

D1180/1/7 Minutes Summary 1887-1895

15 March 1887 pp.1-2.

Letter read from Mr Waddy, Gloucester and Berkeley Canal, with reference to weight of Rowley Hall stone and blue bricks charged on canal. Mr Snape to reply. Mr Jones suggested repairs at Framilode Lock. Approved. Land at the Ocean planted with osiers. Mr Lane at Ebley Mill to place about 2000 tons of mud on his land opposite Mrs Eycott's on condition that his company put in the ditch at bottom of bank some 6inch pipes. Approved. Mr C H Hooper's letter to Mr Snape respecting increased supply of water to his mill at Bond's Mill by means of a 6inch pipe to fill or feed each morning one of the tanks he was putting in his mill. Grave objection to so large a pipe. Sewage flowing into canal from Mr Harper's property at Dudbridge, putting stone on Ebley canal bridge. Boundary stones to define Company's land near Ryeford, stones on Ryeford bridge to prevent water from road running into canal.

19 April 1887 p.3.

Chairman's letter to Lord Bathurst and his reply touching insertion of clause in New Railway Manual and Canal Act . Letter from Mr Sibley of Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, alteration in position of bathing stage in Canal near Bridgend. Matter left to Mr Davies. Removal and sale of loppings of withy trees illegally lopped by Messrs Webb & Spring near Ryeford. Oak timber, value £20, to be bought.

17 April 1887. General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.4-5

Tonnage £1087 13s 5d. Balance £111 8s 1d. Dividend £2 .5s. Committee: E C Little, G H A Beard, C H Hooper, H H Mills, E F Gyde, A J M Ball, E P Little, Sir W H Marling Bart., William Davies Junior, John Howard, Major Fisher.

17 May 1887 pp.6-7.

Francis George Playne of Theescombe, solicitor, attended on behalf of Mary Jane Harris spinster, share no.21, will of Sophia Mary Harris, no.5 Southbourne Terrace, Weston super Mare. Letting of house and premises at Downfield to James Green from 25 March.

28 June 1887 p.8.

Repair of garden wall at Downfield and fence at Bristol Road Wharf. Withy beds at Stonehouse and Junction looked at and new tanks erected by Mr Hooper at Bond's Mill. Tenant of coal pen at Bristol Road Wharf applied for stable accommodation. Stable there disused. Clerk to prepare plan of some stabling. Damage done by barge 'Endeavour' to top lock at Eastington on 13th inst. Bill for repairs to owner Mr James Webb of Chalford. Tarring of barge 'Ceres' contrary to Company's regulations by George Powell on canal at Ryeford. Letter to Powell.

19 July 1887 pp.9-10.

Mr James Smart of Chalford declined to pay tonnage in full, claiming some drawback. Clerk to apply for full amount. Mr H Jefferies of Ebley to pay 5s per annum for use of towing path from Ebley Mill swing bridge to first gate towards Dudbridge. Mr James Webb of Chalford to pay for repairing damage done by barge 'Endeavour' to a paddle start at Eastington top lock. Apology from George Powell for tarring barge 'Ceres' on canal at Ryeford. Erection of stable at Bristol Road Wharf ordered. Coal taken by Mr James Webb of Chalford from Great Western Railway station at Stroud to Thames and Severn Canal wharf, loaded in a boat and conveyed by canal to his brick yard near the Hope Mill at Brimscombe. Mr Hamilton Miles requested to look at agreement between two companies as to coal traffic between Stroud and Brimscombe.

23 August 1887 p.11.

Mr Smart paid tonnage in full. Mr Jefferies paid 5s Rent. S Harris of Bristol Road Wharf would not pay any part for proposed new stable. Stable not to be built. Mr James Webb had not infringed agreement between Company and Thames and Severn Canal Co. on division of tonnage. Mr J K Long, Mr Bengough's agent, applied for some tithe rent charge, canal property in parish of Wheatenhurst. Some piling of towing path at Ryeford ordered. Stroud Gas Co.'s liability considered.

20 September 1887 pp.12-13.

Tithe rent of 3s 5d claimed by Mr Bengough for Bristol Road Wharf to be paid. Claim of Mr Arkell, farmer of Downfield, respecting payment of 2s 6d for taking water from canal approved. If Mr Howard's claim for a reduction of tonnage on coal was approved it would be an infringement of agreement between Canal Co. and Thames and Severn Canal Co. Clerk to write to Mr Vizard, clerk of Wheatenhurst Highway Board, asking him to do certain repairs to roadway over canal bridge at Ryeford for preventing washing of drift in to canal. James Smart's application in person for drawback of £1 11s in tonnage charge on some stone from Rowley on timber taken to Chippenham refused.

18 October 1887 p.14.

Mr Arkell, farmer of Downfield attended with respect to his taking water from canal and gave his explanation for same. Mr Harper, builder, of Dudbridge should have applied to Committee for sanction before before taking water from canal near Bond's Mill for building purposes. No charge so long as he continued to take his bricks from Dudbridge to Bond's Mill by canal. Mr James Smart's claim for draw back on iron pipes brought up canal to be reconsidered when contract with water works company completed.

18 October 1887 p.15. General Half Yearly Meeting.

Tonnage £1071 15s 4d. Balance £1089 9s 6d. Dividend £2 5s.

15 November 1887 p.16.

Portion of wing wall at bridge at Stonehouse Wharf fallen. 20feet of garden belonging to Mrs Kimmins opposite Webb & Springs Mill at Ryeford slipping into canal.

20 December 1887 pp.17-18.

Mr Hooper thought rebuilding of wing wall at Stonehouse Wharf should be deferred, considering time of year but materials should be procured. Application by Stroud Water Co. for permission to lay pipes on or across canal bridges at Ryeford and Dudbridge. Annual rent to company 10s. Draft agreement approved, all costs paid by Water Company. Mr Pitt of Cainscross to pay 2s 6d for taking water from canal. Agreement with Mr Hooper as to supply of water to him at Bond's Mill. Debt of £1 13s 4d due from Messrs Egelstaff & Sons. Clerk had written to Messrs Tribe, Clarke & Co. of Bristol as to sale of stone on wharf at Wallbridge for liquidation of debt. Clerk to effect sale. Charge of £5 for wharfage.

17 January 1888 p.19.

Drain on property of Mr Kimmins from a privy emptying into canal. Sir W H Marling proposed to meet him. Chairman to see Messrs Webb & Spring regarding pipe across their land taking sewage from villas at Haywardsfield into canal. Cottage at Framilode let to Tom Taylor. Permission for Mr Hooper to use a small boat on canal for taking wool from tip of Midland Railway Co. to Bond's Mill. Clerk had sold to Stroud Local Board the stone or stone edging lying on wharf at Wallbridge of Egelstaff & Sons at 1s per yard.

21 February 1888 p.20.

Post Office authorities to place wall letter box in wharf at Wallbridge. Clerk to buy elm timber at £10. Copy of new Railway and Canal Traffic Bill. Proposed draft agreement with Stroud Water Co. discussed. Mr Hamilton Mills to communicate with solicitors of Company and make agreement protecting interests of Company. Letter from Mr Waddy to Mr Hamilton Mills respecting Board of Trade report on Thames & Severn Canal.

20 March 1888 pp.21-22.

Sir W H Marling had seen Mr Kimmins re drain from WC vault at Ryeford. Slipping of bank into canal, necessity for it to be piled by Mr Kimmins. Subcommittee to inspect property of Thames & Severn Canal. Sir W H Marling, Bart Mr C H Hooper and Mr Hamilton Mills. Injunction in consequence of Stroud Water Co. having defiantly laid their pipes over Ryeford Bridge.

24 April 1888. General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.24-26

Tonnage £1137 5s 11d. Balance £1160 4s 11d Dividend 2 5s. Committee: C H Hooper, H H Miles, E F Gyde, A J M Ball, Sir W H Marling, Bart., E R Little, G H A Beard, Wm Davies Junior, John Howard, Major Fisher, W I Stanton. Charles Upton of Stroud, solicitor, attended on behalf of John Stephens of Moreton near Doncaster, inland revenue officer,

William Henry Baily of Stroud , printer and Hezekiah Birt of Stroud, retired draper, shares nos.15, 18, 19, 88, 123, 124, 130, 132, 161, 165, will of Samuel Clayfield, late of Stroud, solicitor. Stroud Water Co. agreed to annual payment of £1 for laying its pipes over bridge. Weak state of Ryeford Bridge or fear that heavy loads might have serious consequences. Notice to be put on bridge, compliant with Locomotion Act of 1861. Miss Lewis of Ryeford to be charged 2s 6d a year for taking water from canal to supply portable engine. Dead Not now used.

15 May 1888 pp.27-28.

Henry Hamilton Mills of Stroud, solicitor attended on behalf of Douglas William Parish Labalmondriere, 29 Eaton Square, county of Middlesex, Lieutenant Colonel in Her Majesty's Army, administrator of personal estate of Walter John Coney, late of Braywick Grove near Maidenhead, county of Berks, Esq. shares nos.168,169,170. Subcommittee's inspection of Thames & Severn Canal Cirencester to Brimscombe. Portion from Cirencester to Lechlade to be inspected also. Grant to Stroud Water Company. Erection by Mr Knight of building at Dudbridge with windows facing canal. Nominal charge to prevent right of way suggested. Consideration postponed. Mr Kimmins offered £5 for Company to undertake piling at Ryeford. Accepted. Oak planking to be bought.

19 June 1888 pp.29-30.

Mr Hooper reported on second inspection of Thames & Severn Canal Lechlade to Siddington on 30 March. Further reaches Lechlade towards Latton and Cricklade in better condition than expected. To Cerney and Liddington difficult of navigation. Accumulation of mud and weeds, lock gates and masonry in bad condition. Failure to retain water in pounds. Lack of water supply from summit level arising from leakage there. At Cricklade Great Western Railway Co. charge Mr F Hewer 3d per ton wharfage on all coal brought by canal, coal brought by rail wharfage free. Certain amount of canal coal traffic practicable, policy of Great Western Railway Co. to extinguish it. Necessity of practicable egress to and through Thames so that traders may make use of canal as a link to canal system. Thames Conservancy should remove obstacles. Mr Walter John Stanton, no considerable sum could be entertained as the value of Thames and Severn property. Uncertainty of outlay necessary for repairs and of traffic obtainable. Captain of boat reported by Mr Hooper as seen on Whitmonday manned by only two children and running into Bond's Mill Bridge, explained circumstances. Cautioned. Mr Knight agreed to pay 1s per annum for 6 windows overlooking Company's property. Piling at Ryeford completed at cost of £4 15s 1d to Mr Kimmins. Sidney Smith, cottager at Ryeford, claim for fruit trees cut down in his garden during work. Look to landlord Mr Kimmins for compensation. Counter claim for injury to a boundary stone waived. Repairs to wall at Stonehouse Wharf Bridge completed.

17 July 1888 p.31.

Discussion on way in which Great Western Railway Co. should be approached to enter negotiations for purchase of canal. Illness of Charles Saunders, Company's man at Framilode. Need to employ substitute.

21 August Water 1888 p.32.

Report on interview between Sir W H Marling, Mr Walter Stanton and Mr Hamilton Mills and Great Western Railway, 8 August. £2000 or £3000 suggested price for purchase of Thames and Severn Canal. GWR declined but requested another offermand promised to send detailed statement of property of Thames and Severn, income and expenditure. Cases of illness among servants should be reported to the Committee. Mr William Knee, enquiries as to tonnage charges on goods to and from Thames and Severn Canal.

18 September 1888 p.33.

Mr Mills to ask for further information regarding income and expenditure of Thames and Severn Canal and to limit any offer to £3000.

23 October 1888 p.34.

Mr Hamilton Mills made limited offer of £3000 to General Manager of Great Western Railway Company. Reply from Hy Lambert, General Manager. Offer inadequate. Prepared to consider more substantial proposal. Mr Mills to see Mr Lambert in London. Cottage at Framilode let to Chas Matthews. Stroud Brewery Co.Ltd. to pay 1s each per annum for 2

pipes carrying water from Victoria Inn near Dudbridge across towing path. Supply of water from Stroud Water Co. to wharfinger's house at Wallbridge, wharfinger's house, Mr Ward's, Thos Ely's house at Dudbridge.

23 October 1888. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.35

Tonnage £1042 10s. Balance £1064 7s 4d. Dividend £2 5s. Fire at house occupied by Mrs Williams at Bristol Road Wharf. Clerk applied to Norwich Fire Insurance Co. for damages. Peter Daniels, old servant of Company, through illness unable to do his work. Full wages till 16 November. 10s per week until next meeting.

20 November 1888 p.36.

Mr Hamilton Mills had seen Mr Lambert and Mr Nelson of Great Western Railway Company on subject of Thames and Severn Canal. Price far in excess of sum named. Request to Railway Authorities to fix price. Peter Daniels attended. 10s a week till next meeting, 18 December 1888 p.37.

15 January 1889 p.38.

Cainscross Cooperative Society applied for wharfage accommodation at Ryeford. Sir William Marling to consider permitting his coal pen or small garden there to be used. Mr Whiting of Eastington Wharf applied for erection of stable. Willing to pay adequate rent. Peter Daniel's allowance of 10s per week continued till next meeting.

19 February 1889 p.39.

Cainscross Cooperative Society arranged occupation of part of Sir William Marling's coal pen at Ryeford. Zaccheus Whiting of Eastington Wharf to pay £3 a year for stable. If outlay exceeded £60, additional 5p on excess'. Crane at Dudbridge broken. Sir William Marling claimed on Canal Company for damage to their boiler. Letters from Great Western Railway Co. regarding Thames and Severn Canal. Interview arranged. 10s per week to Peter Daniels continued.

19 March 1889 p.40.

Interview between Sir W H Marling and General Manager and solicitor of Great Western Railway Co., 21 February. Some of property in hands of Judgment creditors. Not included in purchased of Thames and Severn Canal Co. Negotiation collapsed. Agreement with Stroud Water Co. for laying pipes over Stonehouse Cross Canal Bridge. Peter Daniel's allowance of 10s per week continued.

23 April 1889 pp.41-42.

Jane Charlotte Davies, Bridgend House, Stonehouse, county of Gloucester, widow, William Davies of Alkerton Grange, Eastington, County of Gloucester, Esq. and Edward Palling Little, Stroud, County of Gloucester, solicitor, shares nos. 52, 61, 181, will of William Davies, Bridgend House, Stonehouse, county of Gloucester. 7s per week, house and garden to Peter Daniels. Not to be considered as a pension. Permission given, at request of Revd. Alfred Ludgater for Company's house at Framilode in present in occupation of Richard Peckett to be used as a sub-post office. Messrs Butt Skurray & Co. asked for reduction in tonnage charges on wheat to Stratford Mills, Provided they undertake to convey by the canal a given quantity per annum application might be entertained. Chairman and Mr Hamilton Mills to look at culvert under canal at Ebley with view to requiring Highway and Sanitary Authorities to abate if not remove nuisance occasioned by road washing and sewage entering canal. Serious consideration of present position of Company, outlay in imminent repairs. Termination of connection of Mr Fallows with Company.

23 April 1889. General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.43-44

Tonnage £1096 1d. Balance £1097 12s 3d. Dividend £2 5s. Committee: E C Little, G H A Beard, C H Hooper, H H Mills, John Howard, E F Gyde, William Davies, H J M Ball, Sir William Marling Bart., E P Little, Major Fisher, W I Stanton.

21 May 1889 pp.45-46.

Messrs Marling & Sons claim of £8 15s for damage to their boiler owing to breaking of chain of crane. Company liable. Committee submitted to claim and directed its payment. Company in future not responsible for lifting of weight over 5 tons. Messrs Butt &

Skurray's application for reduction on toll of wheat brought to Lodgemore not entertained. Chairman reported on his interview at Ebley with Mr Savage, road surveyor, and Mr Hill, sanitary inspector, as to their culvert under canal there. Mr Miles requested to offer reversion in fee of strip of leasehold land at Ryeford to Mr Scarborough with rent of 10s at £25.

18 June 1889 p.47.

Mr Scarborough accepted price of £25 for reversion of strip of land at Ryeford. Pair of bottom gates to be put into Dock Lock at Eastington. Notice on crane at Dudbridge of 5 ton limit as protection to Company.

