

COMMITTEE OF STROUDWATER NAVIGATION

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Letter from General Manager of Sharpness Docks Co. 7 June. Company to grant through rate on coal to Cirencester, similar to that on stone. Reduction from 1s to 9d, inviting Stroudwater Navigation to reduce toll of 4d to 3d. Whole toll to be paid at Birmingham. Stroudwater Navigation proportion to be remitted by cheque monthly. Resolution. Through rate for coal from Staffordshire to Cirencester of 2s 9½d, a reduction of 1d on present rate of 4d on this canal agreed for remainder of year, 1904, as a trial. Mr Snape reported interview with Mr F A Jones, Engineer of Sharpness Docks Co. Details of alterations to the 'Shallow Lock'. Approved. 'Lodgemore Culvert', long in precarious condition, had given way. Mr Snape to provide materials for its complete repair and to arrange stoppage of canal when most convenient. Application by Mr Barnard of Ebley for leave to cross Ebley Bridge with a ¾inch water pipe agreed. 5s per annum paid in advance and three months notice. Mr T F Williams of Eastington to pay 5s per month and lockage for keeping steam launch on canal. Clerk to give John Potter three months notice to quit house near Gas Works Bridge. Irregular with rent. After September may be renewed on monthly footing. Repayment by County Council of cost of dredging canal near Ship Inn £3 15s 0d. Gas Company had not availed themselves of convenience of canal for conveyance of new heavy main pipes, laid through Company premises or for other heavy plant. Chairman to write to Secretary of Gas Company. Anxiety to place full facilities at their service, 21 June 1904 pp.1-2. Proposed alteration by Engineer of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal at Whitminster Lock and Pound signed by Chairman and confirmed. Repairs to Lodgemore culvert. Stoppage on 30 July. Mr Barnard of Ebley to pay 5s per annum for water pipe over Ebley Bridge. John Potter given notice to quit cottage at Downfield. Letter to Stroud Gas Co. Attention called to facilities canal could offer. More use of canal for bringing Retort coal to Gas Works. Bathing places for Cainscross & District. Objection raised by owners of property adjacent to canal. Mr Ball and Mr E P Little to act as subcommittee to arrange with Cainscross Parish Council and others. Mr Bassett to pay 25s a year for use of 25 square yards of land on Stonehouse Wharf for storage of petroleum 12 months to 24 June 1905. Application of Gloucester Harbour Board for subscription of £6 to cost of lighting the River to stand over for present. Box containing Company's seal could not be opened. Loss of 3rd key usually in Mr Mill's keeping. Lock should be picked and seal affixed by Mr Whittingham to Agreement with National Telephone Co. as to wires under Wallbridge Wharf. Mr Vick had paid only one half of charge made for sheep washing in canal at Stonepits Bridge. Clerk to collect remaining 5s. Use of bicycles on towing path between Ryeford Bridge and Canal Cottages at Ryeford, 19 July 1904 pp.3-4. Survey of Canal. Mr Stanley Marling and Mr Edward P Little, Mr Snape. Outfall works at Framilode in good order. One of Company's cottages let at £6. Steps

down to water require slight repair. Reeds and rushes on banks of Frome require cutting. Bank near Junction Inn orchard on off side of canal requires piling. Water of Whitminster pound drawn off to allow Berkeley Canal Company to make 'Shallow Lock' a serviceable lock. Banks of mud on offside below the lock and Junction have fallen in. Shallow Lock had about six feet of mud in it and large accumulation above it as far as weir, about 50 yards. Small portion of brickwork of lock and wing requires repairing. Mr Jones, engineer of Berkeley Canal, undertook to do what was necessary. Cost in separate account. Towing path needs puddling 50 yards above Shallow Lock. Banks of brook require piling by land owner adjoining bridge. Towing path near Stonepits Bridge has given way. Requires taking out for 15 yards and piling. Sheep washing in canal should be prohibited. Great damage to banks, requiring piling. Stone, coal and rubbish washed into canal opposite wharf at Bristol Road Bridge. Two piles required to offside of Cowground Bridge. Brick out of parapet Eastington Bridge. Chairman visited the restoration of Shallow Lock. Effective head of water, about 8 inches, by Sharpness Docks Co. Adjustment of lock weir remained and raising and repairing of towpath banks, eastwards. Bill forwarded from Mr Jones. Taking out and filling up place of old trunks in bank of river. Clerk to ask for explanation from Manager of Sharpness Docks Co. Repair of Lodgemore culvert £38 3s 1d. Messrs Strachan stopped their works. £10 from Reserve Fund. Completion of repair. Right of way for bicycles to cottages and gardens at Ryeford, owned by Sir William Marling. 1s per annum for access from public road to their coal pen and to gate of adjoining gardens. Plan of locality does not reach cottages. Parish Committee to withhold such accommodation in future. Clerk's correspondence with Mr Southall of Severn Commission and Mr Butler, manager of Staffordshire & Worcester Canal Co. as to through rate for boat from the Littleton Colliery at Otherton near Penkridge. Acceptance of 6d through rate rather than 8d for Littleton coal brought to Stroud and Chalford, and 5d instead of 6d to Stonehouse and Dudbridge. Injury done to Stonehouse swing bridge by the 'Reliance' which captain strongly denied. Evidence not clear, action suspended for present. Application by Gloucester Harbour Board for renewal of £6 contribution to stand over. Account against Severn and Coal Carrying Co. challenged by them as inaccurate. Sanction of Committee Account amended. Post Office authorities recently replaced old Telegraph cable, 11 wires, laid on bottom of canal, short distance east of Junction, Saul, with five new cables, each 4 wires. Proper agreement and fee for easement. Application from clerk of Wheatenhurst Rural District to renew privilege of filling Saul Ditch at intervals with water from canal for sanitary reasons. Agreed, under control of Company's staff. Payment in advance one guinea a year, 20 September 1904 pp.5-9. Letter from Mr Waddy, secretary and manager of Sharpness Docks Co. suggesting division between companies of the £7 4s 6d cost of removing old trunks on bank of Frome at the Shallow Lock. Agreed. Cost of renewing Lodgemore culvert £46 11s 1d. Withdrawn from Reserve Fund. Chairman mentioned informality appearing to exist in books of Chancery Lane Safe Deposit Co. Company's Deposit Account in names of four gentlemen, Trustees of £500 invested in 3½% Cape Stock. Account stands in name of the Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation. In case of withdrawals signature of Chairman or Clerk, at present Mr C H Hooper and Mr W J Snape. Annexed plan of Ryeford property adjoining

towing path taken from tithe map. Sir W H Marling satisfied that proper right of way to his cottages indicated by dotted line. His tenants have not right to use towing path for bicycles or otherwise. Diagram included. Clerk's letter to Mr Vick, Whitminster, as to sheep washing and letter to Mr Southall of Severn Commission as to through tolls on Staffordshire coal read and approved. Need of small quantity of broken stone, value £2 10s, for repair of roadways and over crowns of bridges. Sanctioned. Wharfinger at Dudbridge reported habitual use of towing path by Mr Stephens of Ebley, riding his bicycle. Warnings and notices unheeded. Clerk to write to Mr Stephens. Sir William Marling mentioned work lately carried out by Mr Jones, Engineer of Sharpness Docks Co. at Shallow Lock. Mr Keeling, Consulting Engineer, had seen and approved it. As to adjustment of weirs and raising of banks and towpath, in Bristol Road pound, Mr Jones and Mr Snape had decided to suspend final completion of work until winter's experiences demonstrated how much was necessary, 18 October 1904 pp.10-11. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £747 12s 9d. Balance £797 3s 8d. Dividend £1 10s, 18 October 1904. Clerk's letter to Mr Stephens of Ebley, on riding his bicycle on towpath. Clerk to write to Mr M J Cartwright who continually rode his bicycle on towing path. J R Potter's offer to pay 10s per month on account of £4 10s arrears of rent accepted. First instalment of 10s to be paid forthwith. Mr E P Little to caution B Herbert, captain of the 'Reliance', reported for riding bicycle on towing path. Swing bridge at Ryeford newly painted white. Mr F A Jones, engineer of Sharpness Docks Co. had had bank at head of Shallow Lock made up. Letters in reference to Shallow Lock read by Chairman from Mr Snape and Mr F A Jones. Adjustment of four boards to be placed on top of existing boards omitted in consequence of leakage coming down pound from Bristol Road Lock. £6 to Harbour Board, 10 November 1904 pp.13-15. Letter from late tenant of cottage at Lodgemore, J R Potter. Arrears of rent now £3 16s 11d. Geo Taylor, tenant of Company's house at Eastington, considerably in arrears of rent. No response to applications. Month's notice. Messrs Smith, Rogers & Co. of Ebley applied for house for foreman employed at Meadow Mills, Eastington, on lease or shorter tenancy. Chairman to ascertain who would be their tenants and interview person, arrange rent and tenancy. Mr Ira J Bassett to take further 25 square yards in addition to 25 he already had, for his oil reservoir at Stonehouse Wharf. Agreement with National Telephone Co. produced and signed. Authorities of 'Postal Telegraphs' to pay 2s 6d to lay cables under bed of Stroudwater Canal near Saul Junction from 29 September. New key to iron box containing Company's seal. Company's foreman, E Hill, reported Mr F A Jones again riding bike on towpath on 19 December. Mr Whittingham, solicitor, to make remonstrance through Mr Stephen's firm, Messrs Roberts, Jowlings & Co. Question of whether, under any conditions, Cycle Licences, with substantial fee, might be granted in connection with important works on canal side for convenience of Principals or Managers who might find towing path a great saving of time. Letter from Mr Southall, Secretary of Severn Commission, requesting further reduction of tolls. Committee did not entertain this. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham of Stroud attended for Gerard Thomas Andrews Uthwatt, of Great Linford, county of Buckingham Esq. shares nos.50, 133, will of Anna Maria Uthwatt, Great Linford, widow, 20 December 1904 pp.16-18. Canal house at Eastington let to Mr Smith, Smith Rogers & Co. at £12 per annum, yearly

tenancy. On Mr Smith's objecting to pay costs of treatment, Committee waived them on his provision of necessary stamp. Letter from Clerk of Wheatenhurst Rural District Council, declining to carry out proposed agreement to pay 1s per annum for use of 'Saul Ditch', in interests of village, by filling it with water from canal. Legal charges £1 11s 6d. Agreement of 24 June 1863 with Mr Sims. Control of valve of water course in hands of Company. Saul Parish Council contemplated filling it from Severn. Need for sound restoration of surface of Wallbridge Wharf, where Stroud Gas Co. and National Telephone Co. had pipes. Mr F A Stephens continued to cycle on the towing path. Byelaw or byelaws to enable Company to fully control this. Subcommittee, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Sir W H Marling Bart. to consider terms. Developments of traffic by 'motors'. Terms of notice affixed to Company's bridges reviewed. Clerk to enquire as to ability of Dudbridge Iron Works Co. to anneal and test chain of Dudbridge crane and give certificate for satisfaction of H M Inspector. Repeated applications for 1s per annum due last June, from Stroud District Rural Council for ventilating pipe at Dudbridge. Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of Thames & Severn Canal for year ended 20 September 1904, 24 January 1905 pp.19-20. Many byelaws of Company out of date. Remodelling of whole of byelaws by solicitors. Repairs of Canal House, Eastington, completed. Mr Smith's tenancy to commence on 24 February. Chain of Wallbridge crane not reliable. Clerk to remove it. Clerk to make another application to Stroud Rural District Council for 1s due for easement at Dudbridge for ventilation of Council's sewer. Enquiries as to periodical inspection and certification of Company's weighing machines, 21 February 1905 pp.21-22. Surveyor of Stroud Urban District Council had received orders to do necessary repairs to Wallbridge Wharf. Rural District Council had paid 18s 1d of arrear rent. £3 11s 11d due. Mr Turier of Cheltenham had written in reference to his undertaking survey and repair of Company's weighing machines. Decided to invite him to call and meet chairman. Proposed new byelaws criticised by members. Draft, with certain minor variations, chiefly verbal, to be completed by Mr Whittingham. Subcommittee, Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart., Mr F A Little, to settle final terms, 21 March 1905 p.23. Repairs to Wallbridge Wharf satisfactorily completed by Stroud Gas Co. and National Telephone Co. J K Potter had not paid anything further towards debt for rent of £3 11s 11d. Mr Turier, Cheltenham and Messrs Bartlett, Bristol, wrote submitting terms for periodical inspection of Company's two weighing machines of £4 and £3 10s respectively. Cost annually for last 13 years on average of 32s 6d. Contract postponed. Machines to be examined and tested by Company's best qualified servants, with help of James Smith, their blacksmith. Board of Trade requirement for settling new Byelaws £5 5s. Mr Evans called attention of Committee to conference in Worcester 10 May. Scheme for taking over waterways of Midlands, on certain terms. To attend on behalf of County Council and to report. Monthly Committee Meetings to be held on Wednesdays 4.15pm instead of Tuesdays 3pm. Value of stores in hand £116 9s, 25 April 1905 p.24. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £755 16 5d. Balance £911 4s 7d. Dividend £1 10s. Committee: C H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Vice Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, P J Evans, W Davies, E P Little, F A Little, A J M Ball, W J Stanton, S S Marling, A B Hooper. Resolution that meeting approve of passing of new byelaws in lieu of existing byelaws, other than those made under

