3,000 Guineas.

The Managing Director reported
Staff serving with the Colours Entitlements 19 Discharges

Underground Group of Companies

That a total of 15,750 men enlisted in H.M. Forces. Of this number 7500 had been discharged as at 30th April, 1946 reported as killed and missing, leaving 834 men still serving.
 (Out of the 7500 men discharged, 82% had returned to the Companies 3% had announced their intention of returning, 3% were working elsewhere or had died since discharge, and there was no record of the movements of the remaining 12%.

That there were at 30th April 2200 paid cases on the S.C.F. Mutual Aid Books as against 5000 in October 1949.

S.C.F. Victory Celebrations

That it had been suggested that an Official Welcome should be given to those Members of the Staff of the Companies in the Underground Group who had safely returned from War service, and it was proposed to hold various open air Meetings as well as a Meeting at the Albert Hall on June 30th.

That expenses to an amount of approximately £2500 would be incurred in this connection.

Death of Mr W.E. Blake, Superintendent of the Linn. Railways
 That Mr W.E. Blake, the Superintendent of the Line of the Metropolitan District, London Electric, City & South London, and Central London Railways met with a slight accident on the 10th April last whilst endeavouring to enter a derailed coach on the Metropolitan District Railway. He fell forward, unfortunately supervened and Mr Blake died in St. George's Hospital on the 8th May 1949.

It was resolved that this Board place on record their deep regret at the untimely death of Mr W.E. Blake, their high appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which he carried out his duties as Superintendent of the Line of the various Companies, and their sincere sympathy with his Widow and family in the loss which they have sustained.

The Secretary reported

Financial Statements

That Cash Statement to date of the finances of the Company was submitted.

After discussion

It was resolved that the drawing of cheques since the date of the last Board Meeting as per details shown on the Cash Statement be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

A Statement of the Capital position of the Company was also submitted and discussed.

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Registration Works

It was resolved that the sealing of Ordinary Share Certificates for 13419 Shares in respect of transfers etc. be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

It was further resolved that the sealing of Certificates for 110713 A. & J. shares in respect of transfers etc. be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

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Documents sealed

That the Seal of the Company had been affixed to the following documents since the date of last Meeting:

Proxy for Ordinary General Meeting of the Union Surplus Lands Company Ltd held on 14th April 1919

Proxy for Ordinary General Meeting of the Union Construction Company Ltd held on 14th April 1919.

Proxy for Special General Meeting of the London Electric Railway Company held on 1st May 1919

It was resolved that the sealing of the above mentioned documents be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

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Election of Mr Lionel Robinson as a Director of the Company in connection with the reorganization of the Board.

It was resolved that Mr Lionel Robinson be and he is hereby elected a Director of the Company to fill a vacancy.

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Election of Mr James Devonshire as a Director of the Company Referring to Minute No 2363 of the 7th January 1919.

It was resolved that Mr James Devonshire be and he is hereby elected a Director of the Company to fill a vacancy.

L. Robinson
Chairman

See also Minutes of 3rd June 1919 recorded in Private Minute Book