16 July 1889 pp.48-49.

Claim of 5s per annum on Mr Sibley for use of water from canal to his new boat house at Stonehouse. Paid year's rent in advance. Plan of piece of ground adjoining Midland Railway main line at Stonehouse proposed to be purchased by Trustees of Stonehouse Court Estate. Sir W H Marling, on behalf of Trustees, requested tracing preparatory to their naming a price for it. Z Whiting to occupy new stable at Eastington Wharf at annual rent of £3. Cost of stable £56 2s 4d. Offering for sale on 26 July of Bell Inn, Stroud, and other property of Thames & Severn Canal Co. Subject of negotiation with Great Western Railway Co. Mr Hamilton Mills to write to Board of Trade to prevent sale.

20 August 1889 pp.50-51.

New doorway opening on canal made by Mr Scarborough of Ebley in wall in building of his premises at Ryeford. Annual charge of 2s 6d. James Smart of Chalford complained of charge of 1d per ton instead of 9d in respect of 40 tons of pig iron taken by him to Dudbridge. Also strict tonnage on some birch planking. John Smith of Eastington to have use of house and garden lately occupied by Mr Fallows free of rent and taxes. To act as working foreman and take charge of Company's property there and be general servant of Company. No recompense for overtime. Sir W H Marling, on behalf of Trustees of Stonehouse Court Estate, offered piece of ground adjoining main line of Midland Railway containing 3roods and 26perches for £140 subject to Canal Co fencing it off. Contract with solicitors Messrs Winterbottom & Sons. Price to be left to M Knowles of Gloucester to decide.

17 September 1889 pp.52-53.

Zaccheus Whiting of Eastington paid £3 a year for new stable and 4s 2d a month for piece of land near canal yard. New bottom gates at the Dock Lock at Eastington. Mr Scarborough to pay 2s 6d a year for doorway in his wall at Ryeford. £5 down on arrangement in case he walled up doorway declined by Committee. Reference to water taken from canal by James Malpass at Newtown, Eastington. Clerk to make list of all persons habitually taking water from canal with view to adopting definite principle in charge to be made. Sir W H Marling to meet Mr Knowles at locus in quo to settle price of land at Stonehouse.

22 October 1889 p.54.

Sidney Ferrabee of County of Gloucester Bank Ltd. attended on behalf of William Darke Stanton of Toddington, county of Gloucester, shares nos. 7, 62, 63, will of Joseph John Stanton, formerly of Lovington near Castle Cary, county of Somerset, lately of Hatton.

22 October 1889 pp.55-56. General Half Yearly Meeting.

Tonnage £1125 7s 6d. Balance £1145 13s 11d. Dividend £2 5s. Chairman met Mr Knowles and inspected land at Stonehouse belonging to Trustees of Stonehouse Court Estate. Land including 16 willow trees £107. Canal Company erecting and maintaining a fence. Part of larger piece approached from public road over Canal Company land. Purchase to be effected without delay. List of persons habitually taking water from canal. 2 flannel coats and one pair of water boots for use of lock keepers and mudmen.

19 November 1889 p.57.

Conduct of wharfinger Clark in retaining portion of certain tonnage monies discussed. Caution given and approved.

17 December 1889 pp.58-59.

Licence of all persons taking canal water. Annual charge payable in advance. Any person taking water without a licence liable to be proceeded against. No pipe to be laid into canal without written permission of Company surveyor.

14 January 1890 p.60.

£107 from Reserve Fund for piece of land near Midland Railway bridge at Stonehouse.

18 February 1890 p.61.

Stroud Gas Co. taking water from canal. Boundary stones put on land recently purchased at Stonehouse. Mr James Stuart asked for reduction of 2d per ton on all grain taken to Chalford. Allowed for six months. Drawback of 13s 4d on 20 tons of birch timber taken to Chalford in July and August last. New pair of top gates to be put in at Dudbridge top lock. New swing bridge at Stonehouse.

18 March 1890 pp.62-63.

Edward Palling Little of Stroud, solicitor, attended on behalf of Revd John Wood of Wolverton vicarage, county of Buckingham, clerk in holy orders, shares nos. 69, 187, 192, will of Catherine Wood, late of Wolverton, widow, survivor in joint account with Henry Eycott Wood and Charles Jacomb. Osier setts planted by Mr Sibley by canal side at Stonehouse a manifest trespass. Letter to him. Meeting between Mr Snape and Mr Meredith, engineer of Midland Railway Company Co. at Ryeford. In construction of sluices which Mr Scarborough was going to put at mouth of culvert sufficient provision made for flood water that might overflow to injury of canal towing paths. Ditch at bottom of Midland railway embankment adjoining pasture ground recently purchased by Company at Stonehouse for deposit of mud cleaned out and an old trunk removed.

22 April 1890 p.64.

Letter to Mr Sibley as to osiers planted in canal at Stonehouse. Mr Sibley's reply. Drain from Cainscross Road terminated in Mr Baxter's fields. Silt distributed on pasture. Recently continued so as to empty direct into canal. Ordered to see Town Surveyor with view to placing catch pit and intercept silt. Mr Chandler, tenant of Stonehouse Court Farm, applied that Company should fence off piece of ground lately purchased. Mr Kimmins recently connected with canal a boathouse erected by him at Ebley. Charge five shillings per annum.

22 April 1880. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.65

Tonnage £947 16s 8d. Balance £973 12s 11d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: C H Hooper, E F Gyde, Sir W H Marling Bart., W I Stanton, John Howard, G H A Beard, H H Mills, Wm Davies, E P Little, A I M Ball, Major Fisher.

20 May 1890 pp.66-67.

Stroud Gas Co. claimed that by lapse of time, 30 years, they had acquired right to take the water from the canal. £3 per annum agreed for use of water. Osiers planted by Mr Sibley did not trespass on canal. Two catch pits provided by Local Board for reception of silt. No objection remaining to flow by drain into canal at Downfield. T Rowles of Framilode took water out of canal, refusing to take out a licence. Summons to be issued for trespass. Mr Kimmins to pay 5s per annum for opening to a boat house at Ebley. Death of Peter Daniels, old servant of Company for 45 years. Widow allowed to occupy cottage until September 29th unless required by Company. Messrs Chas Hooper & Co. of Eastington Mills. Probability of requiring more water at Bond's Mill, Stonehouse than quantity, 40,000 gallons, named in existing agreement. Possibility of double quantity should they increase tanks for its reception. Agreed on payment of additional £4 per annum, making £10 including original smaller figure.

17 June 1890 p.68.

T Rowles paid 1s for licence to take water. Mr Kimmins paid 2s 6d half year's charge for opening to boat house. New pair of top gates at Dudbridge top lock completed.

15 July 1890 pp.69-70. Report on canal inspection 30 June.

Only two members of Committee attended. Favourably impressed. Lodgemore culvert will need very serious attention. Gates in good order except for lower gates at the Dudbridge top and bottom locks and lower gates at the Double Locks at Ryeford. Towing

path required piling in several places. At wharf at Dudbridge considerable slice comprising admirable frontage to main road might be sold off. Land recently acquired at Stonehouse should be fenced off with posts and wire pailing (sic) and quickset hedge raised within, also withy should be planted on land. Overflow of sewage from Mr Harper's well at Dudbridge. Occupation of house at Double Locks, late Daniels, considered. Mr Z Whiting permitted to erect a cart shed against new stable at Eastington coal wharf.

9 August 1890 p.71

Letter from Board of Trade extending time for extension of revised classification of Merchandise Traffic to 1 February 1890. Subcommittee to consider and report on suggested sale of part of Dudbridge wharf. Mr E Carruthers Little elected as representative for Company on Board for regulating, maintaining and providing harbour in estuary of the Severn called port of Gloucester. 1s a year charge to Messrs Hooper & Co. of Bond's Mill for rain water pipe from premises into canal. Mrs E Daniels, widow of Peter Daniels, allowed to let cottage near Double Locks at £6 10s a year. Allowance to her of 30s for drawing water at the Double Locks.

16 September 1890 p.72

Chairman, Sir W H Marling and Mr Hamilton Mills viewed land at Dudbridge wharf proposed to be sold off and roadway enclosed by Mr Barnard leading to his house. Mr Mills to see Mr Barnard and make best terms for sale. Sale of part of wharf should be carried out. Clerk to write to County Surveyor respecting catch pits to be put in near Ship Inn at Stonehouse and at Ebley. Death of Mr Peyton 8 September, Clerk, jointly with Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co, considering serious falling off of traffic on canal. Payment to new Clerk should be reduced to 10s per week.

21 October 1890 p.73

Public auction of garden ground at Dudbridge wharf delayed till Spring. Mr Barnard failed to give definite answer. Letting of house and premises at Dudbridge wharf to be advertised. Mr Ward's tenancy about to terminate. Completion of swing bridge at Stonehouse leading to Mr Davies' mill.

21 October 1890, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.74

Tonnage £787 2s 5d. Balance £1014 5s 3d. Dividend £1 12s 6d.

18 November 1890 p.75

Application for house and premises at Dudbridge received from Mr S Martin of Woodchester. Use of steam rollers. Notices on canal bridges. Company not responsible for any weight beyond ordinary traffic.

16 December 1890 p.76

House and premises at Dudbridge occupied by Mr E T Ward let to Mr Samuel Martin of Woodchester. Mr Barnard willing to pay £350 for garden ground and land at Dudbridge. Accepted. Bottom gates at Bristol Road lock require serious attention. Diver's report extremely unsatisfactory. Repairs to walls of lock should be attended to at same time.

26 January p.77

Mr Barnard to add part of Dudbridge Wharf adjoining ground he bought for £50. Captain of 'Seabreeze' declined to pay £1 for damage at the Blunder Lock 29 September. Clerk to proceed against him in County Court.

17 February 1891 p.78

Land at Dudbridge sold to Mr Barnard for £50. Boundary agreed, Captain of 'Seabreeze' paid £1 damage. Allowed 'Seabreeze' to be worked down to Dudbridge from Wallbridge with one man and a boy only. Captain to attend next Committee Meeting.

17 March 1891 p.79

Repairs to Framilode pier completed. Captain of 'Seabreeze' apologised for conduct. Admonished. Oak for new bottom gates at Bristol Road lock to be bought of Mr Morgan of Cambridge near Stonehouse. 3s 3d per cubic foot. Claim by Rev William Eycott Martin of West Farleigh vicarage near Maidstone for unpaid dividend of £11 due on 1 November in

respect of shares nos. 114,115, then held by Richard Martin and William John Wood. Fresh warrant issued.

21 April 1891 p.80

Notice to quit Ship Inn on 29 September from Stroud Brewery Co. Desirability discussed of selling property rather than accept reduced terms offered by Company with required access to stables. Stroud Water Co. requested permission of depositing some refuse lime from works at Chalford on land at Stonehouse recently bought for deposit of dredgings from canal. Messrs Webb & Spring, having given notice to discontinue taking water from canal for engine boiler at Ebley, to pay rent to 29 September.

21 April 1891, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.81

Tonnage £770 7s 7d. Balance £801 16s 2d. Dividend £1 5s. Committee: E C Little, Chairman, H H Mills, Solicitor, C H Hooper, E F Gyde, Wm Davies, Sir W H Marling, Bart., E P Little, W I Stanton, A J M Ball, Major Fisher, John Howard.

19 May 1891 pp.82-83

Ship Inn to be let. Mr Walter Stanton named 1s 6d per ton charge for Stroud Water Co. to deposit refuse on mud bank in Stonehouse. List of unclaimed dividends. Manager of County of Gloucester Bank, Mr Palmer, requested cheque to be drawn for Half Year's Dividend, Permission to Messrs Hooper & Co. to put 3inch water pipe under canal at Bond's Mill. Death of Mr Henry Beard.

16 June 1891 pp.84-87, Inspection of canal.

When necessary to repair culvert at Lodgemoor, weir should be substituted. Inside row of quick at mud bank at Stonehouse should be removed and put one foot nearer fence. At Eastington, back of house occupied by Z Whiting appeared to be giving way. Necessary repair. Bristol Road lock, state of walls inside. Need to , London, will of them with brick. New bottom gates ordered at 16 December meeting. Alteration in hollow quoin fit of gates, oak in place of stone. Ship Inn. Mr Neames on behalf of Messrs Holmes & Co. complained that offer to rent was superseded by another offer. £5 claim for expenses allowed. Framilode. Sea wall repaired. Ship Inn let to Messrs Holmes & Co. at £35 per year. Messrs Hooper & Co. to pay 10s a year rent for 3inch pipe over or by side of Roving Bridge instead of under canal. £17 10 in unclaimed dividends. Stroud Water Co. asked permission to place 3inch pipe over or by Eastington Bridge. Permission granted 10s a year. Messrs Hooper took additional supply of water from canal. Rent £4 per annum. Maria Whitworth Jones, care of Martin's Bank Ltd , 68 Lombard Street, London, will of Henry Whitworth Jones, no 1 Brunswick Place, Regents Park, London, formerly of Adilade(sic) Road, North Street, St Johns Wood, Middlesex Esq, shares nos. 5,6,68,93,98,127, Maynard Sandys Brodhurst, Chesterfield, county of Derby, gentleman, shares nos.14,167,168, will of Joseph Watts Hallewell, Stratford House, Stroud.

21 July 1891 pp.88-89

Messrs Holmes & Co. declined to rent Ship Inn for term of years. Wm Chapman of Dursley offered for 14 or 21 years at £40 a year. Accepted. Police Sergeant Smith of Stonehouse complained of boys bathing in canal on Sunday 5th. Letters to boys forbidding repetition. Mrs E Daniels' rates on cottage to be paid by Company. Application by foreman of Mud Boat Labourers, James Powell, for advance of wages refused. Outstanding dividend of £6 claimed by Walter Symes Harris. Charles Henry Hooper of Eastington, county of Gloucester, cloth manufacturer, shares nos. 48,49, 58,65,111,117,138,139,157,177, will of George Henry Augustus Beard, Leonard Stanley House, parish of Leonard Stanley, county of Gloucester, Esq. Also shares nos.42,66,102 (G H A Beard and Henry Harris) and shares nos. 45,46,53,71,97 (G H A Beard and Frances Lockey, widow).

18 August 1891 p.90

Ship Inn. Mr Neames on behalf of Messrs Holmes & Co. complained that offer to rent superseded by another offer. £5 claim for expenses. Allowed. Dividend warrant for £6 to Mr Walter Lymes Harris.

15 September 1891 pp.91-92

Ship Inn leased to Mr Chapman. Messrs Holmes accepted £3 for claim. Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. requested shearing down of bank of River Frome between Junction

and Saul. Clerk to see Mr Gillman of Stroud Brewery Co. and arrange repairs of inside of Ship Inn. Repairs incurred in relining lock side at Bristol Road lock. £60 from Reserve Fund.

20 October 1891 p.93

Shearing of bank of River Frome to be done by Company men.

20 October 1891, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.94

Tonnage £919 18s 4d. Balance £943 7s 8d. Dividend £1 7s 6d.

17 November 1891 p.95

Neglect by County Surveyor, Mr Phillips, to put in promised silt pits at Stonehouse and Ebley to prevent road washings being discharged into canal. Making of drain by Mrs Spring in timber yard at Ebley.

15 December 1891 pp.96-97

Alice Mary Hall, 91 The Grove, Stratford, county of Essex, spinster, share no.197, will of Richard John Edwards, no. 91 The Grove, Stratford. Clerk to write to Mr Colchester Weymss, Chairman of Highway Committee of County Council, respecting catch pits. Subcommittee to consider revised classification of merchandise traffic and revised schedule of maximum rates, tolls, charges and dues under Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888. Toll on bricks, sand and ashes increased to 6d per ton.

19 January 1892 pp.98-99

Mr Daniels of Stonehouse claimed compensation on loss of horse alleged to have died after slipping into canal when dragging ice boat. No liability but £3 30 as gift in sympathy. Solicitor to prepare agreement for permission to Messrs Hooper & Co. to put 3inch pipe by side of Roving Bridge to convey water to Bond's Mill at 10s a year from 20 December. E. Harris, coal merchant at Bristol Road Wharf to take Company's house, occupied by Mrs R Williams, also portion of wharf. Rent £12.12s per annum from 25 December. Oliver Sittington, old servant of Company 73 ill. Full wages for fortnight and 5s a week till next meeting. Report of Sub Committee on Classification of Traffic & Schedule of Tolls approved. Work on catch pits to be done. Canal to be measured from Ordnance sheets by Mr Moore of Gloucester. Seal of Company to Classification of Merchandise and Schedule of Tolls for submission to Board of Trade.

16 February 1892 pp.100-101

£50 for deposit of classification and Schedule of Tolls. Mr George Pegler of Nastend Farm, Eastington, tenant at £10 a year of Wharf House at Dudbridge from 25 March. Premises at Dudbridge to be let. Office, stable and part of canal wharf. Oliver Sittington recovered from illness. Full wages to recommence from 12 February. Length of canal measured by Mr Moore from Ordnance map. 7 miles 7 furlongs 4 chains 15 links Notice to John Smith, carpenter, Eastington, to terminate services on 25 March and to give up house.