'Explosives Act' 1875, 25 April 1905 p.25. Visit by Mr Jones, inspector of weighing machines. One at Dudbridge found just but at Wallbridge 17lbs out. Mr Snape had written to Messrs Bartlett. Refitted, improvement to mechanism. No proceedings instituted by Inspector. Mr Evans' report on meeting of representatives of Canal and allied interests at Worcester 10 May. Some points of real importance such as through rates usefully discussed. Promoters of scheme had not yet fully grappled with essential details. Demand by Government Auditor for details of Average of Through Traffic, year ended 30 September 1904, under section 43 Thames & Severn Trust Act 1895, received by Clerk. Stroud Assessment Committee had advanced rateable value of Wallbridge Wharf, on new valuation, from £17 10s to £20. Difference not of sufficient importance to authorise appeal, 17 May 1905 pp.26-27. Stroud Rural District Council, 2s 6d per annum for right to use towing path for access to gate of new fence, enclosing sewage works. Mr Vick of Whitminster paid 10s for sheep washing in canal, done without permission. Two letters from Mr Grey Robinson of 'Parklands', Whitminster. He proposed making repairs to his bridge over canal. Mr Snape ready to meet builder on spot and advise him. Draft of proposed new byelaws, with criticisms of 'Counsel' to Board of Trade, after examination by subcommittee and Vice Chairman, considered and handed to Solicitors. Promoters of 'Canals Bill' failed to secure consideration in this session of Parliament. Invitation from Secretary of Worcester Severn Valley Canals Scheme to Company to name representative on their committee. Chairman or Vice Chairman nominated. Canal Survey 1905 report. Chairman and Mr F A Little, with Mr Snape, Ocean to Stroud, remainder Chairman. General condition thoroughly satisfactory. Framilode. Masonry at Severn entrance overhauled, high tide just running up, trend of current favouring rather than washing embankment of canal and brook. Cottage property in order. Saul Bridge. Valve and culvert of Saul Ditch visited, conditions discussed with some elder inhabitants. Scouring this water course alternatively by brook water or by canal water explained. Junction. Advantage of restoration of 'Shallow Lock'. Head of 8 to 9 inches. Levels at weirs satisfactory. Concrete masonry will perhaps not wear so well as solid stone. Stonepits Bridge. Sheepwashing again done without permission. Trespass on towpath and bank. Mr Snape to see solicitors. Bristol Road Wharf. Tenant had renewed wooden sheds. Coal traffic moving. Little paint to windows needed. Also at cottages. Eastington Wharf and the Yard. Little outside painting desirable at lock keeper's house and garden fence. Towing path and bank want making up at what is known as 'Cabtree Weir' Whitminster. Stonehouse Farm. Offside bank in need of a little repair. Stonehouse Wharf Swing Bridge. Precautions to ensure safety of public. Ryeford Wharf. Nuisance running into canal from dung heap. Ryeford. Gravel still carried into canal from Mr Price's premises through Mr Kimmins' garden. Ebley. Nuisance floating for considerable distance. Not explained. Dredging being done. At new iron fence recently erected to enclose sewage works it appeared necessary to require some acknowledgement for easement enjoyed by District Council in obtaining access to entrance gate by towing path. Hilly Orchard. Bridge renewal deferred. Lodgemore. Repairs to culvert successful, 21 June 1905 pp.28-30. Clerk had written to Mr F Winterbotham, Clerk to Stroud Rural District Council, with reference to Council paying acknowledgement re gateway opening on to towing path at Ebley. Clerk

had met Mr Grey-Robinson and Mr T Boulton, the builder, at Parklands Bridge and advised them on repairs. New byelaws, as amended by Council to Board of Trade, were approved, subject to addition, made by him, to no.27 being omitted. Mr Whittingham was requested to obtain sanction of Board of Trade to omission of words referred to. Letter from Mr R E Stuart, Clerk to Wheatenhurst Rural District Council. Eastington Bridge a danger to public, narrow and steep. Could Company do anything to improve it? Reply that Company would facilitate improvement but not able to bear cost. Suggestion that matter be taken up by District Council and brought before County Council, with view to two Councils jointly carrying out work of widening and improving approach to bridge. Clerk to inform Mr James Stephens of Stonehouse that Company would charge 5s for each trial for testing motor boats on canal. Clerk had written to Mr Kimmins re gravel washed into canal at Ryeford during storms. No reply. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham of Stroud attended for Edmund Thomas Moore Teesdale, 6 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, city of London, Gentleman and Frederic Whitworth Jones, Brook House, Pulham St Mary, Diss, county of Norfolk, Gentleman, shares nos.5,6,68,93,98,127, will of Maria Whitworth Jones, Brook House, Pulham St Mary, Diss, widow, formerly of 115 Park Road, Regent's Park, county of Middlesex, and of Brunswick Place, Regent's Park, died at 24 Lyndhurst Road, Lowestoft, county of Suffolk. Report of canal development meeting held at Worcester, 27 June was read, 19 July pp.31-32. Completion by Mr Grey-Robinson of repairs to his bridge over canal at Whitminster, with Mr Snape's advice. Acknowledgement of Mr Snape's plans on improvement of Eastington Bridge. Clerk to remind Clerk of Stroud Rural District Council of gateway to sewage tanks at Ebley, also of 1s per annum due June last for ventilating shaft at Dudbridge. Mr W J Acton, tenant of Dudbridge Wharf House, failed to pay rent. Arrears now £3 14s 6d. Company's solicitors to recover amount. Mr Whittingham reported progress of new byelaws. No objections within statutory period. Printed copies, sealed and signed in duplicate by Chairman and Clerk, to be forwarded to Board of Trade, 20 September 1905 pp.33-34. No reply from Stroud Rural District Council to Clerk's letter of July and subsequent reminder as to their access to their sewage tanks by canal towing path. Clerk to write again. Mr W J Acton, tenant of Company's house at Dudbridge, had discharged, under distress, claim for rent to 25 September and a month's notice to quit given. 17s 7d owing to date. Injury, since made good at cost of about £7, to bridge over canal at Ryeford by passing over of traction engine of Mr Brunsdon's weighing 10 tons. Solicitors to look into law of case and report to next meeting. Messrs Smith & Son verbally requested further lease for 10 years, of Ship Inn, Wallbridge. Mr Snape to reply. In reference to question of compensation, under Licensing Act 1904, Mr Whittingham looked into lease of Ship Inn. Terms sufficient protection for Company. List of stores, 30 September, £115 0s 4d, 25 October 1905 p.35. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £720 16s 8d. Balance £787 3s. Dividend £1 7s 6d. Reserve Fund £588 16s 5d, 25 October 1905 p.36. Mr Acton's rent not paid, due 25 October. Must leave house at Dudbridge Wharf. Injury to Ryeford Bridge by Mr Brunsdon's locomotive. Question as to structure of the arch. Company had taken a considerate view not to press claim but in future he must ask and obtain leave of Company, according to published notice, before taking locomotives over canal bridges. Messrs Smith & Son's wish for an

extension of lease of Ship Inn at £40 per annum, discussed. In view of uncertainty as to working of compensation clauses of Licensing Act 1904, desirable to postpone any conclusion as to terms of extension. Present lease runs to 1908. Mr Smith to discuss with Company's solicitors terms of mutually satisfactory agreement, 15 November 1905 p.37. Mr Snape had met Mr Brunsdon at Ryeford. He stated his intention to risk consequences if he did not in future conform to notice. Recent case of owner of an engine of 10 tons weight held liable for injury to pipes under a public road. Mr Smith had not called, as invited by Clerk, in reference to renewal of lease of Ship Inn. Chain of safety tide gate at Framilode not perfectly reliable. New one, cost 10s 8d, tested to three tons, Admiralty test. Last stoppage of canal towing paths February 1901. To maintain Company's right of way, it was decided to repeat same on February 5,6,7,8,9. Notices exhibited at each end of sections closed for the day. 17 tons of broken stone for repair of metalling over bridges at Bristol Road, Eastington and Stonehouse. Need for renovation of swing bridge near 'Shallow Lock', Whitminster. Estimate £38. Thames & Severn Canal tolls, year ended 30 September. Meeting 27 October 1879. Late Commissioners of Roads applied to widen Eastington and Dudbridge Bridges, at their expense. Leave granted. Improvement at Eastington in abeyance, 20 December 1905 pp.38-39. Cheque from Messrs Smith, Brimscombe Brewery, for rent to Christmas of Ship Inn, Wallbridge. Instead of £10 only £1 16s. Difference of £8 4s, claimed as due from Company to Compensation Fund, Licensing Act 1904, annually, until end of existing lease, 1908. Solicitors to look into matter. No reply from Stroud Rural District Council as to access to their sewage works, by canal towing path. Clerk to allow their servant ready access during stoppage of path, upon request made and granted in writing. Damages by the gale, Saturday 6 January, reported by Mr Snape, 17 January 1906 p.40. Thames & Severn Canal through traffic year ended September 1905. £440 11 1d. £446 12s 7d average of last three years. Decrease of £2 13s 6d. No Payment due. Cheque for £150 to County Council on Thames & Severn account. Stoppage of towing paths 5-10 February. Canal workers involved. W Bullock, Jos Hill, G Aldridge, C Aldridge, J White, W. Staddon, E Crook, W Iliff, A Bassett. Joseph Hill stationed at Stonehouse Swing Bridge, 7 February 1906. 4 o'clock pm A Black and - Smith attempted to pass him to go to by towing path to new footbridge over river near Stonehouse Railway Bridge. Stopped to public. He stopped each in turn. They inspected notice and left. 8 February 1906 Joseph Hill at Eastington Bridge. During afternoon Mr Palmer Junior asked to pass from road to side door in his father's house, by towing path, then closed to public for the day. Joseph Hill left to speak to someone eastwards on towing path. Mr Palmer went by towing path to door. Said J Hill must report him. In consequence towing path Eastington Bridge to Westfield Bridge stopped to public 12 February 1906. No one, except on canal business, allowed to pass over it. J Hill stationed there. Consent for Joseph Cole to go on towing path attending sewage at Ebley. Letter from Albert E Palmer challenging Company's right. Mr Snape to see Mr T Palmer, father, owner and occupier of house. Company to uphold their right of way. Amicable arrangement with him. Mr Snape reported that man who undertook stoppage of section 1901 remembers doing so effectively. Deduction by Messrs Smith & Son Ltd from quarter's rent of Ship Inn in accordance with scale. Financial result to Company of current lease. £27 1s

2d for costs in connexion with revision of byelaws. Payment out of Interest of Reserve Fund, 21 February 1906 pp.41-44. Representation made by Stonehouse Parish Council to Stroud Rural District Council as to claim of Parish to public use of towing path eastwards from swing bridge at Stonehouse Upper Mills, towards footbridge in meadow leading to King(sic) Stanley, recently repaired by Parish Council. Rural District Council to take no action in furtherance of claim. Same question raised by Mr Sibley 1901. Letters between Clerk and Mr Albert E Palmer of Tuffley, Gloucester, re his challenge of stoppage of towpath and side of his father's house at the bridge, Eastington. Father did not claim right of way there. Mr Palmer Jnr added apology for course he took when towpaths closed to public. Incident ended. Renewal of lease of Ship Inn by Messrs Smith & Son of Brimscombe Brewery. 14 years at present rent, £40 per annum. Proposal to ask Stroud Rural District Council for small acknowledgement of use of towing path to reach new sewage works dropped. Recognition of Company's right there. Plan of Stonehouse Court Estate, to be offered for sale. Plan of Canal Company's property inadvertently included. Clerk to see solicitors for vendors, Mr F Winterbotham. Minutes of Canal Association re proceedings of recently appointed Royal Commission on Canals read by Chairman. List of stores, 31 March, value £124 19s 4d, 21 March 1906 pp.45-46. Mr Smith demurs to period of 14 years for renewal of lease of Ship Inn. Mr Whittingham to negotiate. If not, 10 years. Present lease to be surrendered. Correction of plan of Stonehouse Court Estate. Any of members of Canals Association desiring to offer evidence before Royal Commission should do so individually. Coal used by Gas Company. Hope that local companies would give preference to coal pits whose production could reach district by water. Company to offer facilities. Death of Charles Critchley, Company's tenant at Stonehouse Wharf and guarantor of Mr Zaccheus Whiting at Eastington Wharf. Gloucester Harbour Board required £6 annually as qualification for a representative. Committee to decide as to future. After result of balance sheet for half year, proposal by Mr Little, seconded by Mr Ball, Sir William Marling not voting, that £3 contribution should be proposed, without representation on Board. Resolution to Clerk of Harbour Board with £6 Cheque for year ending 31 March, 25 April 1906 pp.47-48. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £753 1s 5d. Balance £871 17s 1d. Dividend £1 7s 6d. Reserve Fund £574 15s 11. Committee: E H Hooper, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Vice Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, P J Evans, W Davies, E P Little, F A Little, A J M Ball, W J Stanton, S S Marling, A B Hooper, 25 April 1906 p.49. No quorum. Necessary business, 16 May 1906 p.50. Agreement with Messrs Smith & Son. Renewal of lease of Ship Inn from 24 June for 14 years. Mr Snape to look over house at Stonehouse Wharf with view to repairs due from his representatives on giving up possession in September. Also to interview Mr Cox of Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox. Proposal to take premises if weighbridge put in. Representative of Navigation Trustee of Gloucester Harbour Board for two years. Mr Harding of Whitminster. Charge of 10s for washing sheep in canal without permission. Damage often done. Annual survey of canal, Monday 9 July. Framilode to Stonehouse, Chairman, Mr F A Little, Tuesday 10 July, Stonehouse to Stroud, Messrs P J Evans, F A Little. Alfred John Morton Ball attended on behalf of Alfred Henry Ruegg, Lamb Building, Temple in the City of London, King's Counsel and Walter James Ruegg, Oakhurst, Hampstead Heath, county of London, share

