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Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited

Minutes

of a Meeting of Directors of the Company, held at Electric Railway House,
Broadway, Westminster S W.

on

Wednesday, April 13th 1910.

Present:

The Rt. Hon. Sir Edgar Speyer, Bart, P. C. In the Chair
W. C. Burton, Esq.,
Lord Farrer
Sir George S. Gibb
Lord George Hamilton
Hon. Sydney Holland
C. J. Cater-Scott, Esq.,
A. H. Stanley, Esq.,

In attendance:

L. B. Carslake, Esq., for Solicitors
W. E. Mandelick, Esq., Secretary.
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1265. Prior to the transaction of the ordinary business of the Meeting, it was proposed by the Rt. Hon. Sir Edgar Speyer, Bart., P. C., and seconded by the Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, P. C., and unanimously **Resolved** that the Board desire to place on record their deep regret at the death on April 5th 1910 of their colleague, Mr. Frank Dawes, who had been a Director and the Solicitor of the Company since its inception, and to express their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him. [cross] The Board further desire to express their sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. Dawes.
1266. The Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 16th 1910 were read and signed as correct.

1267. The Secretary presented cash statement to date of the finances of the Company, which was read to the Meeting.

1268. Referring to Minutes Nos 1214. and 1215. of this Board and to the further applications which have been forwarded to this Company by Messrs. Speyer Brothers as set out in List No 12. which list has for identification been initialled by the Chairman, it was

Resolved that there be allotted and issued Registered Debenture Certificates in the names and for the amounts as respectively set forth in List No 12. aggregating £13,600,,[0],,[0] making the total issue to date £786,800,,[0],,[0] Debentures and leaving a balance of names still to be received for £213,200,,[0],,[0]

1269. Referring to Minute No 369. of this Board in regard to the working of the Ealing & South Harrow Line by this Company, it was reported that the Officers of the District Company who were cognisant of the arrangement were under the impression that the working expenses which the Underground Company were to pay were to include the cost of maintenance of the railway while the Secretary of the Underground Company who was also cognisant of the arrangement made in 1904, contended that the arrangement was explicit in the Resolution above referred to in that the District Company were to pay for maintenance or keeping the line in proper condition, the Underground Company paying only the expense of working the train services. The financial result of the arrangement was that the rental paid to the District Company plus the expense of working and maintaining the railway for the period covered by the arrangement exceeded the earnings by the sum of £6,422,,12,,7 if the cost of maintaining the line is debited to the District Company, and £7,861,,17,,0 if the cost of maintenance is debited to the Underground Company. The sum in difference between the two Companies is £1,439,,4,,5 and it is

Recommended that a compromise be agreed on the basis of the Underground Company bearing one-half and the District Company bearing the other half of the above-mentioned sum of £1,439,,4,,5, this arrangement having been agreed to by the Board of the District Company.

1270. Referring to Minute No 1145. of this Board and to the appointment of Mr. W. J. Davis as an Assistant Secretary to the Company in the United States, it was

Resolved that Mr. W. J. Davis, as Assistant Secretary in the United States, be paid the sum of fifty pounds (£50.) per annum until further notice, and that the sum of fifty pounds (£50.) be paid to him forthwith for the year ending May 1st 1910, payment hereafter to be made to him half-yearly.

1271. The Solicitor reported regarding the arbitration with the British Westinghouse Company that the proceedings in this Arbitration before the Rt. Hon. Alfred Lyttleton had lasted for nineteen days and were now closed, subject to the question as to whether the Arbitration should be requested to state a Special Case to the High Court upon points of law arising on the arbitration, and which question is under consideration by the Managing Director, Counsel and Solicitor.

1272. The Solicitor reported that the Bill for the Amalgamation of the three Tube Railways had come before the Committee of the House of Lords presided over by Lord Lamington, and that after hearing evidence for and against, the Preamble of the Bill had been agreed to and the Chairman directed to report the Bill as amended to the House.