15 March 1892 p.102

Mr Albert Jefferies of Ebley, tenant Canal House at Eastington, from 25 March. £12 a year.

26 April 1892 p.103

Payment to Mr Sturge for auditing half-yearly accounts to be £3 3s instead of £5 5s. Tithe rent charge of 4s 4d claimed by Vicar of Stonehouse for land recently bought by Trustees of Stonehouse Court Estate and lock keeper's garden at Dudbridge.

26 April 1892, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.104

Tonnage £932 6s 10d. Balance £943 19s 6d. Dividend £1 5s. Committee: E C Little, Chairman, H H Mills, Solicitor, C H Hooper, John Howard, E F Gyde, W Davies, W H Marling, Bart., E P Little, W I Stanton, Mr Ball, Major Fisher.

17 May 1892 p.105

Mr Field charged 9s for cost of man's time in drawing water to enable his barge, sunk in canal at Stonehouse, to be raised.

21 June 1892, Canal inspection. pp.106-107

Chairman, Sir W H Marling, Bart. Mr C H Hooper. Wallbridge: exterior of Ship Inn wanted colouring and windows painted. Lower Double Lock. Bottom gates needed substantial repair. Eastington satisfactory. Bristol Road Lock. Repairs approved. Alteration in staircase in house occupied by Mr E Harris at Bristol Road Wharf. Property on entire route carefully attended to. Mr Field paid 9s. Mr Sturge, auditor, had died. Water of Stroud Water Company to be laid in house at Eastington coal wharf and at lock keeper's house. Dr Heard of Stonehouse asked permission for boys to bathe in canal near the railway bridge of the Stonehouse & Nailsworth Railway. Same conditions as granted to Mr Sibley. Mr Hamilton Mills to advise and also on water supply to Ship Inn, Wallbridge, and on putting on a cistern with ball tap as required by Stroud Local Board of Health. £12 estimate for colouring and painting exterior. £4 for same at Dudbridge Wharf House. Accepted. Boatbuilder to repair mud boat, house and ice boat. £2 3s deducted from damage to towing path door at Wallbridge by barge, A Meadows, Captain.

19 July 1892 p.108

Permission to Dr Heard of Stonehouse for bathing in canal. Annual charge £1. Town water to be laid on to Ship Inn at Wallbridge and cistern supplied.

16 August 1892 p.109

Re-opening of Stratford Mills and best means of securing canal traffic to it. Clerk to interview owners, Mr Waddy Of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal and carrier Mr James Smart.

20 September 1892 p.110

Discussion again on re-opening of Stratford Mills, traffic and rates on grain. To encourage canal traffic, tonnage on grain to and from these mills reduced from 1s to 8d per ton and 6d on flour taken from mills down canal. Use of canal for drainage purposes by owners and occupiers of property at Ebley again discussed. Clerk to meet Sir W H Marling. Traffic on Thames and Severn Canal stopped owing to shortness of water above Daneway. No pumping from well at Thameshead. Prejudicial to interests of Stroudwater Canal. Clerk at Kemble to ascertain cause of traffic being stopped.

25 October 1892 p.111

Chairman to see Mr Warman, clerk to Board of Guardians and to Sanitary Authorities, on ascertaining result of appeal made some years ago on drainage at Ebley. Clerk to write to Board of Trade on systematic neglect of representatives of canal to keep waterway open and available for traffic. Joseph Nicholson tenant of cottage at Framilode.

25 October 1892. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.112.

Tonnage £901 12s. Balance £908 5s 10d. Dividend £1 10s.

15 November 1892 p.113

Mr Barnard applied to Clerk. Fence at Dudbridge Wharf enclosing piece of land he bought from Company should be fenced off. Present new pailing(sic) might be shifted and fresh pailing put where needed. New occupier of Ebley Saw Mill to be charged £1 per annum for use of canal water in his engine boiler. Mr R Salmon of Cirencester suitable tenant for Canal House at Eastington. Discharge of sewage from Mr Harper's premises at Dudbridge.

20 December 1892 p.114

Emptying of sewage into canal from Mr Harper's premises at Dudbridge. Non-payment of £2 3s by Captain Meadows for damage at Wallbridge. Notice to be given of any inquests on persons drowned in canal for Clerk to attend.

17 January 1893 p.115

William Walker Renard of Rawden near Leeds, county of York, farmer and Samuel Renard, 55 Addison Road, Kensington, London, gentleman, share no.4, will of Martha Anne Renard, Guisely, county of York, spinster.

21 February 1893 p.116

Captain Meadows' offer of £1 10s for damage to Wallbridge towing path accepted. Mr Snape to write to clerk of Stroud Local Board for water connection to be made to Ship

Inn, Wallbridge. Fear regarding the canal schedules and rates the Board of Trade might adopt.

21 March 1893 p.117

Mr Hamilton Mills had seen Mr Curry. Board of Trade would grant interview with Committee on consideration of Schedule of Tolls. Stroud Gas Co. permitted to lay pipe across towing path at their works to drain road. Sir W H Marling offered to let to Canal, £15 rent, railway siding which crossed field of his, formerly used by Ebley Oil Mills. Accepted.

25 April 1803 pp.118-119

Stroud Local Board of Health refused to extend water main to Ship Inn. 2s 6d charge to Stroud Gas Co. for drain from their works across towing path, by swing bridge, into canal. John Potter tenant of house at Downfield.

25 April 1893, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.120

Tonnage £900 14s 3d. Balance £923 12s 5d. Dividend £1 12s 6d. Committee: E C Little, Chairman, H H Mills, solicitor, C H Hooper, John Howard, Wm Davies, Sir W H Marling Bart., E P Little, W J Stanton.

15 May 1893 pp.121-122.

Death of Mr James Webb, tenant of stable at Wallbridge occupied by Mr Charles Lambert. Francis Holmes, woollen cloth salesman, Frederick Winterbotham, solicitor, James Watkin Lewis, all of Stroud, share no.173, will of James Watkins Lewis, The Woodlands, Stroud.

20 June 1893 pp.123-125

Stable at Wallbridge let to Mr Charles Lambert at £3 per annum. Annual inspection. Piling of canal bank at Lodgemore Mill and near Oil Mill, Ebley, replanking and other repairs at Spring Bridge near Gas Works, drain across towing path, bottom gates at the Double Locks. Alterations to fire place and kitchen floor in canal house at Eastington approved. Improvements in house at Bristol Road occupied by E Harris approved. Papering and painting of sitting room approved. Cost 30s. Framilode. Banks of canal not trimmed. Messrs Buckler & Co. intended to give up tenancy of upper floor of Wallbridge warehouse on 26 July. Application from Messrs Strachan & Co., Lodgemore Mills for supply of 10,000 gallons of water per diem in summer months from canal to their reservoir.

15 August 1893 pp.126-127.

Mr Richard Townsend to take upper floor of Wallbridge warehouse and $\frac{3}{4}$ of lower floor, at present occupied by Messrs Buckler & Co. Rent £18 4s. Supply of water to Messrs Strachan & Co. at £15 per annum. Weighbridge at Stroud condemned by Inspector of Weights and Measures. Inspection by Mr Stanton. Messrs Bartlett & Son of Bristol or Messrs Avery & Co. of Birmingham to supply new one. Mr James Stewart of Chalford applied for reduction of tonnage on grain from Avonmouth, Portishead and Bristol Docks to Stratford flour mill. Allowance of 1d per ton. Stroud Brewery Co. built on a garden wall of Canal Company at or near Wallbridge office. Nominal rent of 1s per annum.

19 September 1893 p.128

New weighing machine at Dudbridge supplied by Messrs Bartlett & Son of Bristol. Local Government Board could not interfere further in supply of water to Ship Inn. Meeting on 5 October to consider revised classification of Merchandise traffic and revised schedule of maximum rates, tolls, charges and dues under Railway and Canal Traffic Act.

24 October 1893 p.129

Sub Committee decided on maximum rates and tolls to be inserted in schedule to be submitted to Commission on canal rates. Mr H H Mills to employ Counsel. New weighbridge at Dudbridge Wharf working. Cost for erecting it £7. Practically covered by sale of old machine and surplus materials. Messrs Strachan declined offer of terms by Company for use of water from canal. Offer of 3 months trial period at £15 per annum, adding 8s for wages expended on taking levels on behalf of Messrs Strachan. Mr W J Snape completed 21 years service as Clerk and Surveyor to Company. Gratuity of 10 guineas.

24 October 1893, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.130
Tonnage £882 11s 6d. Balance £908 4s. Dividend £1 10s.

20 December 1893 p.131

Inefficiency of members to form one. Mr Hamilton Mills with Counsel Mr Coward attended before Commissioner, Mr Pelham. Rates and tolls ultimately settled by legislation for traffic on canal, on the whole favourable to interest of Company. New weighing machine at Dudbridge Wharf. £34 11s 3d. Discount 8s 9d. Mr Arthur Dunsford, manager of Gloucester Bank in Stroud appointed Treasurer in place of Mr E H Palmer, deceased.

16 January 1894 pp.132-133

Mr Hooper and Mr Snape in deputation to President of Board of Trade, respecting action of Thames & Severn Canal Co. in closing canal from Chalford to Inglesham with aim of asking aid of Board of Trade. Effectively introduced by Sir Michael Hicks Beach, former President of Board of Trade. Reports in public papers. Those in Gloucester Journal and Daily Telegraph especially worthy of notice for details. Reports in public papers. Report in Minute Book. Difficulty in showing Great Western Railway Co. as owners of Thames & Severn Canal Co. 2,140 shares out of 2,450 belonged to Trustees of Great Western Canal Company.

16 January, 20 February 1894 p.134

Mr Waddy, on behalf of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Company, requested attendance of representative of Company at meeting in Gloucester, 23 January. Resolution passed by shareholders in Thames & Severn Canal Company at Reading.

20 March 1894, pp.135-136

At meeting in Gloucester resolution passed that Hon. Secretary, Mr Hubert Waddy should ask Board of Trade course intended to be taken with Thames & Severn Canal. Associated Navigations to concert means for restoration and maintenance of Canal, if handed over promptly free of cost. Mr Pelham's draft of Schedule of Tolls to be submitted to Board of Trade. Request for observations. Maximum rate of 1d per ton per mile. Interview with Mr Pelham. More favourable terms to be considered. Thames & Severn Canal submitted no schedule in accordance with provisions of Railway & Canal Traffic Act 1888. Provisional Schedule. Letter from Mansion House Association on Railway & Canal Traffic. Clerk to purchase oak for new pair of bottom gates at Double Locks, half from Messrs King & Scarborough, half from Mr Mortimer of Ebley at 4s 3d per cubic foot.

24 April 1894 p.137

Mr Pelham increased proposed allowance to 1¼d per ton per mile. Mr Snape to attend meeting of allied Navigations at Gloucester 3 May. Mr Walter Chandler of Rodborough. Accident to his horse in passing over canal bridge near Gas Works. Alleged bad construction of bridge. Request for recompense for expense and loss. Clerk to inspect bridge. Stroud Gas Company chargeable for moiety of expense of bridge repairs.

24 April 1894, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.138

Tonnage £899 2s 8d. Balance £964 15s 1d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: E C Little, Chairman, H H Mills, Solicitor, C H Hooper, Walter Stanton, Wm Davies, Sir W H Marling, Bart., E P Little, A J M Ball, Major Fisher, A D Hooper, S S Marling.

22 May 1894 pp.139-140

Letter to Mr Mahon, Thames & Severn Canal Co. from Mr Waddy. Letter from Mr Pelham of Board of Trade with amended or higher scale of tolls for traffic on Thames & Severn Canal.

19 June 1894 pp.141-144.

Letter from Mr Mahon, Thames & Severn Canal Co. Proposed purchase of shares. Purchasers to maintain canal as waterway and to fix reasonable rates and charges as they see fit. Holders of debentures not to interfere with use of waterway. Consideration postponed until inspection of Thames & Severn Canal. Amendments proposed by Mining Association of Great Britain. Inspection of canal 5 June. In good order. Weeds and banks not cut. New lower gates at Double Locks under construction. Lock house at Eastington requires exterior painting of windows. Mrs Harris, Company's tenant at Bristol Road

Wharf, asked for slight repairs to roof, painting, papering and white washing. Gate of fence round coal yard too dilapidated to be fastened, pilfering. Garden fence of Mrs Bolton's house requires repair. Exposed to stray cattle from highway. 3 inches temporarily placed on upper edge of bottom gates and weir of lock at Bristol Road and weir of Coffin Weir, so less need to dredge in this reach. Growth of weeds, rushes etc, in Whitminster Reach. Responsibility of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Company. Also dredging. Camp sheeting on side of towing path defective. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. Displacement of stonework in face of river bank at Framilode. At Junction conversation with Mr Fredericks. Telephone great convenience to working of canal and traders for use of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Company. General condition satisfactory.

17 July 1894 pp.145-146

Mr Walter Chandler of Woodhouse Farm, Stroud, claim of £3 7s for loss in injury to his horse's foot on 23 April. Clerk to see Mr Waddy and write to Board of Trade objecting to amendments on increase of tolls. Closing of drains into canal. Deposits of sand and silt from road drains at Stonehouse. County Council responsible. County Surveyor instructed Mr Peter Savage, local surveyor, to remove deposits.

21 August 1894 pp.147-148

Amendments proposed by Thames & Severn Canal Co., except for Sapperton tunnel, rejected by Joint Committee. Mr Walter Chandler's claim, with considerable hesitation, agreed. Mr John Butt of Dudbridge, persistent tarring of boat on canal. Sittington unable to attend to his work. 5s a week only. Repairs done. Removal of sand and silt especially near Ebley saw mills. Large pipes lately laid down. Complaint to Hon Sec to Parish Authorities at Cainscross of nuisance.

18 September 1894 p.149

Improvement in Oliver Sittington's health. Letter to Mr Kimmins.

20 October 1894 p.150

Engineer's report on state of Thames & Severn Canal discussed. Mr Wm Chris Wyke tenant of canal house Eastington in place of Mr R Salmon. Bank Interest reduced to 2½ per cent on Reserve Fund.

23 October 1894, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.151

Tonnage £907 6s 10d. Balance £975 6s 1d. Dividend £1 5s.

20 November 1894 pp.152-154

Copy of Resolutions passed at Meeting of Allied Investigations, Dock Office, Gloucester 25 October 1894. Present: representing Sharpness Docks, Sir William Marling, Bart., Mr T Nelson Foster, Mr Henry Waddy, Mr Hubert Waddy, Mr G W Keeling, Mr F A Jones. Stroud Navigation Commission: Mr T Southall. Stroudwater Navigation: Mr H Hamilton Mills, Mr C H Hooper, Mr W J Snape. Wilts & Berks Canal: Mr W J Ainsworth. Reasonable grounds for definite arrangement for acquiring and maintaining Thames & Severn Canal. Details of terms of acquisition so that canal may be kept open. Subcommittee: Mr Southall, Mr Mills, Mr Ainsworth, Mr Hubert Waddy, to negotiate details of terms with Thames & Severn Canal Co. and communicate with Board of Trade. Communication with Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Co. and Thames Conservancy. Parliamentary Notices for application to Parliament. Company to bear one fifth of expense.

18 December 1894 p.155

Revised list of tolls submitted to meeting. Clerk to fill in postcards received from promoters of proposed railway from Stroud to Painswick, as "dissenting from it".

15 January 1895 p.156

Opening of drain at swing bridge at Ryeford. Death of Eastington lock keeper, Oliver Sittington 20 December. Widow to continue in house until further arrangements made. Mrs Harris, tenant of house at Bristol Road, having married William Tudor, he is accepted as tenant.

15 January 1895 pp.157, Special General Meeting.

Bill proposed to be introduced to Parliament submitted and unanimously approved. Bill for vesting in a Public Trust to be incorporated for that purpose in the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation and for other purposes. Proposed by Sir Wm Marling, seconded by E P Little.

19 February 1895 pp.158-159

Licence to Mr Richard Chapman to assign lease of Ship Inn Wallbridge to Messrs John King and Frederick Worsey. Drain at Ryeford closed by order of Canal Co. Mr Sibley alleged stopping of drain prejudicial to health of occupants of one of the houses. Permission for opening of drain. Undertaking by Mr Sibley that it should not prejudice rights of either party. Drain opened by Mr Sibley and Mr Kimmins. Sewage passing into canal without permission. Messrs Gainer & Co. complained of charge of 7½d per ton canal dues for coal landed at Stonehouse Wharf.