no.197, will of Harriet Ruegg, late of 6 Westfield Park, city of Bristol, widow, formerly of Castle Bank, Stroud, county of Gloucester, 20 June 1906 pp.51-52. Letter from Mr C H Hooper. Sight of one of his eyes affected. Unable to attend meeting. Resignation of Chairmanship. Question to stand over for present. Lease of Ship Inn completed. Liability of executors of Mr C Critchley to do inside repairs to house on Stonehouse Wharf. Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox to rent house and premises on Stonehouse Wharf. Lease of 7 years, £28 per annum. Company to put in weighbridge. Kept in repair by lessees. Clerk to order weighbridge from Bartlett & Son Ltd. £46. Solicitor to apply to Mr Harding of Whitminster for 10s for washing sheep and to Mr Vick of Quedgeley near Gloucester for 2s 6d, annual charge for gate erected on towing path near Stonepitts(sic) Bridge, Wheatenhurst. Canal inspection Framilode to Eastington Wharf. E P Little's report. Shallow Lock. New swing bridge required in about a year's time. Iron work of existing bridge can be used again. New iron king posts in stock. Stonepit(sic) Bridge. But(t)ress on each side of bridge requires mason's repairs. Mr Robinson has repaired Parkland Bridge. Dock Lock. Two new heels required to gates. Facing board to gates. Eastington Wharf. Piling of wall to Whiting's garden needs careful watching. No timber in stock except for immediate use. Pike Lock. New heels and heads required to gates. New iron work for footbridge at Hilly Orchard prepared. Woodwork in hand. Eastington to Wallbridge. P J Evans' report. Slight hollow in towing path near Bond's Mill. Towing path gate by Ocean needs renewing. Grass on banks by Nutshell House very rank, needs trimming. Towing path gate by Stonehouse Court wants renewing. Nasty heap of refuse by outbuildings at Stonehouse Wharf and cart shed needs iron gutters to replace rotten wooden ones and the Broseley tiles set right. Wall put up by Midland Railway Co. in front of house needs repairs. Fence at Stonehouse Court Farm covered with straw and rubbish. Boundary stones should be placed defining canal property and that of Stonehouse Court. Old urinal close to Stonehouse Cross Bridge to be removed. Not used, untidy and falling about. Wall on towing path from Canal Cottages to coal pen at Ryeford belonging to Sir W H Marling in very bad state. Needs rebuilding. Stones now being thrown into canal. Double Lock lower gate wants a piece let in at top. Upper gate heel post on off side in bad order. Heads also very bad. New gates needed soon. Ebley Mills. Footbridge rail knocked out of shape. Bridge works badly. Has to be forced open by donkeys or horses. Messrs Marling & Co. asked to see to this. Footbridge by late Mr E Gyde's house does not appear to pay any trespass rent. Dudbridge. Upper Lock gate being repaired. New head and balance pole. Clerk to communicate with Mr Winterbotham, solicitor to Stonehouse Court Estate with reference to boundary of Company's property. Plan signed by Sir W H Marling, 22 April 1884, 18 July 1906 pp.53-57. Liability of late Mr Critchley's executors for internal repairs to Wharf House at Stonehouse referred to solicitor. Lease of Wharf House, Stonehouse to Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox sealed. New weighbridge for Stonehouse Wharf delivered. Mr Harding paid 10s and Mr Vick 2s 6d, Minutes 22 April. Clerk to write off 15s 11d, balance of Mr Potter's rent. Irrecoverable. Repairs referred to in Inspection Committee reports carried out. Midland Railway Co. to repair wall and gate at Stonehouse Wharf. Permission to Midland Railway Co. to make gateway in their fence at Stonehouse Wharf to give access to weighing machine, 19 September 1906 pp.58-59. Company's claim for dilapidations at Wharf House, Stonehouse to

be paid. Weighbridge at Stonehouse Wharf fixed. Cost £46 5s paid for out of Reserve Fund. £5 per annum, additional rent to be paid by Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox for weighbridge to be transferred to Reserve Fund until £46 5s replaced. Clerk to purchase necessary timber for pair of bottom gates at Top Lock at Eastington. Charge of 9d per 1000 gallons to be made to Stonehouse Brick & Tile Co. Ltd. for water pumped from canal to tank at their works, 24 October 1906 p.60-61. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £711 16s 4d. Balance £763 12s 11d. Dividend £1 7s 6d. Reserve Fund £587 15s 8d, 24 October 1906 p.62. Terminating occupation of house at Dudbridge Wharf by Mr Acton. Notice to leave 27 January, 1907. Executors of late Charles Critchley had paid £10, dilapidations Stonehouse Wharf house. Messrs Bartlett's account for Stonehouse Wharf weighbridge £46. Ebley swing bridge repaired by Messrs Marling, 21 November 1906 p.63. Notice to Mr Acton to leave house at Dudbridge Wharf 25 January. Statement of accounts and balance sheet of Thames & Severn Canal. Courteous letter from Secretary of Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways. Mr T Ward, son of late Mr E T Ward of Dudbridge applied to rent space of 60 sq yards on Stonehouse Wharf for his coal trade. Annual rent of 1s per yard. Agreed though unlikely that coal trade would come by canal. Quantity of slag used on County Council main roads brought from iron works in Forest by rail. Chairman requested to communicate with County Chairman, suggesting canal might have share of traffic. Company tenant, T White, met with accident repairing towpaths 29 October. At first appeared trifling, then involved going to hospital. Unable to work. Payment at Chairman's discretion. Accident should be reported to Ocean Insurance Co. Company insured under Employers Liability Act. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham of Stroud attended for Louisa Loveday Stanton, The Leaze, Eastington near Stonehouse, county of Gloucester, widow, and Captain Harold James Clifford Stanton, no.6 Falkland House, Cheniston Gardens, county of London, share no.73, will of James Thomas Stanton of The Leaze, Eastington, deceased, 19 December 1906 pp.64-66. Mr Ward's proposal to rent 60 sq yards of Stonehouse Wharf not accepted. Company's tenants there, Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox, objected to weigh his railway borne coal. Mr Ward may get Staffordshire coal by water. Entitled to use of wharf as a trader and service of weighbridge at 1d per ton. Chairman had written to County Chairman, Sir J E Dorington, re conveyance by water of slag used on roads. Sir John had called attention of surveyor to the matter and to using canals if practicable for road stone. Correspondence with Ocean Guarantee Corporation re accident to F White, 29 October and conversation with Bristol agent, Mr J McFarlane, 15 January. Intention to advise payment by his Directors of 9 weeks at half wages £8. Company had given him, say £3 12s. In all cases of accident, more or less serious, notice to be given by Clerk to insurance company immediately such comes to his knowledge. Mr Snape to express appreciation of liberal view taken of matter. Notice, 21 December, from Mr H Lambourn, terminating his tenancy of the warehouse and other buildings he rents from Company on Wallbridge Wharf, 25 March. Mr Snape had advertised previous week in 'Stroud Journal'. Messrs Smith & Son had deducted £2 18s from rent for Christmas quarter of Ship Inn, compensation as per scale from £10, first year of extended lease. Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox, tenants at Stonehouse Wharf, wished to further rent say 50 sq yards of yard near the railway level at

suggested 20s a year. Mr Snape to arrange it but at rent more like 1s per yard paid by other tenants. Completion of a small punt for use of tidesman at Framilode Lock, 16 January 1907 pp.67-68. £3 12s received from Ocean Occidental and Guarantee Corporation for F White's accident. Mr Ward, who had a first cargo of Staffordshire coal at Stonehouse Wharf, wished to exhibit a business sign board there. Sanctioned. Payment 1s. Messrs Dickinson, Prosser & Cox, tenants at Stonehouse Wharf, evaded decision re rent for additional ground they required. Clerk reported they had already used it for unloading their coal trucks. They must pay rent of 1s per sq yard from Christmas or vacate it. Mr Lambourn, tenant of Wallbridge warehouse had executed a deed of assignment. Mr J S Dudbridge, trustee, had received offers to rent lower part, as a wheelwright's shop and from Mr S Hopson of Paganhill at £12 for upper floor, as a carpenter's shop. Committee decision. Mr Ashmead to give £12 per annum for lower warehouse, Company doing alterations he required and allowing him standing room outside for two vehicles. Chairman to negotiate. Rent for upper floor £14, considering glazing of windows required and increase of insurance. Interview with Mr Alfred Apperley at Dudbridge. Purpose to replace with iron railings his hedge which now bounds his field next towing path, lying between Victoria Inn and Mr Whitfield's iron works. To draw line straighter and throw some six inches into Company's bound. Responsibility for repair of western parapet of bridge over canal at Dudbridge work of County Council under arrangement of 27 October 1870 when bridge was widened on that side. (Minute Book 6 Folio 82). Agent of Cheltenham and District Billposting Company Ltd applied to rent space on Wallbridge Wharf to rent shed. Rent 1s per sq yard per annum. Stamped memorandum or letter to be duly signed. Application from County Council for annual contribution £150 towards deficit on Thames & Severn Canal and for £2 13s 11d due under sect.46 on through traffic. Mr Hamilton Mills enquired amount annually realised from Fishing Licences. £20. Thought he could obtain £30 from an Angling Association. Committee entertained idea, provided conditions satisfactory, terms made with persons or associations already holding licences, rules maintained, no fishing or intrusion on Sundays, 20 February 1907 pp.69-71. Interview with Mr Cox as to space at Stonehouse Wharf. Space required not much more than 20 yards. Annual rent 20s. Agreement with Solomon Hopson, carpenter, for tenancy of upper floor of Wallbridge warehouse at £14 per annum, paid quarterly. Similar agreement with Mr Albert Francis Ashmead, wheelwright, for tenancy of lower floor. Rent £12. Allowance of £2, each of first two years. £2 contribution to cost of enlarging and rebuilding doorway and 10s 6d to cost of Agreement. Standing room outside for two vehicles. Mr Dangerfield's application for house on Dudbridge Wharf withdrawn on account of his serious illness. Mr G Tyler desired to occupy, with the dwelling, offices adjoining, empty for some time. Rent £15 inclusive for house and offices. Fair rent but left to discretion of Chairman. Letter from Mr Fulton, manager of National Telephone Co. Gloucester. Permission granted to erect further telephone poles on towpath towards Saul. Cost of agreement borne by National Telephone Co., 20 March pp.72-73. Death of previous Chairman, Edwards Caruthers Little, J P for many years of Stroud, aged 84. 'A courteous colleague and neighbour of sterling worth.' Agreements with Mr S Hopson and Mr A F Ashmead for tenancies of Wallbridge Warehouse and Wharf House, Dudbridge by

Mr George Tyler, rent of £10 11s. Last month's rent 17s 7d due from late tenant, Mr W J Acton, irrecoverable and written off. Letter from District Manager of National Telephone Co., Mr Fulton, re suggested instrument at office at the Junction, in connexion with their extension to Saul. Office property of Sharpness Docks Co. Sir W H Marling promised matter should be mentioned at next week's Board Meeting. Signing of wayleave deferred. Payment of £3, contribution to Gloucester Harbour Board. Circular from Board of Trade as to the Census of Production Act 1906. Deferred till promised forms for returns received. Each use of Company's seal to be consecutively numbered and registered. Sir W H Marling referred to half yearly accounts as not showing fully position of Company by omission of value of stores etc and unpaid bills. Clerk submitted list of stores 31 March 1907. Total value £58 12s, 24 April 1907 pp.74-75. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £743 11s 8d. Balance £869 12s 8d. Dividend £1 5s. 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 Palling Little, S S Marling, A B Hooper, P J Evans, F A Little, 24 April 1907 p.76. Re agreement with National Telephone Co, preferable to drop idea of an instrument at the Junction. Chairman to sign wayleave for posts and crossings. Frederick Tyler, son of new tenant of house at Dudbridge, expressed his willingness to pay £6 10s rent per annum for the outbuildings there. Lease of five years, if Company spent £10 or £12 on the buildings. Option to renew lease at end of 5 years. Committee prepared to let Mr Tyler have buildings, not the stable loft over, at rent offered, if he spends not less than £25 in remodelling for his purpose as an eating house. Left to judgement of Chairman and Clerk. Stock Balance Sheet to be made by Clerk at close of year, 31 March, in addition to half yearly statement of Receipts and Expenditure, showing assets and liabilities of Company, 24 April 1907 pp.77-78. Memorandum. No quorum but decision to proceed with matters requiring attention. 1. Agreement with National Telephone Co. as to erection of wires to Saul passed by solicitors of Company to be sealed. Mr Snape and National Telephone Co.'s agent, Mr Hodgetts, produced record of each post. 2. Mr Tyler of Cheltenham, in negotiation for void premises at Dudbridge Wharf, declined terms drawn up by Company's solicitors. 3. 'Workmen's Insurance' in view of new Act in force July considered. Mr Stanley Marling placed information of Messrs Marling & Co. at disposal of Company. Chairman and Mr Snape to see insurance secured on best terms by end of month. 4. Letter from Chas D H Deane to Clerk re his being stopped by one of Company's servants when riding his bicycle on towpath at Ryeford. Mr Snape to explain to him personally rule forbidding cycles on towpath. No exceptions. 5. Mr S S Marling to undertake annual canal inspection of lower portion in July with another member of Committee and Mr Snape. 6. Application by Mr Wood of Stroud to erect a hoarding for Billposting on boundary of Company's premises at Wallbridge. Rent £5 per annum. Chairman and Mr Snape - erection not desirable. 7. Communication from Wheatenhurst District Council as to nuisance in Company's ditch between canal and main road at Newtown, Eastington. In hands of Company's solicitors, 19 June 1907 pp.79-80. Memorandum of 19 June adopted as Minutes. Lower section of canal, Eastington to Framilode, inspected by Messrs E P Little and S S Marling on 5 July, with Clerk. Mr F A Little to survey section Stroud to Ryeford, with Clerk. Chairman Ryeford to Eastington. Mr Whittingham

