

Minutes of Meeting

held at 16. Great George Street. Westminster. S.W. on
Wednesday October 5th 1898 at 3.30 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.
Honorable [Honourable] Algernon H. Mills
Lord Rathmore.
Henry Tennant Esq
Sir Benjamin Baker, Engineer; Mr Frank Dawes, Solicitor;
and Mr. R.O.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 Annes Gate. S.W.
5. October 1898

To the Chairman & Directors
of the Central London Rly [Railway]:

Engineers Report No. 23.

Gentlemen,

Engineers Report.

In accordance with a request of the Chairman we have again considered most carefully with the Contractors 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 the great apparent delay the amount of work executed in the time so far on the Central London Railway compares favorably [favourably] 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 Tiling, 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 :-

Shepherds Bush. Shafts finished : passages finished & concreted; station tunnels finished and platform walls built: Crossover tunnels finished and sleeper walls built: Tiling, a quarter of Down Station done. Site cleared.

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

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

Queens Road. Shafts 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. Shafts 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.

Davies 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 eighths tiled. Site cleared. Foundations for station buildings started.

British Museum. Shafts 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. Shafts finished. Passages nearly finished. Station tunnels finished. Platform walls half built in Down Station and not started in Up Station. No tiling done. Site not cleared.

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

Bank. Shafts Nos. 3 & 5 finished. Pipe Subway and public subway over same :- brickwork practically finished and all Gas, Water and Hydraulic Pipes diverted. Public subway from Mappin & Webbs stairs one third finished. Subway from Mansion House Place;- excavation finished & brickwork one quarter done. Station tunnels, one shield chamber built and shield erected. Crossover Tunnels not commenced. Booking 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. [feet] above ground level. Engine Repair Shed:- walls 5 ft. above ground level. Running shed foundations all in Engine House:- walls within 8'6" (8 feet 6 inches) 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.) Fowler & 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 4 of the Central London Act of 1894 as the limit of time for the construction of the Railway.

*Application to Parliament in Session 1899 for extension of time &c.
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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 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 Davies 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 recorded.

Financial Statement.

Financial Statement to 4th October 1898.

Receipts on Shares &c.		£1,551,515,,16,,6
Expenditure.		1,457,716,,7,,3
	Available Balance.	93,799,,9,,3
<u>Less.</u>		
Mansion House Deposit	£ 55,000	
Amount on deposit at Bank	<u>28,000</u>	
		<u>83,000,,0,,0</u>
<u>Credit Balance per Pass Book.</u>		<u>£10,799,,9,,3</u>

The amount now owing to the Electric Traction Comp [Company] on Certificates certified by the Railway Companys Engineers is as follows:-

To 30. June 1898	£ 286,929
[To] 31. July [1898]	51,630
[To] 31. August [1898]	<u>43,101</u>
	<u>£ 381,660</u>

List of Accounts specially passed for payment.

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

Name	Particulars	Amount.		
Secretary & Clerks	July Salaries	70	8	4
W. A. Tilney	Cheque in lieu of last warrant.	7	5	
W. H. Pannell	Audit fee	12	13	9
W. B. Peat	[Audit fee]	12	13	9
Secretary & Clerks	August Salaries	70	8	4
R.O.Graham	American Expenses	250		
Petty Cash	V [-]	10		
Waterlow & Sons Ltd.	Stationery.	11	8	10
Fulham Union	Poor Rates.	5	17	3
Corporation of London	Rates	115	14	8
Financial Times	Advertising.	1	9	
Sir Henry Oakley	Direction	604	3	4
Lord Colville of Culross	[Direction]	60	8	4
Sir Francis Knollys	[Direction]	60	8	4
Hon: A.H.Mills	[Direction]	60	8	4
Lord Rathmore	[Direction]	60	8	4
Henry Tennant Esq.	[Direction]	60	8	4
Secretary & Clerks.	September Salaries	70	8	4
		£ 1,544	12	3

List of Accounts for payment.

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

Name.	Particulars	Amount		
Bircham & Coy:	"Boyne Lodge" Purchase	4,755	14	6
Great George St. Chambers Coy.	Rent.	119		
Ashurst Morris & Coy.	"548 Oxford St." Purchase	1,755		
Holborn Vestry	Poor Rates	34	13	11
[Holborn Vestry]	[Poor Rates]		7	3
Farringdon Ward Within	Police Rates.	20	13	4
		£6,692	2	

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
V [-]	Share Certificates	22. July
City & South London Rly V [-]	Agreement for construction of low-level subway.	[22. July]
Major H.D.Robson.	Assignment of Leasehold	26 July
[Major H.D.Robson]	premises	
[Major H.D.Robson]	Memorial of Deed	[26 July]
V [-]	Share Certificates	29. July
Central London Rly	Deed Poll in respect of 237. Oxford Street	3. August
[Central London Rly]	Memorial of Deed	[3. August]
Register of Shareholders	Half Year to June 30th	[3. August]
W.H.Cripps & ano. [another]	Warrant to Sheriff	4. August
V [-]	Share Certificates	8 August
Central London Rly	Deed Poll (sealed twice)	[8 August]
Ecclesiastical Commissioners	Deed of Enfranchisement.	11. August

[Ecclesiastical Commissioners]	Memorial of Deed	[11. August]
[Ecclesiastical Commissioners]	and plan	[11. August]
V [-]	Share Certificates	[11. August]
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	17. August
W.H.Cripps & ano. (trustees of.)	Warrant to Sheriff	[17. August]
V [-]	Share Certificates	5 September
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	8 [September]
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	19 [September]
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	21 [September]
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	26 [September]
V [-]	[Share Certificates]	29 [September]

H. Oakley [signed]
Chairman.