19 March 1895 p.160

National Telephone Co, placing of telephone poles of canal towing path from Bond's Mill, Eastington to wharf at Wallbridge. Drainage from Mr Kimmin's school into canal. Attention of Mr Sibley as chairman of the Stonehouse Parochial Committee. Mr Tucker, tenant of house at Bristol Road Wharf. Chairman to attend deputation of Public Bodies to Board of Trade.

23 April 1895 pp.161,163

Position of prohibitory clause in Bill inserted for Great Western Railway authorities. E C Little, Chairman, Mr Charles Henry Hooper, Mr Walter John Stanton to represent Company. Messrs Garners complaint of charge between carrier, Mr Field, and Canal Company. Toll on coal discharged at Stonehouse Wharf fixed at 7½d per ton from Framilode and 7d from Junction. Charles William Rushworth Ward, Weston Street, Bermondsey, county of Surrey, leather factor, Charles Holbrow, in will Charles Edward Stanton of Pakenhill (Paganhill?), Stroud, barrister at law, Charles Henry Hooper of Eastington, cloth manufacturer, Edward Weedon Winterbotham of Stroud, bank manager, Frederick Henry Croome of Stroud, solicitor, will of Edwin Gyde, Ebley House, county of Gloucester, gentleman, share no.189.

23 April 1895. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.162

Tonnage £806 19s 4d. Balance £814 1s 7d. Dividend £1 5s. Committee: E C Little, H Hamilton Mills, C H Hooper, Wm Davies, Sir W H Marling Bart., E P little, W J Stanton, Major Fisher, A J M Ball, S S Marling, A B Hooper.

21 May 1895p.164

Telegram from Mr Southall, solicitor to proposed Thames & Severn Canal Bill. Petition against Bill withdrawn. Bill unopposed. Clauses 45, 46 of Bill read and approved. In event of failure of Bill, Company agreed to pay one fifth of costs and expenses of Promoters. Mr James Sealey applied to purchase small piece of land adjoining property of Midland Railway Co. on Bath Road. Mr Louis Perry asked to use Wallbridge canal basin for bathing.

18 June 1895 pp.165-166

Public bodies and Allied Navigation not to contribute to maintenance of Navigation until satisfied with navigation of upper part of canal. No sale of land to Mr Sealey. Permission to Mr Louis E Perry, on behalf of Stroud Swimming & Polo Club to use canal for bathing above the Dudbridge top lock, provided Mr Baxter allowed shed erected on his land opposite. National Telephone Co. allowed to erect poles on towing path.

16 July 1895 pp.167-168

Swing bridge at Lodgemore required splicing of 3 beams and part replanking. New bottom gates at the Double Locks, new retaining wall at the Pike Lock, Eastington, canal yard shops and stores at Eastington, weir near Westfield Lock. Newly erected fence of coal pen at Bristol Road Wharf. Satisfactory state of canal and property. Royal Assent given to Thames & Severn Canal Trust Act 1895. First meeting at offices of Company at Brimscombe.

20 August 1895 pp.169-170

Committee of Management set up. Mr Charles Henry Hooper, Stroudwater Navigation, Sir W H Marling Bart., Mr Hubert Waddy, Sharpness New Docks, Mr Waddy also Gloucester & Birmingham Navigation Co., Mr Thomas Southall, Severn Commissioners. Mr William John Ainsworth, Wilts & Berks Canal Co., Mr Hugh William Russell, County Council of Berkshire, Mr Wilfred Joseph Cripps, County Council of Glos., Mr Henry Mousell, Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of City of Gloucester. Mr Snape, Clerk to Stroudwater Canal to undertake certain duties relating to Canal Trust Act. Salary £50 a year.

17 September 1895 p.171

Mr Blunsden of Bridge Inn, Ebley, had not paid 2s 6d water charge. Messrs Baines & Chadborn, canal carriers of Gloucester asked for allowance of 2s 8d on charge of 18s 8d toll on stone delivered at Stonehouse Wharf for Wheatenhurst Highway Board. Use of portion of wharf at £1 a year. Mr Thrower of Parkland, Whitminster charged 5s for taking water from spring or trough at Whitminster. Complaint by Parish Council of Moreton Valence. Defective state of valve at north end of Company's culvert under canal at Saul Bridge.

22 October 1895 p.172

Mr Savage, surveyor of Wheatenhurst Highway Board, declined to rent part of wharf at Stonehouse. Mr Thrower paid 5s for taking water from spring at Whitminster wharf. No allowance on toll for carriage of sand from Severn at Framilode for Mr Field of Saul. Mr Wykers to leave canal house, Eastington.

22 October 1895. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.173

Tonnage £823 15s 8d. Balance £939 5s. Dividend £2.

19 November 1895 p.174

No application from advertising canal house at Eastington. George Gardiner of Chalford to be lock keeper and yard man at Eastington. 16s per week and house lately occupied by Mrs Sittington from 18 November. Mr Hooper reported conversation with Mr James Smart. Messrs Kemble & Dash of Stratford Flour Mills had written to him. Could not continue to take grain by canal. Punts badly out of repair. Railway afforded certain facilities. Mr Smart proposed to contribute towards punts to avoid losing trade. Desired to know whether Company would assist. £100 tolls received in past year. Cooperation to extent of £10 to Messrs Kemble & Dash. Traffic to be maintained.

17 December 1895 pp.175-176

Canal house at Eastington let to Mr George Taylor of Tuffleigh, Gloucester. £12 per annum. £14 for water supply. House connected with the Chalford Mains. Mr Hooper met James Smart with Mr Snape. Committee, in order to retain wheat traffic on canal, to assist in repairing lighter belonging to Messrs Kemble & Dash. £10 to be paid to them, entire or part deferred toll expenditure secured its object. Mr Smart complained that canal traffic was restricted by system of charging on coal and grain actual tonnage. Before present Act, rates adjusted to distance e.g. coal 32 or 33 tons as 32 tons, wheat at 10 sacks to ton but 100 sacks of wheat weigh 11 tons.

21 January 1896 p.177

Mr George Taylor declined house at Eastington. Not permitted to use buildings used by Company. Offered to Miss Williams of Stroud. Allowance of £10 to Messrs Kemble & Dash approved.

18 February 1896 p.178-179

Sir William Marling - meeting of Trust Committee to consider financial arrangements necessary to provide £7000 for payments of Debentures and other calls on Canal Trust and to receive reports of engineers on progress of canal repairs. Edmund Broderip of Cossington Manor, county of Somerset, shares nos. 3,31,32,33,34,35,67,74,148,196, will of Edmund Greenhill Broderip of Cossington Manor.

17 March 1896 p.180

George Taylor, tenant of canal house at Eastington. Mr George Pegler, tenant of wharf house, Dudbridge, to leave premises. Proposed Mr Axford of Dudbridge as tenant.

Accepted. Purchase of oak and other timber for new pair of bottom gates at Westfield Lock, Eastington. 100 feet larch poles for piling.

23 April 1896 p.181

Full rent, not partial rent of £4, required from Stroud Gas Co. for use of towing path in laying its pipes. £5 more allowance towards repairs of punts to Mr Smart of Stratford Mills. Messrs Wood & Rowe asked for modification on tonnage rates on coal from Staffordshire. No alteration. Mr Axford tenant of house at canal wharf, Dudbridge.

23 April 1896, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.182

Tonnage £987 4s 2d. Balance £1090 9s 4d. Dividend £2 5s. Committee: E C Little, Chairman, H H Mills, Solicitor, C H Hooper, W Davies, Sir W H Marling Bart., E P Little, Major C H Fisher, A B Hooper, A J M Ball, S S Marling, W J Stanton.

19 May 1896 pp.183-184

Need for new mud boat. Cost of iron and steel knees, requisite timbers. Clerk to see Mr Rowe on question of tolls. Mr Harper of Dudbridge refused to pay usual annual charge. 2s 6d for water used from canal. Clerk to make another application before putting matter in hands of Company's solicitor. Chairman Mr E C Little wished to be released from Chairmanship. Removal from neighbourhood. Wish of Committee for early return to Stroud to resume his post.

16 June 1896 pp.185-186

Mr Harper paid 2s 6d charge for taking water from canal. Stroud Urban District Council renewed requirement that Company should connect Ship Inn with mains. Messrs Clark of Brimscombe offered use of a steam launch, cost only of man in charge and coal. Accepted. Telephone Co. to pay 5s not 1s per year as proposed. Mr Payne of Stroud Gas Co. asked to attend next meeting. Charge for Company's pipes under towing path.

21 July 1896 pp.187-189

Stones and yard at Eastington in good order. New pair of gates for Westfield Lock. Trifling repair to gable end of dock. Mr Whiting, tenant of coal yard, warned of pressure of wood and coal against railings next the road. At Bristol Road Wharf the tenant, Tudor, drew attention to decayed stabling. Company not responsible. Wash house needs some little repair. Sharpness Co. responsible for repair at the Shallow Lock. At Junction conversation with Mr Fredericks. Telephone connection in interests of traders. Two stop gates to protect Stroudwater supply of water in case of emergency fall into disuse. At Framilode, Benefit Club to relinquish tenancy of Company's room. Top gate at Framilode needs early renewal, a few bridges need repair of planking, especially at Whitminster, Saul and Bond's Mill. Cutting of weeds in bed of canal and on banks urgent. Mr Clark of Brimscombe loaned the steam launch 'Stella' for survey. Mr Payne, Secretary of Stroud Gas Co., attended. No increase of rent in respect of gas pipes laid through Canal Co. property. Pipe mileage extended 15 years ago from 4 to 5½ miles. £20 per annum. Canal Company's right at any time to require full rent £5. Messrs Apperly, Curtis & Co. of Dudbridge Mills applied for permission to take water by six inch pipes for new water softening tanks.

18 August 1896 p.190

Notices prohibiting bathing posted at Lodgemore. Police communicated with. Nuisance abated. Messrs Apperly, Curtis & Co. willing to pay £15 per annum for right to take 15,000 gallons of water from canal daily and to attach suitable automatic ball valves to supply pipes to prevent overflowing and wasting water. Agreement.

20 October pp.191-192

Solicitor to issue County Court Summons against S Johnson for damage done to Saul Bridge by him and others 4 August. Repair to roof of Ship Inn stable. Necessity of connecting water fittings with town supply. Clerk to see Mr Witchell again. Early repair of Lodgemore Bridge. Outlay of £30 for timber, £17 for new top gates at Framilode. Rate charged to Messrs Wood & Rowe on blue bricks reduced to 4d per ton and 3s 4d per 1000. Notice to Mr Taylor, again in arrears with rent, to leave canal house at Eastington at Lady Day.

20 October 1896. General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.193-194

Tonnage £909 5s 6d. Balance £1065 3s 6d. Dividend £2 5s. Robert Turner 14 Gladstone Terrace, Long Eaton, county of Derby, lace manufacturer, share no.102, will of Henry Fallows, 2 Nelson Street, Long Eaton, gentleman, formerly of 50 Windsor Street, Hanley, county of Stafford.

17 November 1896 pp.195-196

Purchase of £10 worth of pitch pine to repair mud boat. Stroud Urban District Council to divide cost of £3 10s of connecting Ship Inn with water mains. Trespass of bicycles on towing path. Smart's boat, laden with coke, sank near Gas Works, Sunday last. Drawing off of entire pound. Charge of £1. £87 19s 6d to Thames & Severn Canal Trust for Company's $\frac{1}{4}$ share in adverse balance of its first year. Sarah Jemima Martin, widow, The Old College, Maidstone, county of Kent, Douglas Eycott Martin, Farleigh Croft, Hawke Road, Upper Norwood, county of Kent, Esq., William Egerton Martin, the Old College, Maidstone, George Egerton Hodgson, 6 Montpellier Terrace, Cheltenham, county of Gloucester, Esq., shares nos.1,114,115, will of Reverend William Eycott Martin, Clerk Vicar of West Farleigh, county of Kent.

15 December 1896 p.197

Mr Henry Chambers of Bath Place, Stroud, took whole upper floor of Wallbridge warehouse, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of ground floor from 25 March at £18 4s. 10s from Mr Smart in connection with sunken barge. Report from Inspector of Weights & Measures. Weighbridge at Wallbridge tested. Unjust. Maker's foreman repaired broken mechanism.

23 December 1896. Special Meeting. p.198-199

Thames & Severn Canal Trust to raise £15,000. Public Works Commissioners would not lend more than £10,500. Could not borrow remaining £4,500 without guarantee. Company agreed to join Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Co. in giving Trustees of Stroud or Mid-Gloucester Working Men's Conservative Association Benefit Society, who were prepared to lend money to Canal Trust, a guarantee for due payment by Canal trust to Trustees of Benefit Society £4,500. Interest 4%. Instalment of £180 on 25 March 1901 and then 48 quarterly payments of £90. One third by Company, two thirds by Sharpness New Docks and Birmingham Navigation Company Trustees of Benefit Society to pay Company, Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester & Birmingham Navigation Co. a sum equal to 10% per annum.

19 January 1897 p.200

Mr Chambers, tenant for Wallbridge warehouse declined it. Mr Townsend, present occupier, to remain a few months. Letter from General Post Office. Placing of box on postman's present route for reception of foreman's letters at Double Locks.

16 February 1897 pp.201-202.

Letter from G W Sibley of Stonehouse. Stopped by Company's officers on towing path on 10 February. Offer by Mr Sandling of $\frac{1}{2}$ d per bundle for osiers grown on Company's land. Mr Ward Senior's proposal to take office and stable at Dudbridge at 5s a year accepted. Mr Witchell, clerk to Urban District Council of Stroud required larger water cistern at Ship Inn. Mr Taylor to keep monthly tenancy of canal house at Eastington.

16 March 1897 p.203

Letter to Mr Sibley. No right of way over any portion of canal towing path. Larger cistern, capacity 80 gallons, erected at Ship Inn. 'Rivers Pollution Amendment Bill'. Serious responsibility to Canal Proprietors where pollution admitted directly into canal.

20 April 1897 pp.204, 206

Application by Messrs Bruton & Knowles of Gloucester on behalf of prospective purchaser of the Ryeford Saw Mills as to charge for supply of water from canal. Late Chairman, Mr E C Little, wished to be relieved of the seat at the Gloucester Harbour Board. Mr C H Hooper nominated in his stead. Position of Thames & Severn Canal Trust on restoration works. Consulting engineer G W Keeling estimated further sum of £2000. Unanimous agreement to Company borrowing sum. No objection from Committee to Thames & Severn Canal Trust borrowing £2000 at interest of 4% per annum.

20 April 1897 General Half Yearly Meeting. p.205

Tonnage £938 6s 9d. Balance £1077 15s. Dividend £2. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Solicitor, W J Stanton, A J M Ball, A B Hooper, W Davies, E P Little, Sir W H Marling Bart., E C Little, S S Marling, Major Fisher.

18 May 1897 pp.207-208.

Water from canal at Ryeford Saw Mills for cooling only in manufacture of a "Chemical Food". Water flow by gravitation to reservoir and to be raised by pumping, afterwards flowing back to canal. Charge of £5 per annum agreed. Pipe not exceeding 6 inches. Mr Hooper on seat of Harbour Board vacated by Mr E C Little. Messrs King & Worsey, tenants of Ship Inn £15 repairs to roof of stables. Rent from Stonehouse Polo Club in arrears. Application to Mr Clutterbuck. Opposition to closure of Wilts & Berks Canal Co. Stafford & Worcester Canal Co. preferred to lend £200 of £2000 rather than undertake any guarantee. Company, with Sharpness Docks Co. guaranteed $\frac{2}{3}$ of £1200. Company remaining £600. Eastington bridge over canal should be improved.

15 June 1897 pp.209-210

Letter from Clerk to Board of Trade. Opposition to application of Wilts & Berks Navigation to abandon canal. Report from traders. Urgent need to dredge canal between Junction and Walk Bridge. Responsibility of Sharpness Docks Co. Sub-Committee to deal with any proposal to license bathing in canal, with reference to Stonehouse Polo Club and proposed club at Eastington. Charles Sutton of Gravel Hill, Stroud, gentleman, attended on behalf of Thomas Bond, Cottage Farm, Eastington and George Stone of Tonedale, Wellington, Somerset, share no.22, will of Thomas James Bond, late of Perry Elm, Wellington, county of Somerset.