produced copy of letter, 19 June, his firm had written to Rural District Council of Wheatenhurst in reply to notice to abate nuisance of ditch at Newtown, Eastington, repudiating liability. Offer of reasonable assistance, without prejudice. No reply received. Clerk had explained to C D H Deane that Company could not allow any infraction of byelaws in his use of towpath with his cycle. Question raised of right of way from Ryeford Cottages. Mr Kimmins, owner, had known 'for 40 years'. Mr Whittingham's reply to safeguard Company's right to towpath, regularly asserted at intervals by stopping it, for many years. Chairman wished to be relieved of post of Representative and Trustee of Gloucester Harbour Board, if Vice Chairman, Mr H Hamilton Mills, would undertake it. Edward Palling Little, Amberley Court, Stroud attended on behalf of himself and John Caruthers Little of Pitchcombe House, near Stroud, county of Gloucester Esq shares nos. 16,17,51,56,64,82,83,120,140,146,172, will of Edward Caruthers Little, Tracy House, Cheltenham, county of Gloucester Esq, formerly of Field Place near Stroud. Reports of survey of canal 1907. Framilode to Eastington. Walls, bridges, tenements and works generally in good order. Cutting of weeds in canal proceeding. Posts erected on Company's property as far as the Walk Bridge noted. Some considered by Mr W Grey Robinson as on his patch. Stores at Eastington in good order. Iron framework for new bridge at Hilly Orchard excellent. In future repair of gates at Framilode, marks recorded on them should be transferred on independent post, permanently retaining record. Ryeford Bridge to Wallbridge. Ryeford Bridge, two coping stones loose, western parapet, County Council. Towpath. Hole requiring attention. Alleged right of way along towpath from bridge to footbridge. Impossible to determine existence. Footpath from towpath to road over bridge unnecessary for canal purposes. Right of way from swing footbridge eastward to gardens sold by auction, 1 August 1885. Query 'right of way' then reserved. Unwise to dispute a right of footway or for a barrow or for wheeling, not riding, bicycle from bridge to swing bridge. Double Locks. Early repairs probable. Footpath to towpath, near sewage works, diversion from old line. Water in canal here much clearer than formerly. Wall of Ebley Bridge eastward needs repair, also metalling. Warehouse and stable at Dudbridge Wharf needs guttering. Piling of bank. Gas Works. Bank requires repair west of retaining wall. Canal full of water and in good working order. Ryeford to Eastington. Mr Hooper with Mr Snape. Stonehouse Wharf. Office erected by Mr Ward without asking permission. Query rent. Serious crack in ground plate of new weighbridge. ?Maker's responsibility. Boundaries next M R property noted. Stonehouse Ocean. Boundaries S W N and Stonehouse Court Farm land gradually encroaching on water area. Mud tip getting filled up. New bottom gates below Newtown just completed. Very satisfactory. Old ones worn out. Wing walls of Company's bridges. Suggest deposits of puddle clay for use as required, to evidence right to areas they include. Minor repairs needed, 17 July 1907 pp.81-84. H H Mills Esq appointed as Trustee and Representative of Company on Gloucester Harbour Board. Right of way to Ryeford Cottages from Ryeford Bridge. In future periodical stoppages, any foot passengers claiming to be going to cottages by towpath from main road not to be hindered. Cycling precluded. Survey report read. Special attention to condition of structure and roadway of Ebley Bridge, deviation path near sewage works. Mr Snape to see Mr Ward and arrange for some acknowledgment of wooden office, erected by him

without permission. Cracked plate of weighing machine to be replaced on terms of maker's letter, 20 July. Request by Cheltenham Bill Posting Co. who have continued tenancy of certain wall spaces under agreement with Rechab Wood at £7 a year, for new agreement, direct with themselves. Messrs Wood & Co, rival firm, proposed to rent wall spaces at £10 per year. At least £12 recognised value. Policy of Lloyd's Insurance against Workmen's Compensation Liability handed to solicitors for examination. Trespass of telephone poles at Whitminster on Mr Grey Robinson's property adjusted, by removal of some within Company's limits. 71 poles from Bond's Mill now pay in advance. 1s yearly. Two crossings, Roving and Eastington Bridges. Two circuits each 5s and one cable, Walkbridge, 5s. Total £4 16s 0d already paid. Millend Mill, Eastington crossings will add 10s to this. Letter from Mr Colchester-Weymss asking for exclusive fishing in canal from Bristol Road to the river, for a friend. Rental £12 per year. Fishing club in Gloucester. Friend Mr Terrell responsible for rent, amount up to £15. Club tenants mostly working men. Hope lower amount may be accepted. £15 rent for one year. Act 1875 to enable local authorities to take water 'otherwise than by agreement', 18 September 1907 pp.85-87. Messrs E J, T Ward & Son paid 5s for wooden office to 29 September 1908. Personal offer by Mr Sawyer of Cheltenham Billposting Co. of £10 per annum, paying rates for wall spaces now rented at £7 or £12, Canal Company paying rates, paying quarterly and quarter's notice. £12 accepted. Expense to be shared with tenants. Telephone poles numbers not on Stroudwater Navigation ground and rest, 71, paid for at 1s each annually. Clerk to write to Mr Colchester-Wemyss for draft agreement. Correspondence between Company's solicitors and Mr C H Riseley. Responsibility of Lloyd's Underwriters in connexion with Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy. Chairman to remind Mr S S Marling of promise to repair boundary wall of Messrs Marling & Co.'s cottage gardens at Ryeford. Loose stones frequently thrown in canal. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham, solicitor, attended on behalf of Harold James Clifford Stanton of no.6 Falkland House, Cheniston Gardens, county of London, Captain in the Reserve and Francis Henry Guy Stanton of no.303 Eglinton Road, Woolwich, county of London, Major in Royal Artillery, share no.156, will of Louisa Loveday Stanton, The Leaze, Stonehouse, county of Gloucester, widow, 23 October 1907 pp.88-89. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £718 4s 2d. Balance £758 4s 9d. Dividend £1 2s 6d. Reserve Fund £554 15s, 23 October 1907 p.90. 28 October iron plate of new weighing machine at Stonehouse Wharf was broken in presence of representative of makers, Messrs Bartlett & Co. Clerk had complained to them of it as originally faulty. Proof accepted. Plate replaced, carriage free. Committee waived some charges against makers. Payment to Mr R J Sugg, iron founder of Brimscombe, for good service and written report. Mr S S Marling promised attention to wall at the Ryeford Cottages. Clerk's report on dangerous escape of gas into Company's house at Dudbridge, occupied by Mr & Mrs Tyler. Injured main of Gas Company in October. Promptly put right. Five bridges recently painted, six others repaired. Ice boat requiring repair. Mr Gardiner of Bourne Dock to examine it. Letter of 9th inst. to Clerk from Henry Terrell Esq KC. Lincoln's Inn, London, introduced by M W Colchester-Wemyss, respecting fishing in canal from Bristol Road to Framilode. He proposed to guarantee rent on behalf of Gloucester Fishing Club. Exclusion of Sunday fishing did not meet his views. Following unanimously agreed. Established rule and

practice of Stroudwater Navigation is to keep canal closed to fishing on Sundays. Sorry to disappoint Mr Terrell but they cannot entertain any proposal to deviate from it. If with this condition Mr Terrell found £15 for year too much, £12 acceptable for six days right, 20 November 1907 pp.91-92. Messrs Bartlett & Co. paid 9s for men's wages at testing of faulty plate of Stonehouse Wharf weighing machine. No reply from Mr H Terrell. Matter ended. Clerk to print and issue fishing tickets for 1908. Agreement with Cheltenham & District Bill Posting Co. sealed and signed. Legal costs of £1 1s to be shared equally. £3 10s rent due Christmas and £6 half year's rent to 24 June 1908, payable in advance, due. Repairs to ice boat nearly completed. Flooding of most of coal pits in the Forest, through late heavy storms. Seriously interrupted canal coal traffic, 18 December 1907 pp.93-94. Cheltenham and District Billposting Co. paid rent to June 1908, also half a guinea towards materials. £4 13s for iron plating and bolts. Total £16 1s 5d. Boat built 1878, cost £70. Used in recent frost, 6,11,13 January, and kept canal open for traffic. Tonnage deficiency of £60. Due principally to flooding of Forest Coal pits. Heavy rain in December. National Telephone Co. wished to fix 'strainers' for their poles in towing path between Lodgemore and Gas Works. Excavations six feet deep. Clerk advised Committee not to consent. Path narrow, occupied underneath by large, 18inch, gas mains. No consent but if found practicable Committee would consider it. Thames & Severn Canal Co. tolls to 30 September to be ascertained. Notice from Mr Ashmead, 24 December 1907, to quit lower part of Wallbridge Warehouse on 25 March, 15 January 1908 pp.95-96. Mr S Hopson, builder and contractor, occupier of upper floor of Wallbridge Warehouse to take lower floor also. Offer of tenancy of 5 or 6 years at £25 full eventual rent. He expected to have building material by canal and so become a customer. Letter from local manager of National Telephone Co. Three stays to poles at Lodgemore placed there without authority. Serious increased wear of Gas Works Bridge. Hauling of coal obtained by Gas Co. by railway. Rent fixed by Gas Company's Act 1864. £5 per mile of pipe. Reference to Minutes, 1865,1881,1896. Pipe mileage extended from 4 to about 5½ miles. Full rent now £27 10s 0d. £20 per annum fixed for which Clerk would give full receipt. Gas Co. now obtaining substantial part of coal supply by rail, from pits not served by water. Contribution to canal tolls much reduced. Wear of bridge by increased traffic greater. Company must require statutory rent of £27 10s, 19 February 1908 pp.97-98. Mr S Hopson declined tenancy, 19 February. Business not yet sufficient to justify it. Offer of trial of one year at £20 accepted. £6 for lower floor of Wallbridge Warehouse and £14 for upper floor. Gas Co. to pay £27 10s per annum. £3 16s 8d for repairs, planking to the Gas Works Bridge. Complaint from Messrs Apperly Curtis & Co. Letter from Sir Alfred Apperly. Impure water coming at intervals in supply taken at Dudbridge Mills from canal. Coming from Painswick Stream into which it flowed from Messrs Townsends Soap works. Certain tanks occasionally emptied. Representation direct from Messrs Apperly to Messrs Townsend. £150 towards deficit on Thames & Severn Canal, Act 1895, 18 March 1908 pp.99-100. Mr H Hamilton Mills' appointment on Committee not to be renewed. Lateness of getting home in winter. 3.15 instead of 4.15 agreed. £3 payment to Gloucester Harbour Board. £3 rent of stable built for Mr Whiting at Eastington Wharf in 1889. Cost £56 2s 4d now replaced, amount £56 5s. In future rent to Current Account. Fixed payment of £150 to County Council on