1273 The Solicitor further reported that the Baker Street & Waterloo Railway Bill 1910 had come before the Committee of the House of Lords, presided over by the Lord Lamington, and that after hearing evidence for and against, the Preamble of this Bill had been agreed to and the Chairman directed to report the Bill as amended to the House.

1274 In regard to the Charing Cross Euston and Hampstead Ry. Bill 1910, which had come before the Committee of the House of Lords presided over by the Lord Lamington, it was reported that the Committee owing to the opposition of the Gordon Hotels and the Crown, had intimated that they would pass the Bill if the extension railway was deleted, but as the Bill was of little value without the

extension railway, the Company decided it would be in their best interests to withdraw the same, which was done.

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Referring to the Agreement dated the 18th October 1904 between this Company and the District and three Tube Railways Companies as to the Supply of electricity from the Power House at Lots Road Chelsea, and to Clause 8, Sub-Clause 2 (e) thereof which provides that depreciation of the building, plant, etc., shall be calculated at the rate of £2,,10,,0 per cent per annum on the cost of the Generating Station, it was reported that the provisional cost of the Generating Station has been taken at £1,375,000,,[0],,[0] and the charge under this heading in making up the Electric Power Account has been at the rate of £34,375,,[0],,[0] per annum. It is now proposed that the amount to be set aside, as from 1st January last, for the Depreciation Fund shall be made up in the following manner:

£18,000: per annum to be paid to the Depreciation Fund in monthly equal payments so long as such Fund is below £200,000,,[0],,[0]

£2,000: per annum to be set aside in equal monthly amounts for Repair and Maintenance Fund to take care of Extraordinary Maintenance and Repairs in so far as the same ought not to be paid out of aforesaid Depreciation Fund.

£20,000 per annum.

Referring to Clause 8, Sub-Clause 2. (f) of the same Agreement which provides for the payment of 10% on the aggregate amount of the expenses against revenue enumerated in sub-section (b) it is proposed as from 1st January 1910 to substitute the uniform amount of .03d [pence] per unit of current sold.

Resolved that subject to all parties referred to in the said Agreement of the 18th October 1904 agreeing thereto, the above alterations be carried into effect as from the 1st January 1910, the Trustees under the Trust Deed having advised this Company that they are prepared to agree to the proposals by way of an experiment until the next period arrives for revision of rates of charge. It was reported that the Directors of the Metropolitan District Railway Company had agree to the alteration set out above and that

the matter will be submitted to the respective Boards of the Tube Companies at their next Meetings.

1276 The Secretary reported that on the 1st April 1910 there were still outstanding the Company's receipts in respect of £226,800,,[0],[0] 4% First Power House Debentures, and that interest on same had not yet been paid, and as the holders of the receipts were now claiming the interest, it was

Resolved that the interest for the half year ending April 1st 1910 on £226,800,,[0],[0] Debentures as represented by receipts be paid upon the production at the Company's Office of the individual receipts by the holders thereof, and that the receipts be stamped "All interest paid to April 1st 1910".

1277. It was reported that Mr. James R. Chapman having concluded his evidence in connection with the Westinghouse Arbitration had tendered his resignation as Chief Engineer of the Company, and had returned to America on April 9th 1910.

The Board desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr Chapman during his tenure of Office and their regret at his severing his connection with the Company.

1278. It was reported that the date of the Half-Yearly Meeting of this Company had now been fixed for April 21st 1910 and that copies of the Report of the Directors and Balance Sheet to December 31st 1909 have been duly forwarded to all the registered Proprietors of the Company.

1279. It was reported that Meetings of the Prior Lien Bondholders, 4½ % per cent. Bondholders and 6% Income Bondholders had been called to be held immediately after the Half-Yearly Meeting on April 21st 1910 for the purpose of adopting the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the appointment of the London County and Westminster Bank Limited to be Trustees of the Trust Deed dated the 30th day of July 1908 in succession to the London and Westminster Bank Limited which has been amalgamated with the London County and Westminster Bank Limited be and the same is hereby approved."

Resolved that the above be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

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Edgar Speyer [signed]
Chairman.