20 July 1897 pp.211-212

Annual survey of canal in steam launch 'Stella', lent by Messrs Edwin Clark & Co., Brimscombe, 8 July. Cutting of weeds in progress. Planking for swing bridge at Bond's Mill ready. Whitminster Pound still in need of dredging. No public right over Company's towing path. Sewage entering canal at Ebley and Ryeford a nuisance requiring abatement. Bathing shelter at Eastington near Westfield Bridge satisfactory. Cargoes of stone from Rowley Hall and Ireland at several points on canal wharves. F A Jones, engineer of Sharpness New Docks Co. intended to dredge Whitminster Pound. Vice Chairman of Stonehouse Parish Council agreed to pay rent £1 per annum for licence to use canal for public bathing. Messrs Apperly Curtis & Co. Ltd. began to take water from canal for new reservoirs 5 July. £1800 lent by Lloyd's Bank, Stroud to Thames & Severn Canal Trust, $\frac{1}{3}$ to Company, $\frac{2}{3}$ to Sharpness Docks Co.

17 August 1897 p.213

Part of parapet of Eastington Bridge loosened by passing show vans. Not possible to find owners to claim damages. Messrs Strachan & Co. asked permission to divert part of Painswick Stream water for manufacturing purposes.

21 September 1897 p.214

Injured pillar of Eastington Bridge to be made secure. Probable widening of bridge by County Council. Mr Margetson of Messrs Strachan & Co. Ltd. to meet Chairman and Clerk at spot of proposed 12inch water supply from Painswick Brook to their reservoir. Mr Taylor, tenant of house at Eastington, applied for leave to erect shed in garden to enable his daughters to carry on a public laundry.

5 October 1897. Special Committee Meeting. pp.215-216

Chairman's interview with Mr Cecil Buckler of Messrs Strachan & Co. Supply of water from Painswick Brook allowed. Quantity and times of opening the sluice at discretion of Canal Co. £5 per annum. Canal Company's officers' right of access to new sluice on Mr Withey's land. Gas Company's vessel 'Reliance' stranded just above Whitminster 'Shallow' Lock. Level of water fell below minimum standard of 17½ feet at Junction, Gloucester & Berkeley Canal act 1870. Repair of gates of lock responsibility of Sharpness Company.

26 October 1897 p.217

Claim of £1.50 for expenses incurred by lightening the 'Reliance'. Proposed friendly discussion with secretary of Sharpness Docks on mutual responsibilities.

26 October 1897. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.218
Tonnage £842 3s 6d. Balance £994 10s 7s. Dividend £2.

16 November 1897 pp.219-220

Complaint by Mr Henry Waddy, General Manager of Sharpness Docks Co. as to detention of traffic at Bristol Road Pound. Clerk to meet Mr Jones, engineer of Sharpness Docks Co. at Whitminster Lock. Probate of will of late Mrs J C Davies for William Davies and Edward Palling Little. Application from Mrs A E Taylor, husband tenant of Eastington canal house, to erect laundry for her use. Declined but permitted at Mr Taylor's expense.

21 December 1897 pp.221-222

Agreement with Tom Taylor for tenancy of cottage at Framilode. Offer from Sharpness Docks Co. to share cost of dredging Bristol Road Level of Stroudwater Navigation if Company renounces claims. Act of 1874 rendered Whitminster Lock ineffective for retaining water in Bristol Road Level. Proposal accepted, share of cost limited to £75. Company declined to commit themselves to diminish terms of Act in regulating mutual arrangements and would not pass on cost of appointment of gate keeper sanctioned by Act. Sharpness Docks Co. Chairman Sir William Marling to increase guarantee to restoration of Navigation by £1000 if Company increased theirs by £500. Unanimous agreement. Walter Henry Fisher, St Francis Vicarage, Aston Gate, Bristol, clerk in Holy Orders, and Alfred Hugh Wake, 148 Aldersgate Street, City of London, solicitor, share no.116, will of Judith Fisher, 12 Canton Place, Analaby Road, Hull, county of York, widow.

15 January 1898 p.224.

Letter from General Post Office. Delivery of letters to include lock house at Ryeford. Letter from Mr L Whiting. Repair of weighing machine on his premises at Eastington Wharf. Company expected him to have machine put in proper order in accordance with verbal agreement of 1879. Assistance in lifting machine when repairs carried out.

15 February 1898 pp.225-226

Thames & Severn Canal Trust to borrow £2000 not £1500. Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Co. to provide one tenth of sum, Company three tenths, Sharpness New Docks Company. two tenths. Letter from Mr Waddy, Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester & Birmingham Navigation Company. Ltd. Dredging apparatus brought down from Worcester & Birmingham Canal. Ship Inn closed for about a week. Foul well on premises occupied by William Tudor at Bristol Road Wharf. Agreement to fill it up and connect pump with canal by a little additional length of suction pipe. Good spring on premises for drinking water.

15 March 1898 p.227

Tenancy of Eastington Wharf in name of Thomas Clark. Responsible for repair of weighing machine. Mr T Clark to give up tenancy of house and wharf at Eastington. C Pegler of Stonehouse and John Butt of Stroud applicants. Latter more intimate knowledge of canal business. Messrs King & Worsey to give up tenancy of Ship Inn. Offer to the Nailsworth Brewery Co. £40 per annum, 7 years lease. Stroud Gas Co. to use Company's mud boat and assistance of men for laying of new gas main under towing path. $\frac{1}{2}$ of interest received from Stroud Conservative Benefit Society in connexion with the guarantee of $\frac{1}{3}$ of £4500 borrowed by Thames & Severn Trust to be placed to credit of Reserve Fund.

26 April 1898. General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.228-229

Tonnage £894 11s 11d. Balance £1085 12s 2d. Dividend £2.00. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Solicitor, W S Stanton, A J M Ball, A B Cooper, W Davies, E P little, Sir W H Marling Bart., E C Little, S S Marling, Major Fisher, 26 April 1898 p.230.

17 May 1898 pp.231-232.

Joseph L Butt to take Eastington Wharf house and stable, £15. Also field in occupation of L Whiting at £2 10s per annum. Agent of Nailsworth Brewery Co. called to see Ship Inn.

Dredging of Bristol Road Level nearly completed. Insurance against accidents to workmen in new Act after June.

21 June 1898 pp.233-238

Interior of house at Eastington Wharf in bad state. Damp walls and bad plaster. Much shaken by 1896 earthquake. Lean to at back never properly bonded with original structure. State of fences in pasture noted. Dressing station for Eastington Bathing Club 'Westfield Bridge' inspected. At Bristol Road Wharf the garden railings at the Boultons required repair. Mrs Tudor of the Wharf pressed for opening of doorway in her front room. Not desirable. Barge load of black coal unloading. Dredging by Sharpness dredger. Barge 'Excelsior' with 65 tons just passed through but scraping the bottom occasionally as water level 6 and 7 below normal point. Eventually provision to be made for retention of water, either by putting in one of gates or by raising level of Shallow Lock gates. Very little traffic current. Coal strike. Gas Company's 'Reliance' laid up there. Water level rose 17.11 to 18.1 since morning. Weeds on canal at Whitminster cut on towing path and path freshly gravelled. No traffic at Framilode. Scum on surface of water. Weeds and grass generally to be cut. Men assisting Gas Company in laying of new 18inch gas main under towing path. At Ryeford Wharf no signs of coal traffic. Coal on private ground adjoining. No ground for Mr Sibley's contention on towing path. Piece of garden near lock keeper's house at the Double Locks apparently lapsed from Company's property. Water on Ebley and Cainscross section of canal much contaminated with sewage. Restrict flow of drains where possible. Just past Ebley Saw Mill large pipe sewer, said to occupy place of old water course, draining houses of locality. No responsibility on owners. Relief of effect by continuing sewer under canal bank eastwards. Sewage drawn over weir on towing path side. Objections to bathing site at Cainscross by Mrs Spry Davies. Point near Hilly Orchard Bridge necessary because of polluted character of water at site discussed. New 18inch mains from Gas Works completed. Sewer from Company's cottages crossed bottom gates of two Dudbridge locks require renewal. New water softening tanks at Messrs Apperly's mills. New swing bridge at Lodgemore repeatedly struck by wheels of passing drays. Messrs Strachan & Co.'s new boiler. Supply of water from Painswick Stream to Messrs Strachan's reservoir satisfactory. Gates at Whitminster to be repaired and banks of canal raised. Use of water from River Frome. Applications for Ship Inn from Messrs Smith & Son, Brimscombe Brewery, the Nailsworth Brewery Co. Ltd. £25, Messrs Cordwell & Bigg, Cainscross, £20. Clerk to communicate with Messrs Smith. £40 per annum with a lease. Cost of dredging Bristol Road Level £182 4s 5d. Mr Whitfield, machinist, Dudbridge. Supply of water from canal by 1inch pipe, 21s.

19 July 1895 pp.239-240

Messrs Smith & Sons, Brimscombe had undertaken Ship Inn. £40 per annum rental. Lease 10 years. Company insured against Employers Liability on account of servants in Ocean Company. Annual wages £500. 7s 6d per cent for current year. Stroud Brewery Company allowed to lay pipe under towing path to connect Victoria Tap Inn at Dudbridge with Company's main. £5 per annum. Estimate for painting and papering Canal House, Eastington £6 5s. John L Butt to rent wharf premises and land at Eastington. £20 10s.

16 August 1898 p.241

Amended estimate from Mr F A Martin & Sons for painting and papering Canal House, Eastington £5. Letter from Mr F A Jones, engineer of Sharpness Docks Company. 5,649 tons of mud taken from Bristol Road Level. Tracing showing precise amount of increased depth in 21 sections of reach.

31 August 1898 p.242

Stroud Gas Company used Company's mud boat for 13 weeks ending August 27. 7s per week. Used six locks of water, 3s 4d per lock. Company's servants paid weekly by Gas Company. Complaint from Stroud Gas Company. Trow 'Reliance' seriously delayed on Bristol Road Reach. Falling of water at Junction 21 August. Excessive demands on Sharpness Basin. Mr Snape to meet engineer of Sharpness Docks Company. Lease of Ship Inn to Messrs Smith & Company, Brewers, Brimscombe.

25 October 1898 p.243

Mr Thomas Cook had not yet done repairs. Mr Whiting wished to renew his tenancy of Eastington Canal Wharf.

25 October 1898. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.244
Tonnage of £783 12s 8d. Balance £126 0s 8d. Dividend £1 10s.

15 November 1898 pp.245-246

Correspondence with Mr Thomas Clark, Messrs Pooley & Sons and Messrs Bartlett & Son. Repairs of weighbridge at Eastington Wharf. Mr Clark did not attend. Machine repaired by Messrs Bartlett & Son at Mr Clark's expense, £5 10s. Estimate for repairs at Wharf House Eastington £12. Roof of Ship Inn repaired. Mud boat repairs. Forms from Board of Trade requiring statistics of canal. Mr Joseph L Butt to be relieved of Eastington Wharf. Mr Zacchaeus Whiting applied for same, supported by Charles Critchley of Stonehouse.

20 December 1898 pp.247-248

Completion of repairs to weighbridge at Eastington Wharf, £5 2s and house. Instead of double rent, 50s allowed. New mud boat under construction at Eastington. iron knees alone of old one utilized. Flooring of the Walk Bridge required early repair, lasted from 1878, cost about £13. National Telephone Company had cut withy trees at Ryeford without authority. Bottom gates ready for Dudbridge Top Lock.

17 January pp.249-250.

Proposal to widen Gas House Lane from main road to Gas works on Company's swing bridge. Scheme that Stroud Urban District Council should receive £75 from Gas Company and undertake widening and remaking of road, and other outlays and maintain road in perpetuity. 100 square yards of land from Company's property on condition the walls and pillars pulled down are rebuilt and new gates to Company's premises provided gradient of road as it approaches canal bridge is cased and improved. Gas Company to keep in good repair roadway between Gas Works and canal towing path. Injury to bank to bank of canal caused on loading of barge with old metal from Gas Works. William Clark, 68, incapacitated. Allowed to remain in house at Wallbridge and receive 5 shillings a week.

21 February 1899 pp.251-252

Only trifling damage to towing paths from recent flood at Framilode and Saul. Stop gates stood well, no sign of damage to sea wall. Highest water mark 19-7, February 12. Overflow culvert at Eastington partly fallen in. Mr Taylor, tenant of Company's house at Eastington three months in arrears on his rent. Chairman not satisfied with repairs by Mr Martin to house at Eastington Wharf. Mr E P Little suggested improvement to canal bank next the Gas Works, Stroud.

21 March 1899 pp.253-254

Repair of towing path at Framilode. Repairs to stopgates, important safeguards in time of flood. Parish Council of Saul to contribute £15 to extending and protecting bank. £2 gratuity to Mr Clark. George Taylor's notice to quit house at Eastington withdrawn. Fault in rain water guttering of house at Eastington Wharf. £4 accepted from Thomas Clark for weighbridge at Eastington.

25 April 1899 p.255

Completion of extension of bank at Saul and piling of canal bank near Stroud Gas Works. Cost about £13.

25 April 1899. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.256

Tonnage £859 11s 2d. Balance £1110 18s 3d. Dividend £1 10. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, M H Hamilton Mills, Solicitor, W J Stanton, A J M Ball, A B Hooper, W Davies, E P Little, Sir W H Marling Bart., S S Marling, Major Fisher.

16 May 1899 p.257.

Saul Parish Council £3 towards extended embankment. Mr Thomas £4 for repairs to weighing machine at Eastington. Mr Philip James Evans of Burleigh Court to represent Company on Thames & Severn Canal Trust in place of Mr E Carruthers Little. Solicitor to watch proceedings on Rural District Council in connection with new sewerage scheme.

20 June 1899 pp.258-259

Application by Nailsworth Brewery Company to arrange a urinal near Ebley Bridge. Mr William White of Ebley requested permission to take water from canal for his garden. 2inch pipe laid under towing path granted. 10s 6d per annum. Messrs R Townsend & Company to terminate tenancy of warehouse at Wallbridge 29 September. To be advertised in Stroud papers and Citizen Clerk to hire out mud boat to Thrupp Parish Council to clear out a bathing space. 1s per ton of mud. Same terms to Stonehouse Parish Council.

18 July 1899. Survey of canal. pp.260-264

At Wallbridge warehouse relet to Mr Henry Sambourn. Satisfactory condition but mud on handrail to outside steps. New tenant wised to take stable and lean to near Ship Inn, if repaired and adapted. At Gas House Lane workmen pulling up fences on new boundaries. Great improvement for traffic. Bottom gates of Dudbridge lower lock need immediate replacement. Hilly Orchard bathing shelter erected and way made to canal in very undesirable position. Entrance in full view of passengers on bridg. Clerk to see solicitor of Company. At Ebley Bridge stable erecting by Nailsworth Brewery Company unobjectionable if drainage kept out of canal. Urinal on other side of bridge should be covered with a stone. Bathing place of Stroud Parish Council inspected. £2 to pay. Sufficient dredging might be done. At mud deposit near Midland Railway, Stonehouse, outfall of sewer examined. Proposed deposit tanks practicable plan. At Eastington wharf, house, yard, shops and warehouses satisfactory. At Bristol Road Wharf, Mrs Tudor, wife of tenant. Pressed request of last year to have former doorway in front room of dwelling house reopened. At Whitminster Shallow Lock, new and higher gates and slight alteration to masonry to raise bent of water towards Bristol Road clear front above Junction. Repairs to planking at Walk Bridge. More traffic than last year at Framilode. Weeding and trimming of canal not yet commenced. Staff occupied. Mr Snape to prepare plan and estimate for two horse stable and chaff room, sufficient to meet requirements of Mr Lambourn. Mr Wibby of Gloucester to be paid for timber for Dudbridge Lock Gates in January next. Removal of bathing shelter at Cainscross to less exposed place. Mr Clissold of Nailsworth Brewery Company agreed 2s 6d payment per annum as trespass for stable and urinal at Ebley Bridge. Company to reopen doorway at Bristol Road Wharf at his expense. Laying of pipe by Mr Knight at Dudbridge to supply water for his garden. Mr Lambourn of Stroud tenant of warehouse to be vacated by Messrs Townsend. Rent £18 4s. Application from Mr Rechab Wood for right to post bills on wall outside entrance of Company's yards at Wallbridge and Dudbridge. £7 A year. Mr F Winterbotham, Clerk of Stroud Rural District Council, attended with reference to arrangements for Company's mud deposit ground at Stonehouse for sewage tanks to receive solid matter from sewer and the M R Company's premises adjoining. Lease of 10 years at £1 per annum. Agreement with Stroud Gas Company and District Council as to widening and improvement of Gas House Lane.