account of Thames & Severn Canal Co. considered as a liability, 22 April 1908 pp.101, 103. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £655 15s 8d. Balance £130 15s 11d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £569 4s 5d. 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 L Little, A B Hooper, S S Marling, P J Evans, F A Little, J R M Ball, F S Whittingham, 22 April 1908 p.102. Clerk to purchase timber for repairing Ocean Swing Bridge £35, 20 May 1908 p.104. National Telephone Co. 71 poles in agreement running to 1910. Others, 72 poles, in earlier agreement. 6 months notice. Grants made up rest of list. Messrs Whittingham and J R M Ball undertook annual survey of lower portion of canal. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham attended for Bruce Jacomb Asbury, 65 Cheyne Court, Chelsea, county of London Esq, shares nos.57,107, will of Mary Susanna Asbury, 2 Percival Villas (now 41), Sydney Road, Enfield, county of Middlesex, spinster, 17 June 1908 pp.105-106. Messrs Holland & Price applied to rent stables in wharf at Dudbridge. £6 per annum or less. Clerk to purchase necessary pitch pine for repairing the Shallow Lock Bridge. Cost £6. Clerk had renewed policy as to Workmen's Insurance with Henry L Riseley & Sons of 33 Cornstreet, Bristol, for year ending 30 June 1909. Premium £1 15s. Stroud Metal Co. purchased house at Dudbridge with water connection with canal, 15 July 1908 pp.107-108. Survey of canal. Framilode. Record to be marked of height of highest tide, 1889. One void cottage, since let. Warehouse vacant since 1896. Eastington Yard. All materials for new Hilly Orchard Bridge lying there. Completed 17 August. Stonehouse Court Farm. Annual payment for right to take water from canal should include right to use piece of land connected with farm yard between boundary stones and water. Stonehouse Wharf. Railborne coals placed there by Messrs Ward. Porch desirable at door of dwelling house rented by Messrs Dickinson Prosser & Cox. Wycliffe College bathing. School much increased. Increase charge of £1? Trespass by night of donkeys on towpath at Ryeford. Ebley Swing Bridge. Messrs Marling & Co. Does not open or shut without difficulty. Needs attention. Mud tip at Stonehouse getting filled up. Eastington Bridge now indicated by County Council as 'dangerous corner'. Premises on Dudbridge Wharf let, including stable and loft, small office and two rooms, with $\frac{2}{3}$ of shed to Messrs Holland & Price at 5s per week. To pay £13 per annum. Question re 'Notices on Bridges' as to motor traffic deferred till next meeting. Application by Stroud Brewery Co. for supply of water to house at Dudbridge. Clerk to interview secretary of company. Exceptionally high spring tides (17feet 1inch) last week in Severn. Stop gate at Framilode raised seven times. Men now clearing sand and mud from dock. Fishing in canal without tickets. Two men fined by Magistrates at Whitminster Petty Sessions 13 August, 16 September 1908 pp.109-111. R A Price demurred to signing tenancy agreement of buildings at Dudbridge Wharf. Partner Holland left him. Clause about maintaining condition cancelled. Clerk to ask him to sign. Cost of notices limiting responsibility as to heavy motors crossing bridges considered. Payment by Stroud Metal Co. for supply of water from canal to house at Dudbridge occupied by Mr Newsome. Tenant to continue payment. Stroud Brewery's wish to carry 1inch pipe from canal to their house, Victoria Tap, at Dudbridge. 5s to canal, 10s along towpath. Letter from Mrs Wright, Westend Farm, Eastington, claiming compensation for loss of a calf which strayed through a stile on Westfield Bridge into her own field and died of overfeeding on mangolds. Her

own fences mostly responsible. Company would not entertain claim. Height of highest tides at Framilode. 18ft 11ins January 1869, 19ft 7ins January 1877, 20ft 1in February 1899, 21 October 1908 pp. 112, 114. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £649 12 0d. Balance £761 18s 2d. Dividend 15s. Reserve Fund £583 12s 2d, 21 October 1908 p.113. Mr E A Price can only rent stable and offices. If prepared to sign agreement for 3s per week, Clerk to accept him as tenant from 28 November. Heavy Motor notices for bridges. More definite indications to be sought, especially from Gloucestershire County Council & Rochdale Canal Co. Mr Snape to obtain personal interview with Mr Gardom. Clerk had forwarded chain of crane at Dudbridge Wharf to Messrs Connop Bros, Cradley Heath, Staffs, for annealing, testing and any repair necessary. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham on behalf of Mary Alice Stephens and Beatrice Helena Stephens, 131 Tutbury Road, Horninglow, county borough of Burton on Trent, spinsters, shares nos.15,18, 19,88,123,124,130,132,161,165, will of John Stephens, 131 Tutbury Road, Horninglow, county borough of Burton on Trent, formerly of Morley's Hill, Horninglow, 18 November 1908 pp.115-116. Mrs Price to take stables, office and rooms on Dudbridge Wharf. Rental £7 16s. Report on chain of crane from Messrs Connop Bros, Cradley Heath. Chain 70ft long, links 15/16 iron (worn) weighs 5cwt 3qrs, tested and found capable of sustaining degree of tension equal to 9tons 2cwt 2qrs. Certificate of the Testing Works, Cradley Heath C10676. Signed by F J Coborne Suptd 25 November 1908 in compliance with Factory and Workshops Act 1901 Regulations for Docks. Particulars entered on Form 75, September 1907 and given in charge of wharfinger at Dudbridge. Form for filling up according to requirements of Census of Production Act considered. Clerk to fill up and return, 16 December 1908 pp.117-118. Mr Price unwilling to complete Agreement for tenancy at Dudbridge Wharf. Gave notice to leave premises 28 January. Advertised in Citizen, rent 5s per week. Statements of accounts and balance sheet of Thames & Severn Canal, year ended September 1908, 20 January 1909 p.119. Mr Evans appointed Chairman to follow late Chas Hooper. Sir William Marling referred in sympathetic terms to death of late Chairman and proposed 'that this Committee deeply regrets loss of its esteemed Chairman, Mr Hooper, and expresses its sincere and respectful sympathy with Mrs Hooper....' Mr Ball seconded. Unanimously agreed. Vacation by Mr Price of warehouse at Dudbridge. No replies received to advertisements. Notices to be put in prominent places. Correspondence with Mr Gardom, Mr Jebb, Engineer of Birmingham Canal, and Mr Curbishley, Surveyor of Trent and Mersey Navigation on required notice under New Motor Acts. Through traffic on Thames & Severn Canal, year ended September 1908 £350 6s 0d. £416 19s 3d average of past three years. Decrease of £32 4s 0d. No payment due under Thames & Severn Canal Trust Act 1895. Water required by Mr W Grey Robinson of Parklands, Whitminster. Cost 20s per annum, 17 February 1909 pp.120-121. Notices on property at Dudbridge. Warehouse and stable still unlet. Usual £150 to County Council on account of Thames & Severn Canal Trust sanctioned. Agreement with Mr Grey Robinson for supply of water to tank for garden use read and approved. Ice breaking necessary. Cost £5 7s 9d. Proposed changes in practices of Committee, 17 March 1909 pp.122-123. Draft of notice to be placed on bridges under recent Motor Act discussed. Agreement with Mr Grey Robinson sealed on 19 March. £1 paid. Mr Hopson to pay £6 per annum for tenancy of lower floor of warehouse at

Wallbridge. Mr James Smart of Chalford, charges made for docking his damaged vessel. Mr E P Little to arrange with Mr Smart. National Telephone Co. applied for leave to erect poles at Stonehouse. Some danger to towing path bank. Mr Davies and Mr Little to inspect place. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham, Stroud, county of Gloucester, attended on authority of Henry Robert Hooper, Eastington Mills, Stonehouse, county of Gloucester, Esq and Charles Alexander Hooper nos.10,11,12 Ely Place, Holborn, city of London, solicitor, share no.145, will of Charles Henry Hooper, Eastington Lodge, county of Gloucester, woollen cloth manufacturer, 21 April 1909 pp.124-125. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £661 16s 0d. Balance £855 4s 9d. Dividend 15s. Reserve fund £598 3s 9d. Procedure of Committee. Member of Committee to sign Minute Book on entering room, not to sign Minutes. Committee: P J Evans, Chairman, H Hamilton Mills, Vice Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, W J Stanton, W Davies, A J Morton Ball, E P Little, A B Hooper, S S Marling, F A Little, F S Whittingham, J R Morton Ball, 21 April 1909 pp.126-127. Property at Dudbridge still unlet. Mr F A Little with Mr Davies reported on visit to place at Stonehouse where Telephone Co. wished to erect fresh poles. Permission undesirable. In view of action taken by Mr Winterbotham, owner of land by canal there, matter to remain in abeyance. Stroud Gas Co. applied for supply of water to fill a new gas holder tank. Granted on payment of 8d per 1000 gallons or £50. Letter from Saul Parish Council re tidal gate at Framilode. Matter to be looked into at Annual Inspection of canal. Letter from Mrs F Grafton. Compensation claim for injury in consequence of Lodgemore Bridge being out of order. Expected extraordinary traffic by use of traction engines between Stonehouse and Dursley. Metalling of canal bridges would be affected. Clerk to write to contractor. Mr Whittingham and Mr Hooper to inspect Framilode to Eastington, Mr F A Little and Mr Evans Eastington to Stroud, 19 May 1909 pp.128-129. Committee to procure and affix plates with wording as that of Thames & Severn Canal. Claim of 7s 6d on Mr Smart for use of dock at Eastington. If cost of damage to Lodgemore Bridge, 12s 7d, is paid by the Captain of the boat, claim should not be pressed. Captain promised to bear cost of repairing damage to 'post' at Lodgemore Bridge. National Telephone Co. had adopted plan agreed as to poles, stays and cable, Ocean Bridge to Bond's Mill, 30s a year. Stroud Gas Co. offered to pay for water supply to their new gasholder tank. £5. Mr Whittingham to see Mrs Grafton and settle thing. Mr Z Whiting had seen Mr Morton Ball as to his rents and tolls. Triangular piece of ground adjoining Mr S S Truscott's property on canal bank at Newtown, Minute Book 5 p.360. Chairman and Mr F A Little to settle rent to be paid by Mr Truscott. Mr A R Blick applied for water for Stonehouse Parish Council roads. Allowed on payment of £1 a year, 16 June 1909 pp.130-132. Small building at Dudbridge Wharf not yet let. Clerk to see various house agents in Stroud. Captain of boat that damaged Lodgemore Bridge had not yet paid cost of repair. Mr Smart, owner, to put pressure on captain to pay at once. Committee agreed to waive claim on Mr Smart for dockage at Eastington. Stroud Gas Company had paid £3 extra annual charge for water to their new gasholder tank. Mr Whittingham, in letter to Mrs Grafton, repudiated any liability on part of Navigation for her accident at Lodgemore Bridge. Reports of annual inspection of canal. Mr Truscott of Eastington to rent small piece of land adjoining his at 1s per annum. Stonehouse Parish Council intended having water needed for next twelve months from the

Stroud Water Co. Mr John Vick of Quedgeley had not paid 2s 6d due for gate on towing path near Stonepits Bridge. Claim on County Council for dredging 40 tons of silt from canal at Ebley by swing bridge, 40 tons near the Shipways Works at Ebley and 25 tons at Stonehouse Cross Bridge. 1s 6d per ton. Discharge of sewage into canal at Ebley. No further action, 21 July 1909 pp.133-134. Mr Smart had not yet paid account for damage done to Lodgemore Bridge. Intention to attend next meeting but had not done so. Work ordered to be done. Annual inspection. Top gate at Framilode attended to. Letter from Saul Parish Council. Satisfaction as to provision made for support of stop gate during high tides. Engineer of Sharpness New Docks Co. to make platforms on gates at Shallow Lock safe. Windows of house at Bristol Road painted. Mr Truscott agreed to pay 1s a year for triangular piece of ground at Newtown from 24 June 1909. Ocean Swing Bridge repaired. Will now go over winter. Account sent to County Surveyor re dredging silt. Highways Committee unable to admit any liability. Ryeford Bridge road under repair. Ryeford foot bridge in hand. National Telephone Co.'s 'stay' near Oil Mills Bridge agreed. Mr John Vick at Quedgeley paid 2s 6d for gate near Stonepits Bridge. Premises on wharf at Dudbridge still unlet. Particulars with various house agents. Whole length of dwarf wall on wharf at Dudbridge repaired. New towing path door fixed, warehouse roof repaired, new rafters etc. on west side. Walls underpinned in several places. Barges of buildings repaired and other minor repairs to wharhouse and lockhouse. Pair of top gates for Double Lock made. About ten tons of stone required for repair of bridges. Cost £2 6s 4d, 15 September 1909 pp.135-136. Mr James Smart had paid 12s 7d for damage to bridge at Lodgemore. Ryeford road bridge repaired. Cost £20 13s 11d. Large stone at heel of Ocean Swing Bridge at Stonehouse badly worn. Lifted, dressed and reset. Boundary stone placed by the Ocean, marking division between Stonehouse Court property and the canal lands. Lettered SWN. Chamber of inside bottom gate at Newtown Lock rebuilt. At Pike Lock leak stopped in lock side and patch put on bridge. Stroudwater Co. claimed sole right to supply the public within their parliamentary area with water. Request to Stroudwater Navigation to discontinue supplying water from canal to mill owners and others. Clerk to ask Water Co. to point out on which section of their Act of Parliament they based their claim. Cost of dredging canal at Ebley and elsewhere. Deposit of silt from roads with storm water. Unable to convince Chairman of Highways Deposit Committee that County was liable. Engineer of Sharpness New Docks Co. Canal between the 'Shallow Lock' and the 'Junction' dredged. 11808 tons of mud removed, 20 October 1909 pp.137-138. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £710 11s 5d. Balance £856 2s 8d. Dividend £1. Reserve Fund £612 17 7d, 20 October 1907 p.139. Letters to and from Highways Committee of Gloucestershire County Council re deposit of silt in canal. Mr Whittingham to consider whether under Public Health Act 1875 the Highways Authority had no right to deposit silt or gravel in canal and whether they were liable to make good any damage. Correspondence with Stroud Water Co. re supply by Navigation of water to various mill owners and others. Mr John R Morton Ball to retire before discussion in view of his firm's connection with the Water Co. Nothing in Water Companys Act of 1882 they relied on which would forbid supply complained of, 17 November 1909 p.140. Gloucestershire County Council. Deposit of silt in canal. Mr Whittingham stated that clause 308 only

