

Minutes of Meeting

held at 16. Great George Street, Westminster, S.W. on
Wednesday October 5th 1898 at 5.30 pm.

Present.

Sir Henry Oakley in the Chair
Lord Colville of Culross: M.P.

Sir Francis Knollys: M.C.S., M.C.B.

Honorable Algernon H. Mills.

Lord Rathmore.

Henry Tennant Esq

Sir Benjamin Baker, Engineer; Mr Frank Davis, Solicitor;
and Mr. R. Graham, Secretary.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and
confirmed.

The Engineers Report was read and ordered
to be recorded.

Engineers Office
8. Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

5. October 1898

To the Chairman & Directors
of the Central London Ry.

Engineers Report No 23.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with a request of the Chairman
we have again considered most carefully with the Contract
and their officers the question of past and present progress
and probable date of completion of the works of the railway.

As regards past progress we may remark that
with a view of urging on the sub-contractors, an earlier
date was specified in the sub-contracts than could perhaps
be reasonably hoped to be attained, and that notwithstanding

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The great apparent delay the amount of work executed in the time so far on the Central London Railway compares favorably with that done by other Contractors on railways of a similar kind in the same time elsewhere.

As regards date of Completion, a reconsideration of the state of progress of the works of the railway, and the electrical installation and plant, confirms us in the opinion previously expressed to the Directors that the key of the situation is the Bank Station.

At this point, we are entirely in the hands of the Public Authorities, the Bank of England and others, and are bound by most stringent clauses in the Act of Parliament. We have been called upon to use compressed air at certain places, the provision for which has involved months of delay, and we may be called upon to use it elsewhere. Under these circumstances it would be misleading to profess that any statement of ours as to the probable date of Completion should be considered as more than a careful estimate, based partly upon ascertained facts but largely upon assumptions which may or may not be realised in fact.

If all goes well and our anticipations are realised it is possible that Talbot will be able to hand over the Bank Station to the Electric Traction Company to do the finishing of the Tilig, platforms and permanent way etc about the beginning of August next year, and as experience will have been gained by that time in the working of the electric installation at other parts of the line, it is possible that a further couple of months would see the line in working order. We need hardly say however, that unforeseen contingencies may arise, which may delay the opening of the railway beyond what, with our present information, we consider to be a possible date.

The present condition of the works of the railway is as follows:-

Shephards Bush.

Shafts finished: passages finished & concreted; station tunnels finished and platform walls built; Crossover tunnels finished and sleeper walls built. Tilig, a quarter of down station done. Site cleared.

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Holland Park. Shafts finished. Passages finished and concreted. Station tunnel finished and platform walls built. No tiling done. Foundations of station buildings started.

Notting Hill Gate. Shaft finished. Passages finished and tiled. Station tunnels finished and tiled. Basement of station buildings nearly finished.

Queens Road. Shaft finished. Passages finished and concreted. Station tunnels finished and platform walls built. Crossover tunnels finished and sleeper walls built. No tiling done. Site being cleared.

Westbourne. Shaft finished. Passages finished and concreted. Station tunnels finished and down Station one third tiled. Site cleared.

Marble Arch. Shafts finished except deepening for sub-station which is proceeding. Passages finished and concreted. Station tunnels finished and platform walls built. Crossover tunnels finished and sleeper walls built. No tiling done. Site cleared.

Darwin Street. Sewer diversion finished. Road diversion:- one footpath paved and open for traffic. Shafts:- 18 feet finished, 30 feet not started. Passages not started. Station tunnels finished and platform walls nearly finished. No tiling done. Site not cleared.

Oxford Circus. Shafts finished. Passages finished and concreted. Station tunnels about one half tiled. Site not cleared.

Tottenham Court Road. Shafts finished. Passages finished and nearly all tiled. Station tunnels finished and seven eighth tiled. Site cleared. Foundations for station buildings started.

British Museum. Shaft finished. Passages finished and concreted. Station tunnels finished and platform walls built. Crossover tunnels finished and sleeper walls built. No tiling done. Excavation for station buildings proceeding.

Chancery Lane. Shaft finished. Passages finished. Station tunnels finished. Platform walls half built in down station and not started in up station. No tiling done. Site not cleared.

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Post Office. Shafts finished. Passages nearly
finished but not concreted. Station tunnels:- 1st line three
quarters done. Down line shield chamber half built.

Bank. Shaft No. 3 & 5 finished. Pipe Subway
and public subway over same:- brickwork practically
finished and all gas, water and hydraulic pipes diverted.
Public subway from Maffin & Wells stairs one third finished.
Subway from Mansion House Place:- excavation finished &
brickwork one quarter done. Station tunnels, one shield
chamber built and shield erected. Crosser Tunnel
not commenced. Rooking Hall, one third of excavation done

Main Line Tunnels. All complete with the
exception of 110 yards between Chancery Lane and the
Bank Station.

Siding Tunnels. All complete except
133 yards at the Bank Station.