19 September 1899 p265-267

W Tudor, tenant at Whitminster Wharf, (?Bristol Road Wharf p.161), to pay expenses for reopening doorway . Agreement 1 January 1807 Company discharged for ever from all responsibility for the Ebley Bridge. Money paid to William Read, owner of adjoining premises, vide Minutes 19 August 1806 and 5 January 1808. Agreement with Mr Lambourn for tenancy of Wallbridge warehouse. Erection of two stall stable and chaffroom on wharf. Agreement with Mr Rechab Wood, sanctioning his use of the walls at Wallbridge and Dudbridge for billposting. No Company control over character of bills. Clerk to give him a caution. Improvement to gradient of Gas House Lane yet to be completed. Recent alterations in neighbourhood of Company's cottages near Gas House Lane. Unfailing spring of water disappeared. Proposal to connect them with district main at their boundary wall. Estimate of cost. Repairs to Gas House swing bridge. Mr Taylor of Eastington 2 months in arrears with his rent. Serious complaint from Mr Whiting, adjoining tenant. Trespass also as nuisance in Company's yard. Month's notice to quit from 25 September. Stroud Gas Company's trow 'Reliance' detained at Junction 19-23 August 3½ days. Letter from engineer of Sharpness Docks regretting shortness of water. Remedy to put Whitminster gates in working order. Charles Holbrow Stanton of Field Place, Stroud Esq. and Arthur Henry Stanton, St Albans Clergy House, Brooke Street, Holborn, City of London, shares nos.8,137,186, will of Catherine Stanton, Upfield, Pakenhill (sic), Stroud, spinster.

26 October 1899 pp.268-269

Ebley Bridge again discussed. Easement allowed to Nailsworth Brewery Company for stable confirmed. Half a crown per annum. Connexion of water at the Downfields cottages deferred till it might be made clear whether former water supply would return later in season. Repairs to Gas House Bridge completed. New boiler had passed safely over it. Mr George Taylor's son had paid up father's rent. Notice withdrawn. No fowls or ducks to be kept or other nuisance created. Extension of new stable. Erection of small warehouse for use of National Telephone Company. Probable rent 1s per week.

24 October 1899, General Half Yearly Meeting. p.270.

Tonnage £823 14s. Balance £958 16s 9d. Dividend £1 15s.

21 November 1899 pp.271-272

Road repaired by Surveyor of the Wheatenhurst Highway Board from main road to centre of bridge, Mr Spring from mill to bridge. Intervening space metalled. Clerk unable to learn by whom. Water returned in small quantity at Downfield cottages. Tenants declined to pay for water supply. Company's trow 'Reliance' detained on Bristol Road reach. Engineer of Sharpness Dock Company suggested repair of top gates of 'Shallow Lock'. Committee, making lock as a whole effective would meet necessity of case.

19 December 1899 p.273

Mr J E Taylor to guarantee father's rent of house at Eastington and to see that he avoids allowing anything detrimental to Company or their tenants on the property. Notice by Mr J E Haynes, surveyor of Stroud Rural District Council. Council would no longer require portion of wharf at Dudbridge. £2 a year for many years. Mr F Jones, Engineer of Sharpness Docks Company suggested conference between himself and Mr Snape on subject of Whitminster Lock. Completion of new stable at entrance of Wallbridge wharf. Mr Lambourn, tenant, to pay 1s 4d per week rent, paid quarterly.

16 January 1900 pp.274-276

Mr Haynes, surveyor of Stroud Rural District Council, withdrew notice to terminate tenancy of part of Dudbridge wharf. £11 10s in unclaimed dividends transferred to Reserve Fund. Sir W H Marling Bart. asked Company to repair the off bank of canal on his property at Ebley occupied by Mr Stephens. Company never recognised responsibility for banks for banks opposite towing path and declined repairs. Mr Lambourn, tenant of Wallbridge warehouse, painted his name on its front without permission. In opinion of Mr H Hamilton Mills, Company solicitor, Company not relieved of all obligation to repair bridge at Ebley. Covenant of 1 January 1807 with William Read. Road over it might be taken over by Rural District Council. Notice to be placed on bridge. Insufficient to carry weight beyond ordinary traffic. Resources of Trust insufficient to complete restoration of Thames and Severn Canal. Proposal of Gloucestershire County Council to take over canal with view to entire restoration. Committee entirely approved. Unanimously adopted. Resolution to transfer canal to County Council.

28 December 1899 pp.277-278

Memorandum Thames and Severn Canal 28 December 1898 author John E Dorington.

20 February 1900 pp.279-281

National Telephone Company to pay 16d per week rent for new warehouse near Wallbridge gates. £3 10s per annum. Messrs Apperley Curtis & Co. asked permission to raise walls of one of their three tanks by 3ft to give to give head of water. Permission without charge if draughts of water from canal not increased. Also asked to lay down tramway for light trucks in Dudbridge wharf to facilitate conveyance of coal to works from canal. Proposal practicable. Every facility to be given to attach consumers of coal to waterway. Communication from Mr F Winterbotham, Clerk of Stroud Rural District Council enclosing plan for new scheme for sewerage. Pipes to cross line of canal at Dudbridge and Ebley. Decision to follow provision of Act regulating it, as between Sharpness Company and Navigation. Charge £10 for each day or part of day traffic is stopped. Chairman drew attention to resolution of Committee 18 May 1897, p.207 opposing application of Wilts & Berks Canal Company to relinquish their undertaking. Public enquiry to be held at Swindon on 27 February. Thames & Severn Trust had withdrawn opposition, having induced Wilts & Berks to maintain in working order their branch from

Swindon to Latton if rest of canal was abandoned. Traders opposing application. His own experiences in bringing wool from London led him to higher estimate of utility of Wilts & Berks Canal from Abingdon to Swindon. On motion of Sir W H Marling, who stated Sharpness Company had withdrawn its opposition. Resolved to rescind former resolution and withdraw opposition of Company to application of Wilts & Berks Canal Company.

20 March 1900 pp.282-283

National Telephone Company to pay £3 10s per annum for small warehouse, Wallbridge Wharf, but not to pay cost of agreement. Company willing to let warehouse on yearly tenancy at £3 10s. Company's right to lock wharf doors to prevent access at night, in accordance with existing practice. Interview with Mr Apperley, A C & Co. Ltd. No water would be taken by altered arrangement of tanks. One to be raised 4ft instead of 3ft. Dudbridge tramway still under consideration. Trespass rent of 2s 6d or 5s. Terms of letter reported to Stroud Rural District Council, in reference to new sewerage mains under canal at Dudbridge and Ebley. Letter to Board of Trade withdrawing opposition to application by Wilts & Berks to abandon their undertaking. Public Enquiry at Swindon indefinitely postponed. Public notice issued by County Council. Terms proposed for taking on Thames & Severn Canal from Trust.

24 April 1900 pp.284-285

Death of Mr Rechab Wood, tenant of bill-posting stations at Wallbridge and Dudbridge. Proposals by family for continuing it. No communication from Stonehouse Parochial Committee as to sewerage receiving tank at mud deposit. Chairman had observed area pegged out beyond what was contemplated. Major C Hawkins Fisher in failing health, no longer wished to be member of Committee. Resolution of sympathy adopted. Stephen James Dudbridge, 8 Lansdown, Stroud attended on behalf of Reverend Frederick Colborne Fisher and Charles John Fisher, shares nos. 81,91,129,163, will of Reverend Frederick Colborne Fisher.

24 April 1900. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.286

Tonnage £799 12s 8d. Balance £983 15s 3d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Solicitor, W J Stanton, A J M Ball, A B Hooper W Davies, C Caruthers Little, E Palling Little, Sir W H Marling Bart., P J Evans.

15 May 1900 pp.287-288

Stonehouse Parochial Committee wished to purchase ground from Company at their 'Mud-Tip' for sewerage tanks, with path from canal towing path, 4feet wide, properly fenced off. Yearly rent of £1 for 21 years and right to reach place along towing path from east. Stoning of Oil Mills Bridge and Stonehouse Cross roadways. Responsibility of Company. Application from John Lee of Ship Inn for a flagstaff on roof sanctioned. 100 handbills to be distributed among bargemen and others. Extracts from Byelaws of Company, nos.2,13,14,20,22,23.

19 June 1900 pp.289-292

Company would give Rural District Council refusal of whole area of 'Mud-Tip' at end of 21 years or renew lease of area to them. Cainscross Parish Council not this year empowered to undertake arrangements for bathing on canal. Agreement for last year not paid for. Similar instructions for Mr Lambourn in tenancy of Wallbridge warehouse and stable. Canal survey by Chairman May 28,29 1900. New piling near Gas Works bulges by backing of carts. Iron finder of Lodgemore Bridge damaged by a cart. Bottom gates of Dudbridge Lower Lock need early renewal. Bathing at Hilly Orchard, shed removed. Slight damage to tow path, Ebley Bridge. Roadway to repair on south side, some brick work. Angles within wings of bridge. A laden barge's steering gear was touching mud in Long Pound. Side wall of coping on Ryeford Bridge, belonging to Mrs Spring, needs attention. Stonehouse Wharf Bridge. Roadway needs repair. Entrance to canal of sewerage at Ebley and Stonehouse. Stonehouse mud tip and sewerage tank. Importance of angle pegged out by Stonehouse Parochial Committee to Canal Company recognised and uselessness to Parochial Committee. Bond's Mill swing bridge needs repair. Eastington Wharf: weighing machine for wagons to be entertained. Little dredging at edge of wharf. Eastington yard and warehouses : little timber fence needs repair. Bristol Road Wharf: Tudor, tenant, renewed demand for stable. Offer to pay 20s rent. Mrs Bolton, tenant, asked for minor landlord's repairs. Shallow lock, Whitminster. Lock made efficient only

cure for drain by Sharpness, on Bristol Road reach. Framilode: safety gate partially raised. Minor repairs. Slight giving at one point of Severn wall.

17 July 1900 pp.293-294

Timber for Dudbridge bottom gates inspected and passed at Messrs Wibby's yard. Top gates at Framilode damaged by high tide. Immediate removal. Cost of Dudbridge new gates deferred by temporary repairs. Sewerage system at Ebley improved by Stroud District Council. Might bring additional sewage into canal. Intended larger scheme to remove all sewage from that part of canal. Careful watch to be kept. £3 3s subscription to Canal Association. Letter from Board of Trade under Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888. Thames & Severn Canal would be declared 'derelict' and transferred to Gloucestershire County Council. Immediate sanction of Parliament. Second letter. Unexpected opposition. Ratification deferred to next session. Opposition could not eventually succeed.

18 September 1900 pp.295-296

New Framilode top gates completed and fixed. Saul Bridge replanked. Pier wall at Framilode to be repaired with concrete. Top gates at 'Junction Lock' repaired by Sharpness Docks Company. Fence and gate at Eastington between yard and land occupied by Mr Whiting repaired. Bottom gates at Dudbridge strengthened. New ones in course of preparation. Ebley Bridge restoned and repaired. Another instance of difficulty in getting up Bristol Road reach by 'Reliance'. Dropping of level of water in Sharpness Canal reported. Mr Taylor, tenant of Company's house at Eastington, asked for assistance towards painting and repapering sittingroom. Allowed not exceeding 20s. Mr Sibley of Stonehouse demurred to charge of 2s 6d. for water taken from canal for his garden. Chairman to dictate correspondence with manager of Stafford & Worcester Canal Company as to a railway siding making to colliery of Messrs Hawkins & Sons over property of that company. Right only 'way leave'. No effect on canal traffic. Caretaker at Wallbridge, Frank Bassett, reported a trespass on canal at Lodgemore on night of 4 August by man netting fish. Assaulted in endeavours to secure them. Interviewed by Committee. Frank Smith, employed at Gas Works, before Committee. Evidence not sufficient for conviction. Chairman of Thames & Severn Canal Trust, Sir W H Marling Bart., requested cheque for Company's contribution.

23 October 1900 p.197

Mr Sibley declined to pay 2s 6d for water taken from canal. Solicitor to write to him. Complaint from Mr C Critchley, tenant at Stonehouse Wharf, of water in well on premises. Board of Stroud Gas Company dealt with servant Frederick Smith for trespassing on canal for fish and assaulting Frank Bassett. Tenancy agreement for warehouse on Wallbridge Wharf with National Telephone Company.

23 October 1900. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.298

Tonnage £767 6s 5d. Balance £921 15s 4d. Dividend £1 10s.

20 November 1900 pp.299-300

Charles Critchley agreed to pay Mr Phillips annual charge of 16s for Chalford Water. Immediate connexion. Water in well wholly unfit for use. Agreement with National Telephone Company for tenancy of warehouse at Wallbridge. Injury to wharf at Dudbridge by traction engine and trucks hauling out road stone. Mr Phillips, Surveyor of County Council, promised to see to its repair, put it right and roll it at the finish. Risk of injury to weighing machine. Complaints by Captain of the 'Reliance', Gas Company's large vessel. Company foreman to accompany vessel from Shallow Lock and note points requiring attention.

18 December 1900 pp.301-302

30 gallon cistern provided. County Surveyor promised 50 loads of rough gravel for Dudbridge Wharf and roll it in. Report of Company's foreman, Hill, accompanying the 'Reliance'. No impediment sufficient to cause actual stoppage. Vessel drawing 5 feet with 67 tons, other vessels carrying 67-70 draw only 4ft 6i. Motive to exaggerate obstacles by crew of 'Reliance' might exist in advantage gained employing extra horse and men. Mr Snape undertook to dredge points indicated by Hill. Mr Taylor of Wharf House, Eastington, asked permission to erect a shed for trap on Company's premises. Due

supply of water to Company's two houses at Downfield discussed. Examination of natural supply. Desirability of connecting with mains of Urban District Council Easement, 2s 6d, of Company's property under wing wall at Ebley Bridge, due from Nailsworth Brewery.

15 January 1901 pp.303-304

Flood at commencement of New Year. Towing path near Dudbridge Lock washed down to underlying gas main. £5 12s to restore. Report from E Hill, wharfinger at Dudbridge. Cause of inundation with man in charge of brook sluices at Froomhall Mills. County Surveyor sent quantity of rough gravel for repairs of Dudbridge Wharf. Little widening to gateway to Mr Taylor's garden at Eastington. Fair present supply of good water in trough by swing bridge at Downfield Cottages. Further investigation of source of supply.

19 February 1901 pp.305-306

List of sections of towing path with men employed. Use of towing path Wallbridge to Framilode stopped. Stoppage effective except for portion near Midland Railway Bridge to swing bridge at Stonehouse. Mr G W Sibley with about a score of his assistant masters and boys of Wycliffe College violently forced his way past Company's men. Edward Hill pushed into canal, leg broken. Committee-Sir William Marling and Messrs Ball, Little and Mills-with power to institute legal proceedings against Mr Sibley. Stroud Gas Company permitted to raise towing path opposite their works.

19 March 1901 pp.307-308

Solicitor to have conference with counsel, Mr Morton Brown, to bring action in County Court against Mr Sibley for criminal damages for trespass and injunction to restrain him from using towing path when closed to public. Meeting between Mr Morton Brown and Mr Sibley. If Mr Sibley were to sign undertaking not to trespass on towing path in future and pay £5 5s Company would accept and abandon proposed action. Correspondence with reference to Hill being compensated for accident on 12 February. Hill paid fortnight's wages since accident. No more wages at present but small sum as a loan if he requested any money before next Committee Meeting. £50 from Reserve Fund towards cost of small warehouse and stable on Wallbridge Wharf.

23 April 1901 pp.309-310

Mud removed at several places pointed out by Captain of Gas Company's boat, the 'Reliance'. New gates for Dudbridge Bottom ready soon. Mr Sibley willing to sign an apology and not renew the trespass provided apology not published in local papers. Publication of apology insisted on. Mr Sibley to sign apology and undertaking within a week or legal proceedings to be commenced against him. Letter from Mr Treasurer, solicitor, Gloucester, claiming on behalf of Mr Robert Butler repayment of tolls on canal by reason of his holding a charter as inhabitant and landowner within Manor of Rodley in county of Gloucester. Tolls under special Act of Parliament. Claim not allowed. Gloucestershire County Council about to take over Thames & Severn Canal. Company proposed to make charge of £10 per annum for use of offices at Wallbridge until canal reopened for traffic.

23 April 1901. General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.311-312

Tonnage £762 4s 0d. Balance £963 15 7d. Dividend £1 5s. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Solicitor, W J Stanton, A J M Ball, A B Hooper, W Davies, F A Little, E Palling Little, Sir W H Marling Bart., S S Marling, P J Evans.