relates to Urban District Councils. Mr Evans had seen Chairman of Highways Committee. Letter to Stroud Water Co. No monopoly. Letter from Caledonian Railway Co. canal department re supplies of water from canals to Public Works, Traders and others. Application by Stroud Urban District Council to lay water pipe under canal and towing path at Downfield, 15 December 1909 p.141. Chairman had conferred with Chairman of Highways Committee re introduction of silt with road water at Ebley and elsewhere. No liability on part of county. Mr Whittingham to draft letter for Mr Snape refusing to accept this disclaimer. Request for Highways officials to take special care to keep catch pits clear until satisfactory solution found. No reply from Stroud Water Co. re supply to millowners or other riparian occupiers of water from canal. Correspondence with Stroud Urban District Council read. Desired trespass on towing path and under canal allowed on payment of 10s per annum. Messrs Apperly Curtis had approached Mr Snape re purchase of small quantity of land at Dudbridge. Chairman to inspect site and arrange with Messrs Apperley to sell them land reserving right of entry for repairs to building belonging to Navigation and providing for water from roof falling on said ground, 19 January 1910 pp.142-143. Clerk's letter to Mr Sinnott, County Surveyor, re silting up of canal. Committee not to press claim for £7 17s 6d. County considered legally liable, amount small. County Council in future should take every care to prevent road drift being washed into Company's canal. Stroud Urban District Council agreed to terms proposed but unfair to make them take up pipes again at any time. Necessary to insert powers to give 6 or 12 months notice. Charles Henry White, Framilode, in arrears of rent since Michaelmas. Payment at once. If not, there is property sufficient to proceed to necessary action. Mr Whiting depositing railway borne coal on wharf at Eastington rented by him from Navigation. Not permitted. Clerk to try to persuade him to have his coal by water in future. Sale of land at Dudbridge Wharf to Messrs Apperly at 3s per sq yard for 37 sq yards, £5 11s 0d. Key of seal box formerly held by Mr H Hamilton Mills handed over to Chairman by Mr Whittingham. Through traffic for year ended September 1909 £368 0s 2d. £383 10s 14d average of last three years. Decrease of £65 13 9d. No payment due under Section 46 Thames & Severn Canal Trust Act 1875, 16 February 1910 pp.144-146. Stroud Urban District Council had not signed agreement re proposed laying of water pipes under and by canal. White of Framilode had not paid his rent. Mr Whittingham to put in a distress if both quarters rent not paid 31 March. Whiting of Eastington to pay 3½d per ton for all railway borne coal deposited on canal wharf. Notices re Motor Car Act affixed to bridges. Letter from sanitary inspector. No objection to proposed alteration at Stonehouse Mud tip. Need of connecting Company's cottages at Dudbridge to main sewer. Estimates for work to be obtained by next meeting. Probable closing of Thames & Severn Canal above Chalford informally discussed. County Council likely to approach Company as to working the Navigation, 16 March 1910 pp.147-148. Stroud Urban District Council agreed to terms proposed by Company for laying certain pipes at Downfield. White had paid rent to 25 March. £5 11s 0d from Messrs Apperly Curtis & Co. Ltd for land at Dudbridge. Added to Reserve Fund. Interview with official of Midland Railway Co. re Mud Tip at Stonehouse. Suggested piping of stream from main road. Permission from Midland Railway Estate Agents office expected shortly. Not less than 12inch pipes to be used.

Straight course kept. Tenders for connection of lock house at Dudbridge with main drainage. That of Solomon Hopson £6 5s 0d accepted. Letter from Mr A S Winterbotham requesting permission to take 2inch pipe under towing path from canal near Mud Tip at Stonehouse for watering newly planted trees. £5 year reasonable. Rev E B Teasdale planted gorse on towing path bank west of Walk Bridge, Whitminster under belief bank was his property. Clerk to obtain written acknowledgement that land belongs to Company with all growing upon it. Letter from Mr Gardom, Clerk to County Council. Overtures made to Thames Conservancy for transference of Thames & Severn Canal failed to bring about arrangement. Council contemplated closing canal from Chalford Valley to Inglesham. Letter from Mr Southall, Clerk to Severn Commissioners on same subject, 20 April 1910 pp.149-150. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £715 8s 8d. Balance £1001 17s 10d. Dividend £1 2s 6d. Reserve Fund £633 6s 1d. Committee: H Hamilton Mills, Sir W H Marling Bart, W H Stanton, W Davies, E P Little, S S Marling, F A Little, F S Whittingham, A J Morton Ball, P J Evans, 20 April p.151. Sad loss of King Edward, one of greatest if not the greatest of long line of monarchs. Wish that King George V should have a long and prosperous life. Letters between Mr Snape and Midland Railway Co. re drain at 'Mud Tip' at Stonehouse. Mr A S Winterbotham to meet Mr Snape at Stonehouse re water supply from canal. Letter from Rev F B Teasdale re gorse planted on Company's land at Whitminster. Request for plans at time of making canal to be sent to him. Mr Snape to visit office of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal and inspect plans there. Messrs S S Marling and Edward P Little to inspect canal Framilode to Eastington. Mr W Davies and Mr F A Little for upper part. Traffic 1 April to 17 May £155 against £90 last year. More names sought for Committee, 18 May 1910 pp.152-154. Agreement with Stroud Urban Council sealed. Lengthening of drain at the Mud Tip in Stonehouse. Usual yearly payment stipulated. Further letter from Rev F B Teasdale. Satisfied that bank of canal belonged to Company. Request that shrubs might be left till Autumn when they could be transplanted. Mr Whittingham had seen Mr Jack Margetson who would like to join Committee, probably acquire a share and so become qualified. Mr Stanley Marling had seen Mr Henry Robert Hooper of Eastington. Willing to join Committee. Mr Snape to proceed against persons caught netting for fish in canal near Parklands Bridge. To thank Blick for vigilance. Inspection of canal not made. Mr Davies and Mr Whittingham to inspect upper section ending at Wallbridge. Mr Marling and Mr F A Little to take lower part, 10 June 1910 pp.155-156. Fras Law and Wm Harris of Eastington prosecuted for fish poaching in canal at Whitminster. Fined £1 each. White, tenant of cottage at Framilode, paid £1 on account of rent due 24 June. Notice to leave at Michaelmas. Reports of annual inspection. Swing bridge at Ryeford under construction. Mr E P Little raised point whether Navigation willing to sell two cottages near Gas Works. Well to do so if terms agreed. Messrs Apperly Curtis & Co. applied to put in a doorway from towpath to property at Dudbridge. Agreed on payment of small acknowledgment. Edward Palling Little attended on authority from Catherine Pruen Clutterbuck of St Mary's Chalford, Minchinhampton, county of Gloucester, spinster, share no.20, will of Mary Francis Clutterbuck, late of St Mary's Chalford, spinster, 20 July 1910 pp.157-158. C H White had paid his rent to 24 June last and given notice to leave on 29th inst. Question of offering two cottages at Downfield to Gas Company considered.

Chairman to meet Mr E P Little on the spot. Correspondence with Midland Railway Co. re mud tip. Messrs Apperly Curtis & Co. had decided not to put a doorway in wall at Dudbridge Wharf. Messrs Smith & Sons Ltd desired to give up Ship Inn. Ten Years of lease unexpired. Committee unable to break lease. Forms for Returns of Values of land for purposes of Finance Act 1910 received. Extension of time to 14 October asked for and granted. Death of Edward Hill, for many years inspector of canal. Arrangements proposed for his duties in future. Cheltenham Billposting Co. three months in arrears with rent. Mr Whittingham to write insisting on immediate payment of £6 10s due at Midsummer. Credit balance £497 14s 8d. Traffic returns 1 April £450 against £425 in same period 1909. John Raymond Morton Ball of Stroud, county of Gloucester, attended for Arthur Capel Molyneux Croome, no.86 St George's Road, Pimlico W and Ethel Nora Mercer, wife of John Barnard Mercer, Cobham, county of Surrey, share no.46, now standing in name of Eleanora Maria Croome, Charles Henry Hooper and Edward Francis Gedge deceased, will of Eleanora Maria Croome, late no.7 St Albans Mansion, Kensington Court, county of Middlesex, widow, deceased, 21 September 1910 pp.159-161. C H White had vacated house at Framilode and paid all rent due. To be let. Notice boards to be placed near Ocean Bridge erected. Mr Wibby, owner of adjoining saw mills at Ryeford had renewed fence from swing bridge to end of supporting wall of the mill pond. At Gas Works Bridge preparations in hand for necessary works. Cheltenham Billposting Co. paid rent due after threats of proceedings used. Payment in advance in future. Best to await further development before filling up Land Values Form and to act with other canal authorities. Nothing done in matter of two cottages at Downfield. Death of Chairman of Gas Company. Dividend of 22s 6d, 19 October 1910 pp.162-163. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £733 18s 2d. Balance £1003 6s 8d. Dividend £1 2s 6d., 19 October 1910 p.164. No application for vacant house at Framilode. Company among Navigations making proposals to Canal Association as to filling up forms for land valuation. Mud dredging boat under repair at Eastington. Bristol lock. New heels to lock gates, sills and heads lined, new balance pole, new paddle starts, new paddle frames, paddles and gearing, brickwork in chamber of lock repaired. New trunk, 19feet×12inches×10inches put under bed of stream from coffin weir just above Bristol Road to convey land water. Chairman and Mr Snape met Mr E P Little and Mr G Payne at Downfield. Two cottages in good tenantable repair. £500 acceptable price. Mr Little, on behalf of Gas Co. offered £450. Canal Company could not afford to accept less than £475. Widening of Eastington Bridge. Chairman's interview with Mr F W Cripps and Mr Sinnott at Gloucester. Proposed modification of Mr Sinnott's plans, 16 November 1910 pp.165-166. No applications for empty cottage at Framilode. Clerk to send Inland Revenue names of Valuation Officers who had sent in forms for Land Valuation, as recommended by Canal Association. Mr E P Little stated that Stroud Gas Co. had decided to purchase two cottages at Downfield for £475. Richard Pockett, lock keeper and tidesman at Framilode, died 25 November. 22 years service. James Harris, formerly servant of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal, to take his place. Widow of Richard Pockett wished to rent house at Framilode. Reduced rent of 2s per week. After recent flooding stop gate at Framilode had stood well. To be overhauled when tides had gone down. Quantity of sand in lock. Much damage

done to towing path east of Saul Bridge. Men sent down with piles, slabbing and ashes to repair same. Rubbish washed into canal near Ebley Saw Mills stopped traffic. Clerk had to hire Thames & Severn Canal dredger to remove same. Barge 'Elizabeth' and tow boat removed from Framilode Basin. Roadway repaired over Nut Shell, Stonehouse and Ebley Bridges. Plan from County Surveyor's office of proposed alteration of Eastington Bridge. Modification suggested by Chairman approved. Traffic since 1 October up to 18 December showed 8 per cent increase over same period last five years, 21 December 1910 pp.167-168. List of local Land Valuation Officers sent to Inland Revenue Office. Mrs Pockett had taken vacant cottage at Framilode. 2s per week reduced rent. Recent floods. Repairs including reflooring of kitchen with 9inch squares. Repairs to stop gate at Framilode. Large stone jambed(sic) between gate and cill. Accident on purpose. Very large quantities of sand deposited on pier by high tides during recent floods. Serious damage to banks and towpaths. Letter from Rev Francis Teesdale re gorse plants he was desired to remove from canal bank. To remain on payment of 1s per annum. Formal notice to terminate tenancy of walls received from Cheltenham Billposting Co. Proposal from Mr G W Sibley. Decision to allow any numbers of pleasure boats built by his pupils, not exceeding 11 to be placed on canal. With four boats already in use, payment of £2 per annum made. Total of 15 boats for inclusive charge of £5 per annum. One month's notice of termination on either side. Letter from Saul Parish Council. Mr Snape met some members and offered to lend them use of Navigation boat free and of men to carry out raising of banks. Saul Council to pay wages. Traffic return 1 October to 17 January. Tolls on tonnage £305 as against £256 1910. Highest since 1905, 18 January 1911 pp.169-171. Correspondence re Land Valuation. Officials of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal objected to gorse plants, placed by Rev F Teesdale on canal, being allowed to remain. No response from Mr G W Sibley re pleasure boats at Stonehouse or from Parish Council of Saul re canal banks. For year ended September 1910 £403 10s 5d through traffic and £373 18s 10d average of last three years. Decrease of £75 5s 3d. Repairs to cottage at Framilode completed, also reparation banks and towing paths made necessary by late floods. Prospect of increase in use of water borne stone. County highways and in Stroud Urban District Council area. Conveyance of two cottages at Downfield to Stroud Gas Co. £475. Credit Balance £542 3s 5d, 15 February 1911 pp.172-173. Cheltenham Billposting Co. Ltd had offered to continue to rent for wall space for £7 per annum. Agreed. Saul Parish Council to raise canal bank from weir in Framilode Pound to withy bed near Junction, at own expense. Postmaster at Gloucester applied for permission to fix a wall letter box in Company's wall at Framilode. Agreed. Proposed Telegraph Construction Bill would interfere with existing rights of Company and payments to it by National Telephone Co. £3 3s contribution to fund for opposing provisions in Bill objected to. Rough estimate of traffic, commencement of half year to 13 March £489 against £472 1909/10 and £443 in 1908/09, 15 March 1911 pp.174-175. Letter from Cheltenham Billposting Co. Agreement to take walls as at present at £7. Post Office to make good any damage caused by erection or removal of letter box on Company's property at Framilode. Weighbridges at Wallbridge and Dudbridge tested and found in order. Good quantity of stone for County Council coming over canal that year. Dividend 20s per share, 19 April 1911 pp.176-177. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage

£715 16s 4d. Balance £1067 5s. Dividend £1. Committee. P J Evans, Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, W J Stanton, W Davies, E P Little, A J Morton Ball, S S Marling, F A Little, F S Whittingham, J R Morton Ball, H R Hooper, J Margetson, 19 April 1911 p.178. Stone traffic for roads had commenced. Increasing trade, 17 May 1911 pp.179-180. Letter from Mrs Peckett. Rent of cottage at Framilode. No reduction. Could apply for reduction on rates. Report of Messrs Margetson and Evans. Inspection of upper section of canal, also report of Messrs F A Little and Hy R Hooper lower section. Swing bridge leading to Brush works at Upper Mills, Stonehouse. Correspondence with Messrs Vowles & Sons. Request for contribution of £40 to cost of stronger bridge to avoid danger of heavy traffic proving too much. Estimate for repairs of cottage at Eastington Docks £6 10s 6d. Subcommittee. Sir W H Marling Bart, A J Morton Ball, E P Little, H R Hooper, P J Evans to consider leasing Thames & Severn Canal from County Council, Traffic 1 April to 20 June £220. £223 1910, £185 1909, 21 June 1911 pp.181-182. Mr Truscott had repaired wall at Newton around land rented by him. New swing bridge at Shallow Lock. Mr E P Little, seconded by Mr Pockett, proposed to raise floor of dairy occupied by Mr Pockett at Framilode. Level of water in Framilode Pound to be raised six inches to enable heavy traffic to pass. Cost about £2 10s. Middle gates at Double Locks to be repaired. Timber of heads, spliced, and three new bars 27feet 6inch cube @3s 6d = £4 16s 3d. Two new balance poles. 3feet 4inches of water in centre of Framilode Basin. Dredging after salmon fishing season when mud can be deposited in river. Special Committee of Thames & Severn Canal at Gloucester 10 July. Wish that Stroudwater Navigation should make proposal re leasing Thames & Severn Canal. Traffic 1 April to date £285. £305 1910, £289 1909, £240 1908, 19 July 1911 pp.183-184. Mr Vowles' offer to pay £5 towards £12 cost of bridge repair, Upper Mills, Stonehouse. Committee preferred new bridge. Cost of work completed at Eastington Dock house £7 10s 7d. Floor of dairy at Framilode raised, £2 10s. Water raised nine inches. Middle gates of Double Locks replanked. Back boards fixed to top gates. Messrs Brunsdon at Ryeford to place wagons on canal wharf. No traction engines. Double Locks cottage and lean to at back repairs. National Telephone Co. paid balance owing. Traffic 1 April to date £460, 1910 £468, 1909 £477, 1908 £390, 20 September 1911 pp.185-186. Swing bridge at Stonehouse to be strengthened by addition of longitudinal timbers beneath cross planking and replacement of unsafe planks. Mr Brunsdon to pay 1s per week for placing timber on wharf. Repairs to Double Lock cottage agreed. Correspondence with Mr Clifford's agent and Mr Cullis of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal re cleaning of culvert under canal close to Walk Bridge. Liability of Company discussed. Wheatenhurst Rural District Council. Nuisance at ditch from sewage from property not belonging to Navigation. Letter from Mr Gardom. Results of working of lower part of Thames & Severn with reduced staff known in year's time. Navigation might make offer of terms on which to lease undertaking from County Council. 475 tons of sand and mud dredged out of Framilode Pound. Floor of dairy at Mr Pockett's, Framilode, raised, £2 10s. Dividend of 20s per share, 18 October 1911 pp.187-188. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £708 0s 3d. Balance £946 4s 11d. Dividend £1, 18 October 1911 p.189. Messrs Vowles' offer of £5 towards repairs of swing bridge accepted. Advice to test bridge with dead weights before taking heavy traffic across. Mr Boulton of Saul inspected culvert near Walk Bridge. No

stoppage. Bed out of level. Water standing at spot. Local cases of diphtheria which might have arisen from effluvia in ditch at Newtown. Mr Snape advised to clean it out. Messrs Godsell & Co. and Mr Truscott to desist from turning the sewage into the ditch and so into canal. Chairman to represent Company on Gloucester Harbour Board. Need to put banks of canal in order. Mr Snape to get and use necessary timber. Tonnage since half yearly meeting £124 13s 7d, 1910 £111 14s 2d, 1909 £115 4s 7d, 15 November 1911 pp.190-191. Mr Brunson refused to pay wharfage charge for wagons on Ryeford Wharf. Removed all but one under repair. Messrs Godsell & Sons carried out alterations to prevent overflow on Company land. Nothing from Mr Truscott. Stroud Urban District Council proposed to lay sewer pipe near entrance gates at Dudbridge Wharf. Mr Whittingham to write to Mr Witchell, Clerk, re payment of compensation and repair of damage. Damage to canal banks at Ryeford by pigs and cattle. Owner of land, Dr Perkins of Sketty, R S O Glamorgan. Matter referred to Messrs Ball, Smith & Playne of Stroud. Letter from Mr Barrett Cooke. Appointment of Mr P J Evans, Company's representative on Gloucester Harbour Board. Thames & Severn Canal balance sheet to 30 September 1911, 20 December 1911 pp.192-193. Messrs Vowles had not yet tested repaired and strengthened swing bridge at Stonehouse with dead weights. No nuisance at Newtown from sewage entering ditch. No repairs so far to offside of canal at Ryeford, damaged by pigs and cattle. Bank balance £438 1s 9d. Cost to County in working Thames & Severn Canal year ending 25 March 1913 not to exceed £640. By operation of sinking fund reduced to about £500, 17 January 1912 pp.194-195. Cheltenham Billposting Co. account paid. Through traffic year ended September 1911 £361 3s 8d. £377 11 5d average of three years last. £449 4s 1d September 1894. Decrease of £71 12s 8s. Severn & Canal Carrying Co. delivered 58 tons 10cwt of resin to Messrs Bailey & Co. works at Bowbridge. 8d per ton. Request for reduction of 2d per ton. Need to 'cut the freight' to get the trade for canal from Birmingham. Estimates for timber at Saul Bridge not quite satisfactory. Closing of towing path to public last week of March. Would be passers to sign request for permission in books. Credit in bank £537 1s 6d. Mr Snape's illness. Traffic not up to date but heavy. Mill owners laying in stocks of coal in view of possible general strike of colliers, 21 February 1912 pp.196-197. Mr Snape's recovery from serious illness. Manager had written to Dr Perkin's company to repair damage by cattle and pigs and charge cost to owner. Tonnage rate on resin to Staffords' Mills by Severn & Canal Carrying Co. not reduced but paid. Revised estimates for oak timber for Saul Bridge. Less than former figures. Towing path closures. Wording drafted for written requests to pass along towing path. Angling licences. Messrs Davis & Son of Gloucester and Clerk of Conservators for Severn Fishery District. Mr Davis to act as agent for licences. Fee 2s 6d per annum. Commission 4d each paid by them. Licence granted to the Olde Atlas Angling Association, £1 a year. Tolls to October £500. 1911 £504. But for coal strike figures considerably higher. Use of canal for stone for roads increasing. Credit balance £403 8s 6d. 1911 £372 , 20 March 1912 pp.198-199. No reply from Dr Perkins. Towing paths closed March 25-29 in sections. Books with formal requests signed without demur. Messrs Davis of Gloucester to sell angling licences for canal. Commission 3d per ticket. Council using Rowley Regis stone by canal for use on roads. Dividend 20s. County Council wished

Stroudwater Navigation to make offer on lease or otherwise undertake working of Thames & Severn Canal Chalford to Stroud by 29 September next, 24 April 1912 pp.200-201. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £661 16s 7d. Balance £987 2s. Dividend £1. Committee: P J Evans, Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, W J Stanton, W Davies, E P Little, S S Marling, A J Morton Ball, F A Little, F S Whittingham, J R Morton Ball, H B Hooper. J Margetson, 24 April 1912 p.202. Clerk had again written to Dr Perkins re damage to canal banks at Ryeford. No reply. Chairman to meet Dr Perkins' solicitor. Report on annual inspection of canal, Wallbridge to Eastington. Thanks of Committee to Messrs Marling and Whittingham for time spent and care devolved to inspection and report. Messrs Davies and Little to inspect lower part, Eastington to Severn. Mr Little informed Committee on steps taken to induce traffic on canal. Clerk's interview with Messrs Dickinson & Cox. Wish to sub-let portion of premises rented by them. Permission granted. Messrs Dickinson reminded they were not getting their coal by water. Traffic since 1 April £110, 1911 £112, 15 May 1912 pp.203-204. Inspection of winding hole at Ryeford. Little difference between old plan of 1781 and present width of canal to an old pile of original bank. About six feet beyond trodden by cattle and into canal on a hard bottom. Difficulty in barges being turned. Canal towing path damaged. Angle of winding hole about 90' 0' from towing path wall as on plan of 1781. 4-5 feet of mud. To be dislodged and piled. Cost about £10. Mr Whittingham and Mr Snape should offer to meet Dr Perkins' solicitor, Mr Playne on spot to arrange matter pacifically. Question of total weekly payments under National Health Insurance Act payable by Navigation in case of James Harris, tidesman at Framilode, who receives 1s 10d per day, lives rent and rate free in Company's house. He had over 15s a week. Would have to pay 4d and Company 3d a week. Letter from General Post office re wayleaves payable for telephone poles and wires crossing canal. Mr Whittingham to draft a reply for Mr Snape. Messrs Dickinson & Cox promised to do some trade by canal from Polesworth as soon as Mr Snape could get a boat loaded. Messrs Smith & Sons, Brimscombe Brewery, asked to sublet coach house and stable at Ship Inn, Wallbridge as a 'Bottle Exchange'. Agreed but Messrs Smith had selected another premises. Report on Annual Inspection of canal by Messrs W Davies and Mr F A Little. Thanks for services. Mr Truscott reported that nuisance at Newtown had been stopped. Mr Brunsdon had moved his wagon from Company's land at Ryeford. Traffic 1 April to 17 June £236, 1911 £206, 1910 £244, 1909 £196. Sir W H Marling Bart congratulated Mr Snape on completion of 40 years with Navigation. Ten guineas from Committee to mark their sympathy with him in his recent severe illness and recognition of his long and assiduous work. Minutes of meeting 4 April 1872 read when appointment made. Everyone of Committee had passed away, 19 June 1912 pp.205-206. Letter of thanks from Mr Snape for ten guineas from Committee. Mr Playne had met Mr Whittingham, Mr Snape and Chairman at Ryeford re damage to canal bank. No agreement. General Post Office re Telephone Wayleaves. To act in unison with Canal Association. Clerk reported that 1. Messrs Dickinson & Cox were beginning to have coal over canal from Polesworth. 2. Stroud Brewery Co. steam coal by water. 3. Two boats of Bideford gravel had come up canal for Stroud Rural District Council. 4. New gib fixed to crane at Dudbridge. Thoroughly overhauled. One of best cranes in district. Lodgemore swing bridge. Considerable repairs done. Saving of £19 10s

per annum in wages at Dudbridge Wharf. Cost of Employees Liability Insurance increased. Raising of premium from 7% to 10%. Case in London. London & General Omnibus Co. fined £7 + £5 5s costs for driving a heavy motor car over a bridge belonging to Great Northern Railway on which notice placed prohibiting its use for vehicles over 5 tons weight. No August meeting. At meeting of Thames & Severn Special Committee Chairman gave reasons why Stroudwater Navigation should not be urged to take over working of upper canal. Memorandum of figures and argument should be submitted for information, 17 July 1912 pp.208-209. No meeting in August 1912. Damage to canal banks at Ryeford by Dr Perkins' tenant. Nothing heard from Messrs Ball Smith. Matter dropped. Mr Whittingham had considered correspondence with Canal Association re wayleaves for telephone posts etc. Mr Snape to write to Post Office authority. 1s per pole, stay or street. 1s per wire for crossing canal. Maximum charge of 5s where more than 5 wires crossed canal together. Clerk's report. Inspector of Weights and Measures found: 1. One of weighbridges incorrect. Mr Snape to have it repaired. 2. Saul Bridge to be repaired shortly. Timber hauliers using bridge warned against taking heavy loads over it. 3. New pair of top gates with cills etc. complete, fixed at top lock of Double Locks at Ryeford. 4. Merrett of Ebley, a timber haulier, caught netting canal for fish. Net confiscated. Merrett called at office and apologised. Decision not to prosecute. Placing on bridges iron plates with warning notices under recent Motor Act considered. Decision to avoid expenditure and reaffix printed notices as required. Letter from Mr S J Coley. Drinking water supply to Double Locks cottage. Well must be thoroughly cleaned and put in order. Traffic 1 April - 31 August £451, £425 1911, £438 1910, £418 1909, £365 1908, 18 September 1912 pp.210-211. 1. No reply received from Post Office in reply to offer re Telephone Wayleaves etc. Copy to Mr Gardom, Thames & Severn Canal Committee. 2. Weighbridge at Wallbridge repaired and passed by Inspector of Weights & Measures. Also weighbridge at Dudbridge. 3. Well at Double Locks cottage thoroughly cleaned. Pump repaired. 4. Notice from Inspector to Stroud Rural District Council. Wharf House at Dudbridge to be at once connected to public sewer. 5. Bench marks affixed to some of Company's walls and structures between Stroud and Framilode by Ordinance Survey Officers. Letter in full to Mr Gardom, Clerk of County Council answering request that Stroudwater Company should take over working of Thames & Severn Canal. Letter in full. Estimates of receipts and payments for Thames & Severn. Not cheaper for lower canal to take it over. If leasing, Stroudwater Canal bound to allow for contingencies. Accounts have to be kept separate. Act of 1895. Money almost entirely spent on canal upper section, Chalford to Inglesham. Stroudwater Navigation contributes £150 yearly to the £1200, Stroud Urban District Council £50. Large industries depend on lower part being kept open e.g. boatbuilding works at Brimscombe. Heavy claim for compensation - to p.215. County losing nothing by keeping canal open. Itemed estimate £1859. Trading accounts for past half year read and compared. Dividend 20s to 30 September, 23 October 1912 pp.212-213, 215. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £711 19s 0d. Balance £933 1s 6d. Dividend £1. Reserve Fund £1183 9s 2d, 23 October 1912 p.214. Copy of letter to Postmaster General asking for reply to offer by Company re wayleaves. No reply received so far. Letter from Messrs Smith & Sons Ltd. Claim of further reduction in rent of Ship Inn re compensation under Finance Act