Depot. Carriage Shed:- one quarter of
roof principals erected. Carriage Repair Shed:- walls 10 ft.
above ground level. Engine Repair Shed:- walls 5 ft.
above ground level. Running shed foundations all in
Engine House:- walls within 8' 6" of full height. Three
foundation beds of engines finished and three others
proceeding. Boiler House:- walls 20 ft. above firing floor
level. Chimneys both 80 ft. above ground. Water
tank half built.

We are, Gentlemen
Yours faithfully
(sig.) Towler & Baker.

Sir Benjamin Baker having expressed the
opinion that the Railway would not be completed and
ready for opening by June 28th 1899, which is the date
mentioned in Clause 44 of the Central London Act of 1894
as the limit of time for the construction of the Railway.

It was resolved to make an application
to Parliament during the next Session for an extension of
time for the period of one year for the construction of the
Railway, also for the payment of interest out of Capital
in addition to the sum of £150,000 authorised by Clause
6 of the Act of 1894 for the like period. The application

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to cover the compulsory acquisition of certain properties adjacent to the Shepherds Bush, Marble Arch and Westbourne Station Sites for the enlargement of the station premises at these points, and an additional house in Davis Street in order to improve the frontage line of that street and the alteration of such frontage line.

The Railway Company also to seek power to enable them to dispose of the premises which may be erected over their station buildings as freeholds, or to dispose of the right to build above their stations as freeholds.

The Secretary submitted the following Financial Statement which was ordered to be received.

Financial Statement

Financial Statement to 4th October 1898.

Receipts on Shares &c.
Expenditure.

£ 1,551,515 - 16.6
1,457,716 - 9.1

Available Balance.

93,799 - 9

Less.

Mansion House Deposit £ 55,000

Amount on deposit at Bank.

28,000

83,000 - 0

Credit Balance per Pass Book.

£ 10,799 - 9

The amount now owing to the Electric Traction Cord on Certificates certified by the Railway Company's Engineers is as follows:-

to 30 June 1898 £ 286,929

" 31 July " 51,630

" 31 August. 43,101

£ 381,660

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93.799 - 9.3

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£ 10.799 - 9.3

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The following list of Accounts for which
Cheques have been specially drawn since last Meeting of
the Board was submitted and approved.

List of Accounts
specially passed
for payment

| Name | Particulars | Amount |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Secretary & Clerks. | July Salaries | 70 8 4 |
| W. A. Libbey | Cheque in lieu of last warrant. | 7 5 |
| W. H. Pannell | Audit Fee | 12 13 9 |
| W. B. Peat | do | 12 13 9 |
| Secretary & Clerks | August Salaries | 70 8 4 |
| Robt Graham | American Expenses | 250 |
| Petty Cash | " | 10 |
| Waterbury & Sons L ^{td} | Stationery | 11 8 10 |
| Fulham Union | Poor Rates. | 5 17 3 |
| Corporation of London | Rate. | 115 14 8 |
| Financial Times | Advertising. | 1 9 |
| Sir Henry Oakley | Directions | 604 3 4 |
| Lord Colville of Culross | " | 60 8 4 |
| Sir Francis Knollys | " | 60 8 4 |
| Hon. A. H. Mills. | " | 60 8 4 |
| Lord Rathmore | " | 60 8 4 |
| Henry Tennant Esq. | " | 60 8 4 |
| Secretary & Clerks. | September Salaries | 70 8 4 |
| | | £ 1,544 12 3 |

The following list of Accounts for payment
for payment were submitted and ordered to be paid.

| Name. | Particulars | Amount |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Buricham & Co. | "Ropebridge Purchase | 4755 14 6 |
| West George St Chambers Co. | Reimb. | 119 |
| Arthur Morris & Co. | "548 Oxford St. Purchase | 1755 |
| Halloran & Co. | Poor Rates | 34 13 11 |
| do. | do | 7 3 |
| Farrington Ward M. Min. | Police Rates. | 20 13 4 |
| | | £ 6692 2 |

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Agreements
sealed by the
Company.

The following list of documents sealed since last Meeting of the Board was submitted and approved.

| Name | Description | Date of Sealing |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| City & South London Ry | Share Certificates | 22 July |
| " | Agreement for construction of low-level subway. | do |
| Major W.D. Robson. | Assignment of leasehold premises. | 26 July |
| do | Memorial of Deed | do |
| do | Share Certificates. | 29 July |
| Central London Ry | Deed Poll in respect of 237 Oxford Street | 3 August |
| do | Memorial of Deed | do |
| Registers of Shareholders | Half Year to June 30 th | do |
| H. H. Gripps & ans. | Warrant to Sheriff | 4 August |
| do | Share Certificates | 8 August |
| Central London Ry | Deed Poll (sealed twice) | do |
| Ecclesiastical Commissioners | Deed of Incorporation - ment. | 11 August |
| do | Memorial of Deed | do |
| do | and plan | do |
| " | Share Certificates | do |
| " | do. | 17 August |
| H. H. Gripps & ans. (Trustees of.) | Warrant to Sheriff | do |
| " | Share Certificates | 5 September |
| " | do | 8 " |
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| " | do. | 29 " |

Engineer
Reps

H. D. Gally
 Chairman.