20 May 1901 pp.313-314

Clerk to put in gates for Dudbridge Lower Lock first week in August or when canal stopped. Stroud District Council laid sewerage pipes under canal for drainage of Cainscross. Notice from Mr T Winterbotham, clerk to Stroud Rural District Council which intended to proceed with Cainscross and Rodborough sewage scheme. Mr Sibley's signed apology. 'I find that I was misinformed as to the Public having a right of way over the Company's towing path at Stonehouse and regret that I attempted, in the interest of the Public to assert a supposed right to use the path on 13 February last, on which day it was stopped by your orders. I hereby undertake not to make any such future attempt and I consent to your publishing this undertaking'. Discussion about adopting practice of Great Western Railway Company and stop towing paths on fixed day each year but allow anyone who asked permission to pass. Mr Stanley Marling called attention to wall

supporting approach to towing path at Ryeford, owned by Company or Mrs Spring, owner of Ryeford Mills. Clerk to repair wall.

18 June 1901 pp.315-316

Letter from Mr Edward Caruthers Little thanking Committee for resolution as to his past services to Company. Letter from Mr Gardom, clerk to Gloucestershire County Council. Thames & Severn Canal Committee meeting to be held at Gloucester. £10 rent proposed to be charged by Company not payable. £10 for daily use of room from Thames & Severn business and man's time for marking out tickets for trade between Stroud and Chalford. Letter from Mr Chambers, Secretary of Stroud Angling Club, asking for reduction in charge of 2s 6d for fishing licences. No reduction. Secretary of Stroud Swimming Club asking for use of basin at Wallbridge for 5 Saturday afternoons in July and August. Agreed. Payment of £2 2s. Club to be responsible for damage. W Heelas, solicitor for Edward Hill, commenced action for personal injury against Messrs Sibley and Millar provided Company would undertake to pay his out of pocket expenses if Hill's claim unsuccessful. Company to give undertaking.

16 July 1901 pp.317-321

Act of Parliament confirming provisional order of Board of Trade for transfer of Thames & Severn Canal to Gloucestershire County Council received Royal Assent 2 July. County Council had paid £3600 borrowed by Thames & Severn Canal Trust. Company gave guarantee for one third. Now free of liability. Swimming Club charged 10s 6d for use at basin at Wallbridge for Club Sports on 17 August. Annual inspection of canal. Attention needed at Lodgemore Mills, end of wharf, wall on each side of gate badly finished. Gatepost stones out of place. Towing path opposite Gas House entrance. Coping to 6 inches higher needed to bar flood water leak from entering Gas Company's premises. Dudbridge top lock. Paddle posts rather rotted away. Dudbridge Wharf. Towing path gates out of order. Bridge at Ebley. Building within line drawn from outside of one wing to outside of other wing a trespass. Nailsworth Brewery Company to recognise it. Ryeford. Footbridge to cottages. Iron band disappeared from end of cross or stay bar. Towing path under roadbridge under water. Bond's Mill. Iron stile on fence by towing path below mill. Unacknowledged. 'New town' Eastington. Corner piece occupied by Mr Davis for petroleum storage to remain property of Navigation. Blunder Lock Eastington. Balance pole end badly perished. Leakage in day dock at Eastington Wharf. Hole by cottage garden. Extra rail to make it secure for present. Want of method in keeping stores. Thames & Severn Trust occasionally borrow men and stores. Eastington to Framilode. Eastington Dock Lock. Overflow finds way down towpath. Westfield Lock. Balance poles very badly perished. Gates to be reinspected in a few months time. Westfield Bridge. Gap in south west brick buttress. Bristol Road Wharf. Complaint of tenant, Tudor. Cottage pump not attended to. Canal bank above Bristol Road requires attention. Store cattle in field the cause. Shallow Lock. Gates old and in bad order. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. have put in powerful centrifugal pump at Gloucester. May keep up level of water. Arbitration suggested to settle questions outstanding between two companies as to working of Shallow Lock. In future list of stores in stock at end of each half year to be prepared by Clerk and laid on table at each half yearly meeting. £1 towards rent of telephone at Company's offices if County Council paid £2. Notice prohibiting bicycles from being ridden on wharves and towing path. Edward Hill's action against Messrs Sibley and Muller compromised by Mr Sibley paying £60 in settlement of damages. £5 made to him by Company for period when he was unable to work.

17 September 1901 pp.322-323

Gloucestershire County Council to pay £10 for one year for use of Company's offices and man's time in making out tickets for Thames and Severn Canal and to pay £1 1s per annum towards cost of telephone, one half of charge. New gates at Dudbridge bottom lock put in. Letters from Postmaster of Stroud, Mr T Steele, and Mr C H Bishop asking permission to ride bicycles on towing path. Permission given to Mr C L Davis and Miss Cox to wheel bicycles along towing path from Sparrows Nest Cottages to Ryeford Bridge. 1s per annum. Secretary of Strachan & Co. complained of leaks in canal bank between Lodgemore Mills and Gas Works. Clerk not aware of leaks. To see Mr H C Buckler, one of directors of Strachan & Co. Edward Hill, lock keeper at Dudbridge, reported that Thomas Davis on 3 September passed boat through lock without opening both gates. Contravention of byelaw. Matter referred to solicitor. Discontinuance of guarantee by

Sharpness New Docks Co. and this Company to Gloucester Conservative Benefit Society re mortgage of £4500.

22 October 1901 p.324

Resolved to refuse all applications for leave to ride bicycles on towing path. Thomas Davis to be summoned for breach of Company's bye-laws unless he expressed regret and signed undertaking not to commit offence again. New bridge at Gas Works required. Clerk suggested carriage bridge instead of spindle bridge. To obtain detailed estimate and estimate of repairing Bond's Mill Bridge. Resolved to have town water laid on to two cottages at Downfield if tenants agreed to pay rates. Telephone laid on to office. Messrs S J Dudbridge appointed auditors to Company in place of Mr Stephen of Dudbridge.

22 October 1901, General Meeting, p.325

Tonnage £760 8s 9d. Balance £908 7s 0d. Dividend £1 £10s.

19 November 1901 p.326

Thomas Davis convicted and fined 10s by Stroud Magistrates for breach of Company's byelaws on not opening both gates when passing through Dudbridge Lock. Notices to be printed and posted. New spindle bridge near Gas Works. Bond's Mill Bridge to be repaired. Messrs Ball Smith & Co. enquired if Company would object to proposed Stroud & Gloucestershire Light Railway being taken over Dudbridge Bridge. No objection. Seal to agreement with Nailsworth Brewery Limited for tenancy of small piece of land adjoining bridge at Ebley. Clerk to obtain estimate for painting and papering Committee Room and covering floor with linoleum.

17 December 1901 p.327

Committee Room to be painted and papered. Cost not to exceed £4 10s. Floor to be covered with linoleum. £150 due to Gloucestershire County Council under Thames & Severn Canal Act. Dudbridge Wharf damaged by traction engine employed to haul stone for County Council. Letter to Mr Phillips, County Surveyor, requesting him to make good the damage. Enquiry from London Chamber of Commerce if Company prepared to join a Canal Trade section of Chamber. Company favourable to proposal.

, 21 January 1902 pp.328-329

Mr E Northam Witchell of Stroud, solicitor, William Henry Cox Fisher of Stroud, architect, shares nos.39,40,41,75,101,184, will of Charles Hawkins Fisher, late of the Castle, Stroud, retired major in Fourth Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment. Stroud Rural District Council intended to lay pipes through Dudbridge Wharf. National Telephone Company had given up rental of small building on Wallbridge Wharf at £3 10s. Clerk to find another tenant. Letter from Mr Philip Cooke, Clerk to Gloucester Harbour Board. Copy of resolution asking corporations and companies with seats on Board to pay £6 a year for each of representatives for one year only. Council in respect of Thames & Severn Canal asked to refund one half of amount paid. Mr C H Hooper resigned seat on Gloucester Harbour Board. No fishing to be permitted between 15 March and 14 June. When any pound of canal emptied, due notice to be given Stroud Angling Association and that such Association be permitted to net fish and place them in adjoining pound to preserve them.

18 February 1902 p.330

Ice breaking on canal necessary. Traffic had not been stopped. Brick sewage tank at Ryeford belonging to Mr J C C Kimmins had fallen into canal. Not reinstated. Sewage coming into canal. Clerk to write again to Mr Kimmins requesting his immediate attention to matter.

18 March 1902 p.331

Sewage tank at Ryeford not rebuilt. No reply from Mr Kimmins. Mr Hall, Inspector of Nuisances, had matter in hand. Clerk to give permission to Cainscross & Ebley Cooperative Society to erect notice board on Dudbridge Wharf. 6d a year. Clerk to purchase necessary timber for four towing path gates and material for six wheelbarrows.

22 April 1902 p.332

Vault at Ryeford not yet reinstated. Mr Hall had matter in hand. Clerk unable to sell osiers at Eastington. To write to Mr J King of Nailsworth and ask if he would purchase them. Mr

G W Sibley and two ladies seen riding bicycles on towpath between Ebley Mill Bridge and Hilly Orchard on 2 April. Clerk to warn persons trespassing and then bring any case before Committee if second offence committed. Mrs Brunsdon of the Bell Inn found emptying contents of sewage vault into canal. Mr Clissold, Chairman of Nailsworth Brewery Co. stated that penalty would be paid. Fine of 5s. Recent drowning of girl in the canal at Stonehouse. Swing bridge at Stonehouse Mills left open. Suggestion to Stonehouse Parish. In future lamp which lighted railway crossing and swing bridge to be kept lighted at night throughout whole year instead of six months Oct-April. Rails of bridge painted white. More easily seen.

22 April 1902. General Half Yearly Meeting, pp.333-334.

Tonnage £869 12s 1d. Balance £1074 4s 7d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Vice Chairman, W J Stanton, Sir W H Marling Bart, W Davis, A J M Ball, E P Little, A B Hooper, S S Marling, P J Evans, F A Little.

20 May 1902 pp.335-340

Nailsworth Brewery paid 5s fine for pollution of canal at Ebley. Swing bridge at Stonehouse painted. Bond's Mill Bridge repaired. Mr Kimmins' closet vault at Ryeford. Nothing done. Chairman, Mr Hooper, again filled post of representative of Company on Gloucester Harbour Board. Application from Postmistress of Stonehouse that the postman be allowed to cycle over the towing path between Junction and Framilode post office. Letter box on Company's property at Framilode. Traffic now so trifling that Committee felt it might be an exception. Postman to wear some distinguishing dress or mark of his being a public servant. Reports on inspection of canal by Mr W J Stanton and Mr Mills. Repairs of basin wall at Wallbridge, at entrance of upper canal, rainwater at wharfinger's house at Wallbridge, wall at Lodgemore Mills. Mr E P Little to see Mr Hall as to nuisance at Ebley and Ryeford. At Bristol Road Wharf silt pits for washings from the road required. Investment of £520 1s from Reserve Fund on purchase of £500 'Cape of Good Hope 3½ per cent Inscribed Stock. Agreement with Mr Joseph Summers for tenancy of dwelling house at Dudbridge Wharf. No market for osiers grown on Company's grounds. They might be planted at Stonehouse mud tip or elsewhere. Ferdinand Stamford Whittingham of Stroud, solicitor, attended on behalf of Thomas James Graham, 55 Heathland Road, Stoke Newington, county of London, share no.185, will of Joseph Graham, 37 Bradpole Road, Bridport, county of Dorset, retired accountant, formerly of West Bay Road, Bridport. Annual inspection. Wallbridge, masonry on wharf wall, retaining north bank of basin requires repair. Wharfinger's house, butt or tank for rain water from roofs of house. Windows require painting. Lodgemore, wharf wall badly needs attention. Large heap of manure, said to belong to Mr Townsend, on bank of wharf at termination of Painswick Brook. May wash into canal. Gas Works. New retaining wall substantial. Dudbridge. Fence to lock keeper's garden old and in bad order. New iron gates across towpath between wharf and bridge. Windows of wharf house need painting. Busy appearance of wharf, six barges alongside, all in use. Ebley. Drain pipe close to engine house of Mr Mortimer's saw mills discharging filthy water into canal. Line mapped out for drainage pipes of Rural District Council only 50 yards distant. Expense of abating nuisance minimised if matter has attention before new pipes put in. Water below Ebley dirtier than on Stroud side. Ryeford. Kimmins' privy still unprovided with a tank. Few piles recently driven in to shore up spot. At bathing place of Mr Sibley's students eight large piles driven in canal a foot away from shore on north bank and staging erected for bathing purposes. Stonehouse Bridge near Mr Davis' mill painted white. Repairs to Bond's Mill Bridge completed. Eastington. Davis the oil merchant wants brick wall of his yard repaired and painted. Half yard belongs to Canal Company. 1s a year paid. Upkeep of wall not clear. Butt of one of balance poles to Blunder Lock in very decayed state. One of corner posts to roof of saw pit in stones yard should be repaired. Canal generally in satisfactory state. Heaps of County Council stone evidence of returning trade. Framilode. Warehouse unused for some years, requires some slight repairs to roof. Old pear tree causing damage to roof requiring lopping. Pockets Cottage. Box containing life buoy and drags fixed to wall requires painting. Pockets to test cords attached to life buoy and drags. Front door requires painting. Taylor's cottage at Framilode. Furnace now in kitchen should be moved to a small lean-to shed to be built against outside wall. Cost small. Matthew's cottage. Mrs Matthews, wife of servant of adjoining cottage, asks for new stair case. Repairs to hand rail and treads sufficient. Whitminster Bridge. Light repairs required. Bristol Road wharf. Catch pits required in main road to prevent silt

being washed into canal. Ship containing 360 tons of stone from North Wales was being unloaded into barges at Junction, destined for canal.

17 June 1902 pp.341-342

Reappointment of Mr Hooper to Gloucester Harbour Board. £6 contribution from Company. Application from Messrs Braithwaite to take water from canal for mixing concrete during construction of tanks at Ebley. Granted. £1 1s payment. Laying of sewage pipes under Ebley Pound in progress. 47 sq yards of land at Newtown retained as Company's property. Mr Vick of Cambridge applied for erection of gate of towing path, completing fence across field near Stonepits Bridge. Gate to be found and fixed by Mr Vick at own expense. Trespass rent 2s 6d a year. Notice from Messrs Ball Smith & Co. Solicitors to scheme for Light Railway crossing canal bridge at Dudbridge. Clerk to see plan and watch progress. Mr Lambert, coal merchant of Stroud. Difference in rates prevented him bringing coal to Stroud Brewery by water.

15 July 1902 pp.343-346

Messrs Braithwaite agreed to terms and payment of 21s. Sewage pipes at Dudbridge laid. £48 19s 3d. Account to Stroud Rural District Council for stoppage of canal and expenses of Company. Mr John Vick to pay 2s 6d a year for new towing path gate near Stonepit(s) Bridge. Tracing of line of proposed Light Railway over Dudbridge Bridge inspected. Stroud Brewery Co. made contract for carriage of coal by railway to end of year. Clerk to see Mr H H Bishop, Managing Director of Brewery. Clerk to Stonehouse Parish Council suggested that all swing bridges on canal should be locked at night. Not acted upon. Hand rails, stanchions and outside beams of all swing bridges to be painted with coat of white paint every autumn. Mr W G Robinson requested permission to erect new wooden swing bridge at Whitminster in place of brick bridge. Committee unable to comply. Zinc sewage tank placed on Mr Kimmins' premises at Ebley. No reply from County Surveyor about silt coming into canal at Bristol Road Bridge. George Smith, a boatman, committed breach of byelaws by drawing a staple and passing with a barge through Eastington Locks when padlocked by one of Company's servants. To explain conduct to Mr Mills who would issue a summons if advisable. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham, solicitor, of Stroud, attended on behalf of Marianne Dudden % A Sharpe Esq 39 George Street, Huddersfield, spinster, share no.134, will of Fanny Rawlings Dudden, 13 Undercliff St Leonards on Sea, county of Sussex, spinster, formerly of West Hill, Huddersfield, spinster.

16 September 1902 p.347

No quorum. Three members present,.

21 October 1902 p.348-349

Scheme for proposed Light Railway had fallen through. Notice to quit office and stables at Dudbridge Wharf on 1 November received from Mr T Ward. No communication with County Surveyor with reference to silt in canal at Bristol Road Wharf. Repairs, including wall between Wallbridge Wharf and Lodgemore Mills completed. Mr Mills resigned. Appointment of solicitor to Company. Messrs Little & Whittingham appointed solicitors to Company from 1 October.

21 October 1902 General Half Yearly Meeting, p.350.

Tonnage £815 19s 0d. Balance £1003 14s 10d. Dividend £1 10s.

