

ACC/1297/CLR/01/001/070

Minutes of Meeting

held at 125, High Holborn W.C. on Thursday  
May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 o'clock p.m.

Present

Sir Henry Oakley in the Chair.

Lord Colville of Culross K.T.

Sir Francis Knollys K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

Hon: Algernon H. Mills

Lord Rathmore

Henry Tennant Esq

Mr. G.C. Cuninghame [Cunningham], General Manager; Mr Frank Dawes, Solicitor;  
Sir Benjamin Baker, Engineer; and Mr Graham, Secretary.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

\*Engineers Report\*

The Engineers Report was read and ordered to be recorded.

Engineers Office  
2, Queen Square Place. SW  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Engineers Report No 40.

To the Chairman & Directors of the Central London Railway.

Gentlemen,

Since Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> a train of seven coaches has been running during the day from Shepherds Bush to Queens Road for the purpose of testing all the Locomotives and training Engine Drivers, Guards and Signalmen. The runs so far have been successful and with the exception of a broken collecting shoe on one locomotive at Shepherds Bush Crossover Road, no failure has occurred.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> rail is fixed and bonded throughout the line except at the Crossover Roads at British Museum and Bank Stations, and by the end of this month we shall be in a position to run a service of trains for trial purposes from Shepherds Bush to the Bank.

The Signalling is somewhat behind, but the Contractors for this work assure us they will be finished by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and they are working continuously day and night and on Sundays.

With the exception of a number of small details, the chief work now remaining to complete the railway lies in the station buildings and lifts.

Of the 48 lifts required, 23 are complete and have been worked, 14 are practically finished but have not been tested and the remainder are all in and should be ready early in June.

Of the Station Buildings;- Shepherds Bush, Holland Park; Queens Road; Notting Hill Gate; Lancaster Gate; Oxford Circus; Tottenham Court Road; British Museum; and Chancery Lane are finished except for Office Fittings and small details. At the Bank, the internal works forming Lift Entrances and some tiling still remains to be done, but will be finished by the end of this month. The Marble Arch, Bond Street and Post Office Stations are most behind, but they can be completed in all essential particulars by the middle of June.

At the Depot, the electrical equipment is practically complete, and all the main engines have been worked. The sub-station at Marble Arch and Post Office will be ready before the end of this month.

At the Bank Station at 12.30 last night a temporary shed erected at the north east end of the Public Subway for the convenience of the men was found to be on fire and the fire brigade had to be summoned to extinguish it. Though the fire was serious it was fortunately confined to the Public Subway and the Central London Booking Hall has not suffered in any way.

In the Public Subway about 60 square yards of tiling, 150 feet of wood cornice, and 200 yards of electric light cable have been destroyed and a large amount of the steel roof will have to be repainted, but this will not delay the completion of the railway.

We are, Gentlemen  
Yours faithfully  
Sig [Signed] Fowler & Baker.

\*Progress of Works

see folio 262.\*

The Chairman reported that on Friday last he had in conjunction with Mr Cuninghame [Cunningham] and the Engineers made an examination of the works. He was of opinion that the stations at Marble Arch, Bond Street and the Post Office could be sufficiently finished to enable the line to be opened towards the

end of June, as enough lift accommodation could be provided at each of these stations.

It was arranged that Sir Benjamin Baker should communicate with the Board of Trade at once in connection with the examination of the line and works.

\*Experimental train\*

Mr Cuningham [Cunningham] reported that a train had been running experimentally between Shepherds Bush and Queens Road with satisfactory results up to the present.

\*Coal supply

see folio 305.\*

The question of the supply of Coal for the Power Station was considered, and the Chairman recommended that a months stock at the lowest market price should be obtained to commence operations with. This was agreed to, and it was also arranged that a stock of from 4,000 to 5,000 tons should be kept in reserve.

\*Financial Statement\*

The following Financial Statement was submitted and approved

Financial Statement to 15<sup>th</sup> May 1900

Receipts		£2,850,000
Expenditure as per previous Statement	£2,731,225,,7,,2	
Add Further Expenditure	<u>9869,,3,,2</u>	
		<u>2,740,914,,10,,4</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	£109,085,,9,,8
<u>Less</u> Mansion House Deposit Fund	£10,000	
Loan to Traction Company.	<u>85,000</u>	95,000,,0,,0
	<u>Credit Balance as per Pass Book</u>	[£]14,085,,9,,8

Contract Price		£3,114,000
Cash Paid to Traction Company to April 1900	£2,353,401	

Debentures Credited	<u>558,665</u>	<u>*2,912,066</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>£201,934</u>

\*This does not include the amount paid for additional land at the Post Office Station viz:-  
£23,508

Additional Work at Depot £2000

\*Cheques Specially passed for payment\*

The following cheques were specially passed for payment since last meeting of the Board viz

[ Bircham & Coy. [Company]	Parliamentary Expense	£200 and
[Bircham] & Coy.]	Solicitors Fee	£3,,3,,0

which were approved.

\*Accounts for payment\*

The following list of accounts for payment was submitted and ordered to be paid.

Name	Particulars	Amount.		
A. Jones	Housekeepers A/c	6	13	2
Chatwood Lock Coy	Removing Safe to Holborn	14	14	
G. Street & Coy	Reporting Meeting	26	5	
National Telephone Coy	General Managers Telephone	11		
Hammersmith Vestry	Poor Rate	87	18	2
Corporation of London.	Consolidated Rate	124		
Paddington Vestry	Poor Rate	29	17	
Montreal S. Rly Coy.	Ticket Cancelling Box	26	7	9
Electric Traction Coy.	Rents received by C.L.R.	123	6	4
		£450	1	5

\*Documents sealed\*

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

Name	Particulars	Date of Sealing
V [-]	Share Certificates	30 April.
Duke of Bedford	Agreement as to repair of property	[30 April]
[Duke of Bedford]	Share Certificates	8. May
London & North Western Rly & Great Western Railway	Agreement of siding at Shepherds Bush	[8. May]

H. Oakley [signed]  
Chairman