12 November 1902 pp.351-352

Dr Steedman of Stonehouse to continue to pay Company 1s 6d per week for stabling his horse at Dudbridge Wharf. Letter from Clerk to County Surveyor, Mr Phillips, as to Bristol Road catch pits. Damage to canal bank near Stonehouse Court by Mr Chandler's pigs. Stroud Rural District Council wanted to put in ventilating pipe in connexion with Cainscross Sewerage on shed of Canal Company at Dudbridge. County Council contribute £6 per annum to Gloucester Harbour Board as they control Thames & Severn Canal. Nuisance at Mr Mortimer's timber yard at Ebley. Trespass on canal. Repainting of top rails of bridges over canal in interests of public before winter. Trial of luminous paint.

16 December 1902 pp.353-354

Inspection of site at Dudbridge Wharf where District Council desired to place ventilating shaft from their sewer. Against end of warehouse and higher than roof of cottage adjoining shed. Clerk accepted offer of 6d per bundle for growing crop of osiers. Stonehouse Bridge top rails painted with ordinary white paint. Luminous paint higher cost. Provisional order for electric lighting in Stroud. Stroud District & Cheltenham Tramways Bill. Replies 'dissenting'. Dividends on Cape of Good Hope Stock paid to Chancery Lane Safe Deposit Co. for credit of Reserve Fund. Lamp to light Stonehouse swing bridge. Post on towpath if necessary.

20 January 1903 pp.355-356

Mr Mortimer suggested owner of Ebley Saw Mills, Mrs Spring, might be asked to provide for abatement of nuisance. Deposit of silt in canal at Ryeford. Mr Kimmins to raise sill of doorway by which rush of water down Mr Price's drive finds access to Mr Kimmins' garden, carrying silt into canal. Mr H C Jones found weighbridge at Dudbridge inaccurate. Summons issued against Company. Fault partial. Machine seen by makers within six months. Mr E N Witchell, on behalf of promoters of Stroud Electric Lighting Scheme, suggested variation of route for cable. Gas House Lane, under canal at bridge, along towing path near Gas Works. Towing path narrow, piled, unstable. Dr Steedman gave notice to terminate occupation of Dudbridge stable. Traffic in canal uninterrupted by ice. £150 annual contribution to Thames & Severn Canal deficit.

17 February 1903 pp.357-358

Summons served on Company for inaccurate weighting machine at Dudbridge. Nominal fine 5s 6d and costs. 5s for restamping by inspector. £2 3s 3d to Messrs Bartlett for readjusting. Charge of 5s by Gas Company for use of test weights. Proposal by Stroud Urban District Council to cross canal at right angled with proposed cable, at point between western boundary of Gas Works and Foundry Lock well below towing path and gas mains laid there. Protection of canal and works. Approved. Additional provision for a stank to safeguard level of Lodgemore pound. £48 19s 3d due last year by Stroud Rural District Council for stoppage of canal and unpaid. Mr Kimmins verbally promised to have sill placed at doorway of his garden at Ryeford to prevent surface water coming down Mr Price's road. Mr Jackson had taken 51 bundles of witheys, cut by himself, at 9d per bundle. Mr Halling of Deerhurst had brought up trial barge load of stone for Mr Haynes. 'California pump' belonging to Company worn out mainly in its use on Thames & Severn Canal. Hire charge suggested of 20s contribution towards reinstatement. Approved.

17 March 1903 pp.359-360

Mr Mortimer, Ebley Saw Mills, intended to abolish nuisance in yard and connect with new sewerage as soon as available. Gas Company had decided to forgo charge for use of weights to Company. Draft clause for protection of Stroudwater Navigation in connexion with Stroud Urban District Council's Electric Lighting Bill accepted. Under consideration by Board of Trade. Urban Council to pay legal charges of solicitors of Navigation. 24 March named for claim of £48 19s 3d. unpaid by Stroud Rural District Council. Sill at Mr Kimmins garden door at Ryeford not yet raised. Relief of pressure by surface water on Company's culvert at Bristol Road required enlargement of County Council's 6inch drain. Difficulty in procuring ashes to repair towing path at Ebley. Bristol Road Wharf piled and towing path 'Westfield Ground' to Coffin Weir cut back and re-ashed.

21 April 1903 pp.361,364

Arrangement with Mr Witchell for execution by Stroud Urban Council of deed providing for security of canal in connexion with electric lighting scheme. Council to pay all charges. Overdue cheque of £48 19s 3d paid by Stroud District Rural District Council. Claim for damages on Messrs Peake & Co. of saw mills Cambridge for damages done by their timber wagon at Eastington Bridge. 16s 8d for removal of broken guard post. Agreement to pay £6 to Gloucester Harbour Board towards expense of lighting the estuary of the Severn. Not an annual contribution. Walk Bridge needed re-planking. Cost £16 9s. Messrs R Gay & Co. supplied with white paint for bridges. Papering and painting, about £2-£3, required at house at Dudbridge occupied by Mr Summers.

21 April 1903 General Half Yearly Meeting. pp.362-363

Tonnage £810 12s 8d. Balance £1057 12s 11d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Vice Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, W J Stanton, W Davies, A J M Ball, E P Little, A B Hooper, S S Marling, P J Evans, T A Little.

19 May 1903 pp.365-366

Messrs Peake & Co. of Cambridge declined to pay for damage to Eastington Bridge by their timber wagon. Construction of bridge dangerous to traffic. No action for recovery. Amount smaller than worth legal expense. Leave granted to Stroud Laundry Co. to take water from canal at Ebley. 1inch pipe. 20s per annum. Messrs Strachan had opened a gateway upon towing path at Lodgemore from one of their cottages. 2s 6d per annum to Company. Quotation by Great Western Railway Co. 1s per foot for old broad gauge rails delivered at Chalford. Clerk to order 6 or what he might require. New lifting-jack and a wood boring machine sanctioned. 50s and 30s. Painting of two bridges with 'Gays paint'. Two coats, including labour, £1 3s 0d. Rt. Honble Sir J E Dorington Bart., President of Canal Association. Mr Southall, Severn Commission, Chairman of Committee.

16 June 1903 pp.367-370

Clerk to get letter from Messrs Strachan & Co. Ltd., agreeing to 'easement' gateway at Lodgemore, duly stamped. Letter from Mr Jones of Sharpness Company as to cutting the weeds and muddings in the Whitminster Reach. Failure of masonry at the Double Locks. Erection of telephone wire over Wallbridge Wharf to warehouse rented to Mr Lambourn. Company's interests affected by Railway Electrical Power Bill, now before Parliament. Three railway metals from Great Western Railway. Cost £2 14s. New lifting jack and boring machine. Repairs of Walk Bridge proceeding. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham, Stroud, solicitor, attended on behalf of Lady Eliza Daubeney of Osterley Lodge, Spring Grove, Isleworth, county of Middlesex, Henry Atlee, 10 Billiter Square, London, solicitor, Hugh Frederick Daubeney Esq Tatchley House, Prestbury, Cheltenham, county of Gloucester, Commander Royal Navy, shares nos.2,125, will of Sir Henry Charles Barnston Daubeney, Osterley Lodge, Spring Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. Edward Palling Little, Stroud, solicitor, attended under authority of Mary Jane Hallewell, 34 Alma Road, Clifton, Bristol, spinster, share no.122, will of Jane Hallewell, 34 Alma Road, Clifton, widow.

21 July 1903. Annual Inspection. pp.371-375

Mr F A Little and Mr H H Mills with Mr Snape. New ropes attached to life buoy and drags. Weeds in Framilode Pound require cutting. Clarke takes grass from bank adjoining towing path at 10s a year. Asked to graze bank. Repairs to Walk Bridge nearly completed. Grass on small piece belonging to Company at bridge between towing path and canal cut by occupant of adjoining land. Letter to be sent. Land property of Company. Bristol Road Bridge, silt washed from road into canal. County Surveyor should be asked to raise side of road next wharf. Larger pipes in field on opposite side to carry off water passing through culvert under canal. Repairs required to walls of dry dock at Eastington. Small piece of bank on side of Whiting's garden requires piling. Company to give land to widen approach to Eastington Bridge on north side. County Council to bear cost. No provision in Long Pound for insertion of stop planks. Provision also at Stonehouse Swing Bridge. Dredging required to bank at Ryeford Wharf. Sewage coming into canal at two places. Mr Snape to call attention of Medical Officer of Health, Dr Martin, to matter. Rebuilding of wall at Double Locks. Messrs Strachan agreed to pay 2s 6d per annum to keep boat on canal on Framilode Pound. Leave given to Mr Clark of Junction Inn, Saul, to graze grass on canal bank and towing path. Additional 5s to 10s paid for grass crop. Letter from Mr Long of Stapleton. Seven fishing licences useless to holders by stoppage of canal. Sewer ventilating pipe fixed by Stroud Rural District Council at Dudbridge. Telegram from County Surveyor. Request to get silt at Stonehouse Cross Bridge removed from canal at County expense. Stonehouse police reported clothing in canal 12 July. Apology to Company required from lads named and sent to Sergeant. Prosecution if offence repeated. Application by Stroud and District Angling Association to angle in canal on Sundays refused. Lloyds Bank Limited at Stroud authorised to honour all cheques drawn on Company's account. Government Auditor of Gloucestershire County Council to have tolls for 3 years ended September 1902 and 1904 received in respect of through traffic over Navigation and Thames & Severn Canal. Cost of repairing slip at Double Locks £63 19s 8d. £10 17s 2d. for labour furnished by regular staff.

15 September 1903 pp.376-378

Messrs Haines & Sumner, agents of owner of land adjoining aqueduct at Whitminster promised to see to piling of brook. Eastington Dock repaired. Cost £18 6s 1d. Insanitary matters at Ryeford inspected with Medical officer of Health, Dr Martin. Provisional order of Stroud Urban District Council for electric lighting. Mr Long of Stapleton & Silver Bream Angling Association accepted promise to consider it next year. New bridge at Gas Works completed. Cost £133 14s 0d. Repairs to Framilode Bridge £39 16s 2d.

20 October 1903 p.379

Piling of bank at Whitminster. Aqueduct. Reply to Messrs Haines & Sumner that all necessary had been done. Rev F B Teasdale and Mr F A Jones alleged obstruction to free flow of water into River Froome below Junction. Company to clear part contiguous to their land. No such obstruction recognised. Detention of vessel 'Reliance'. Sudden failure of water in canal at Whitminster Reach. Report to Sharpness Docks Co. All items of money received by Clerk to be paid into bank as they come in. Outgoings to be provided by 'omnibus' cheques given to Mr Snape at intervals at Chairman's direction. Stones in hand £85 13s 4d.

20 October 1903. General Half Yearly Meeting. p.380

Tonnage £781 15s 4d. Balance £951 9s 7d. Dividend £1 10s.

17 November 1903 pp.381-382

Protection of wing wall of Whitminster Aqueduct. 'Eddies' of the stream due to heightened level of water on further side of aqueduct which resulted on construction of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal. Rev F B Teasdale acknowledged letter ordered at last meeting. Reply of General Manager of Sharpness Docks Co. on detention of 'Reliance' by loss of water through Junction in Bristol Road reach. Harbour Master did not let engineer know of intention to scour basin. No pumping done. Sir W H Marling, Chairman of Sharpness Docks Co., suggested a conference of Mr Snape with Engineer of Docks Co. Unclaimed dividends. Rev A H Stanton Nov 1 1900, Mrs H Ruegg Nov 1 1902, Miss J Hallewell May 1 1903. Hilly Orchard Bridge would require renewal next year. Estimated cost £32 13s 9d.

15 December 1903 pp.383-384

Mr H Lambourn, tenant of warehouse and buildings of yard at Wallbridge, rent £22 19s 4d. Applied for reduction to £15. Sir W H Marling to meet Mr Snape at Gloucester to discuss with engineer of Sharpness Canal practicable means for safeguarding level of water on Bristol Road reach.

19 January 1904 pp.385-388

Through traffic £444 2s 11d. £448 4s 9d average for 3 years. Decrease of 19s 6d. Mr Lambourn's question as to rental of Wallbridge Warehouse. Convenience of W C, gas jet in office and a top floor. Renewal of seven angling tickets of a Bristol Angling Association. Next stoppage postponed till 1906. Sharpness Docks Co. liable for repair of Whitminster Lock gates. Letter from General Swindon Corporation to cut off supply of water from reservoir supplying Wilts & Berks Canal Relative cost of water borne 'Rowley Regis' road stone and rail borne 'Clee Hill' stone adding to rates for Irish, Arklow, stone. Mr E P Little to bring notice of water borne stone before Stroud Rural District Council. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham attended for Ellen Harford Oldown, Tockington, county of Gloucester, widow and Alfred Harford, Petty France, Badminton, county of Gloucester, Esq, Hugh Wyndham Luttrell Harford Oldown, Tockington, county of Gloucester, Esq, shares nos. 23,24,25,27,28, 29,30,95, will of Henry Harford Oldown, Tockington. county of Gloucester.

16 February 1904 pp.389-391

Communication from Canal Association. Enquiry by Home Office. Proposed legislation for protection of Docks and Canals against accidents occurred to employees or persons trading. Swindon Corporation Bill. Resolution passed by Committee deprecating closure of Wilts & Berks Canal. Statutory obligation to put and maintain North Wilts branch in good condition. Conditions provided for by Agreement between Thames & Severn, Canal trust and the Wilts & Berks Canal Company. Drafted 1899 but not ratified. Better boat service over Sharpness & Stroudwater systems towards London desirable. Could be provided by Severn & Canal Carrying Co., Gloucester. Local Government Board enquiry

into allowing an increase of weight of motor cars beyond present limit of 4 tons. Strength of canal bridges. Resolution to be forwarded to Mr Dunstan, manager of Lloyds Bank, Stroud. Cheques to be signed by members of Committee and countersigned by Secretary. Transference of Company's Insurances to Royal from Norwich Union, since 1805.

15 March 1904 pp.392-393

Resolution carried unanimously at meeting of Canal Association 23 February 1904 limiting weight of motor cars to such as ordinary canal bridges will safely carry until provision made by Parliament for rebuilding bridges. Correspondence with Sharpness New Docks Co. keeping proper level in Bristol Road pound. Mr Whittingham to draft letter in reply to Mr Waddy's letter of 4 February. Future maintenance of lock, banks and alterations recognised by Sharpness Dock Company's engineer, Mr Jones, necessary to effectual working of Shallow Lock rests legally with Sharpness Co. and not with Stroudwater Co. Sir William Marling to see Mr Keeling. Height of pound should be raised one foot.

19 April 1904 pp.394-395

Letter from Mr Waddy 9 April. Six inches sufficient to raise the Shallow Lock and banks. Greater raising of lock than 6 inches wise but no difficulty raised. Statutory obligation of Company safeguarded. Application from post mistress at Stonehouse to permit use by messenger with bicycle of towing path from Ocean Bridge to Meadow Mill declined. Mr Lambourn's application for reduced rent declined. Mr J J Bassett of Ebley applied for convenience for storing petroleum on Stonehouse Wharf. Application by Parish Council of Cainscross to permit bathing in canal at Hilly Orchard declined. Proposal by National Telephone Company to lay wires under Wallbridge Wharf instead of over. Yearly agreement and some increase of rent desirable. Vans of carriers Messrs R J Smith & Co. had gone over Gas Works swing bridge with "skid pans" on wheels to detriment of bridge. Letter from Clerk. Promise to see to it.

19 April 1904. Genera Half Yearly Meeting. p.396

Tonnage £805 14s 1d. Balance £906 14s 1d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Vice Chairman, sir W H Marling Bart., W J Stanton, W Davies, A J M Ball, E P Little, A B Hooper, S S Marling, P J Evans, F A Little.

2 May 1904 p.397

Letter from Mr Hubert Field asking for reduction on tonnage charged to Stanley Mills, to carry coal in competition with railway. Question of a through rate on stone from Staffordshire to Thames & Severn Canal. Mr Thomas Baines of Gloucester applied for through rate to be fixed with view to his tendering for the carriage of 5000 tons. Toll for stone passing over canal to any point on Thames & Severn Canal reduced to 3d per ton. Present toll to Brimscombe 6d and any place beyond 4d.

17 May 1904 pp.398-400

Reply by Clerk to manager of Sharpness Docks Co. respecting Whitminster Shallow Lock and Pound. Mr Waddy's acknowledgement deemed satisfactory. Mr Bassett to pay 1s per square yard for space at Stonehouse Wharf. Mr Snape to see him. Subject to Company's approval of a site, Committee ready to further Cainscross Parish Council's proposal for bathing at Ebley. 29s per annum. Draft form of Agreement with National Telephone Co. for laying wires under Wallbridge Wharf. Committee could not alter rates of tonnage to Stanley Mill as suggested by Mr Hubert Field.