1912. Mr Whittingham to deal with it. Letters from Canal Association re proposed legislation. Agreement of Committee on views expressed. Estimate for proposed connection of Dudbridge Wharf House with main sewer. Mr Snape to see work carried out. Traffic Return. Good increase over previous years. 1 October - 17 November 1912 £175, 1911 £135, 1910 £138, 1909 £122, Bank Credit Balance £300, 20 November p.216. Letter from Secretary of Post Office. Terms agreed. 1s per annum paid by Post Office for each telephone pole, strut or stay on Company's property. 1s for every wire crossing canal. Maximum of 5s for every crossing if four or more wires. Mr Snape to meet government official and settle number of poles etc. and wires to be charged. Messrs Smith's verbal withdrawal from suggested deduction from rent of Ship Inn. Objection to Stroud Electric Co.'s proposed Act. Dangerous to Gas Co.'s main. Most undesirable to have cable laid under towing path. Connection of cottages at Dudbridge to main drainage system attended to. Mr Hopson would carry out work to satisfaction of Inspector. Traffic Report 1 October - 16 December 1912 £266 again compared favourably with 1911 £246, 1910 £224, 18 December 1912 pp.217-218. Telephone Co. had placed struts etc. on Company's property without giving notice of a number being used beyond what were charged to them. Clerk to settle number to be charged. Reply to Electric Lighting & Power Co. and letter received. Objection maintained to cables being placed on towing path and to act in conjunction with Gas Co. Mr F A Little, Mr Margetson and Mr Whittingham on committee appointed to deal with subject. Enquiry into proposed formation of new District of Sewers at Wheatenhurst. Sharpness Docks Co. successfully resisted action against them by Corporation of Worcester, seeking to render Company liable to strengthen their bridges. Increased weights now used on public roads. Corporation intended to appeal. Traffic Return 1 October £342, 1912 £304, 1911 £297, 1910 £324, 1909 £279. Bank Credit Balance £448 12s 8d. 1912 £416 18s 4d, 15 January 1913 pp.219-220. Inspection of canal re telephone posts etc. Statement of telephone officials did not agree with facts. Another interview arranged. Stroud Electric Lighting Co. decided to strike out Stroudwater Navigation from Schedule of the Order. Subsequent application to Board of Trade Act 1882. Through traffic year ending 30 September 1912 £368 4s 7d. £377 12 11d average for last years. Decrease of £71 11s 2d. No payment due. £150 to Gloucestershire County Council. Messrs Smith & Bingham of Ebley, intending to use small traction engine to haul manure over Oil Mills Bridge, asked Company's permission. Company accepted no responsibility. Sir Alfred Apperly's firm had abandoned idea of having a coal wharf on canal. Serious difficulty in getting boats loaded with Forest coal. All mills experiencing same difficulty. Large foreign vessels coming to Sharpness and carrying off coal in some cases booked by Stroud Valley traders. Very serious for canal as well as manufacturers. Sir W H Marling had already tried to get it altered. Mr J F Kenworthy of She(e)pscombe declined to pay 14s charged for repairing damage to canal property. 'Extortionate'. Offer to pay off in settlement. Committee accepted no reduction. Midland Railway Co. had closed all their wharves and yards on Saturday afternoons. Local agent to close entrance gates to canal wharf at Stonehouse. Reply to Mr Snape's telegraph to Midland Headquarters at Derby, 'closing gates Stonehouse matter under enquiry'. Certain railway traders trespassing on canal wharf by railway siding. Tonnage rate charged in future on railway borne coal carted over

Company's property. Traffic 1 October 1912 - 19 February 1913 £455 18s 9d, 1912 £437 3s 15d, 1911 £412 7s 4d, 1909-10 £431 17s 4d, 1908-9 £390 14s 8d. Bank Credit Balance £3469 16s 2d, 1912 £538 2s 7d, 1911 £417 7s 3d, 19 February 1913 pp.221-223. Telephone poles, struts and stays on Company's property. Matter referred to Messrs Smith & Bingham. Navigation could not sanction their passing heavy traffic over Oil Mills Bridge. Their responsibility if anything happened. No reply. Mill owners complained of difficulty getting coal from Forest of Dean by water. Larger foreign steamers loaded in preference. Mr Kenworthy of She(e)pscombe offered to pay larger proportion of Company's demand. Accepted. Stonehouse Wharf, notice prepared. 'No Road to the Railway Siding'. Accident to employee of Messrs Abdela Mitchell & Co. Company had lent them use of crane to lift a boiler. Correspondence with Inspector of Factories as to fencing of the cogwheels. Mr Snape to carry out recommendations. Accident to Alfred Bassett, Company servant at Lodgemore Bridge. Insurance company notified. Repair of Gas House Bridge. Short time since last redecked noted. Necessary to proceed with repair. Part of cost with Company, remainder borne by Gas Co. Good hard slow grown larch would last as long as the oak last used and far cheaper. Bank Balance £369 16s 5d. Traffic 1 October to 17 March £540. Compared well with £506 1 October 1911 - 31 March 1912, though longer period of fortnight, 19 March 1913 pp.224-225. Mr Kenworthy of Sheepscombe paid 11s cost of repairs to Gas Works Bridge. Fencing of cogwheels of Dudbridge crane in hand. Accident to Alfred Bassett notified to Insurance Company. Bassett expected to return to work 24 April. Redecking of Gas Works Bridge. Relative life and cost of oak, elm and larch. Oak with elm planking above selected. Stroud Urban District Council to place proposed effluent drain across Company's property at entrance to Dudbridge Wharf. Rent 2s 6d per annum. Letter from Clerk to Severn Fishery Conservators asking 1. Permission for their water bailiff, Smallwood of Sharpness, to ride his bicycle along Company's towpath and 2. If Company would grant them a lease of fishing rights in canal. Fishing offered for £20 a year. If accepted Company would give water bailiff a pass to ride bicycle on Company's property. Mr Geo Foster Abell, manager of Lloyd's Bank Ltd. at Stroud, appointed Treasurer in place of Mr Dunsford, retired. Traffic to end of financial year £84 16s, 1912 £57, 1911 £52, 1910 £60. Dividend 20s per share, 23 April 1913 pp.226-227. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £721 8s 7d Balance £1020 7s 7d. Dividend £1. Reserve Fund £1195 12s. Committee: P J Evans, Chairman, Sir W H Marling Bart, W J Stanton, W Davies, E P Little, S S Marling, A J Morton Ball, F S Whittingham, J R Morton Ball, H R Hooper, J Margetson, 23 April 1913 pp.228. 1. Fencing of cogwheel on Dudbridge crane fixed. Lock and chain to prevent unauthorised use. 2. Redecking of Gas Works Bridge to be completed next day. 3. Alfred Bassett's claim for compensation paid for by Insurance Co. Doctor's bill of £2 5s refused. Company not liable to refund this. Offer to Bassett to pay half amount, £1 2s 6d, as act of grace under special circumstances. Stroud Urban District Council objected to paying annual rent for desired easement. Company willing to accept lump sum. Clerk to ask Severn District Fishery Commissioners to lend Company copy of Provisional Order of 1911 on which they base their alleged rights over watershed of Severn. Letter from Board of Trade. Provisional order granted to Stroud Electric Lighting Co. but Stroudwater Canal omitted from 3rd Schedule Application from five of employees

of Navigation for increase of wages discussed. Wages of Jas White, W Bullock, A Bassett raised by 1s per week, J Clutterbuck, F White by 2s per week. Tonnage 1 April-20 May £160, 1912 £148, 1911 £136, 1910 £150, 1909 £128. Bank balance £260 12s 1d, 23 April 1913 pp.229-230. Letter from Dr Steadman re repayment of his bill for medical attendance during illness of Alfred Bassett. No increase to £1 2s 6d fixed at last meeting. Letter from Stroud District Council to proposed effluent drain at Dudbridge Wharf. Clerk to meet Mr Milnes on the spot. Company to write to Mr Stallard of Worcester, Clerk to Board of Conservators of Severn Fishery District. Company willing to accept rental of £15 per annum for right of fishing (rod and line only) on Company's canal. Premises near to long stable on Dudbridge Wharf now let to Mr W Moubey of Dudbridge, rental £16 12s. Annual inspection of canal left till September. Tonnage 1 April - 18 June £244, 1912 £243, 1911 £237, 1910 £247, 18 June 1913 pp.231-232. Severn Fishery Board agreed to Company's proposals, except for any condition as to amount of licence Board of Conservators should charge. Fee of 1s added to Board's present charges would produce greater revenue than present fee of 2s 6d. Company to agree if lease not less than five years. Stroud Brewery Co. asked for sanction by Navigation of use of two of canal bridges by their motor lorries. Maximum weight not exceeding five tons five hundredweights. Not allowed. Bridges wooden swing bridges, utterly unsuitable for such traffic. Correspondence with agent of the "Excess" Insurance read. Company declined to renew policy except at rate of 20s per cent per annum. Committee decided to pay. Order by Court of Sewers for Lower Gloucestershire and correspondence produced. Requirements would not cost much. Agreed. New Saul Bridge completed. Damage caused by heavy tides to walls and pierhead at Framilode repaired. PO Telephone Dept. had not yet paid rents due to December 1912. Traffic since April 1913 £313, 1912 £326, 1911 £282. Bank Balance £332, 1912 £321, 1911 £313, 16 July 1913 pp.233-234. No Committee Meeting in August. Vote of condolence to be sent to Miss Stanton on death of her father Mr Walter J Stanton, for many years member of Committee. Letters to Severn Fishery Board, Stroud Brewery Co. Work at Saul required by Court of Sewers in hand. Difficulty in navigating canal between Walk Bridge and Shallow Lock. Sharpness New Docks Co. had done necessary dredging. Miss Ethel Heath and Mr Arthur Winterbotham applied for leave to take water from canal to gardens at Bridgend and near Bond's Mill. Allowed. £2 2s each per annum and costs £1 1s and stamp duty. Claim by Severn Fishery Board to charge fees for Angling licences where already obtained from Stroudwater Navigation had Parliamentary rights, could not be controverted. Mr Jack Margetson, Mr F A Little, Mr W Davies, Mr Jack Ball to inspect canal. Mr Milnes, Stroud Urban District Council, called at Company office. 10s sufficient compensation for placing pipes under Company's property at Dudbridge. Accepted. Urban District Council to keep ground over it in repair continuously, not merely for 12 months. Charge 1½s per ton for use of Wallbridge Wharf to haul across railway borne coal to Lodgemore Mills just. Traffic 1913 1 April - 17 September £491, 1912 £478, 1911 £465. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham attended on behalf of Arthur William Stanton, Reform Club, Pall Mall, London Esq and Reverend Samuel Swire, vicar of St Thomas, Huddersfield, county of York, share no.175, will of Reverend Arthur Henry Stanton, Clergy House, St Albans Brook Street, Holborn, county of Middlesex, died 28 March 1913 Upfield, Stroud,

17 September 1913 pp.235-237. Draft of Agreement with Severn Fishery Board for lease of Fishing rights. Letter from Mr Long, Surveyor of Court of Sewers at Wheatenhurst. Satisfaction with work carried out by Stroudwater Navigation. Canal bank should be strengthened. Piling being done. Miss Heath agreed to pay £2 2s fee for supply of water to her garden at Bridgend, Stonehouse. No reply from Mr Arthur Winterbotham. Report of inspection of canal, Framilode to Eastington 23 September by Messrs Wm Davies and F A Little. Saul Bridge, 37feet long, satisfactory piece of work, not fit for heavy brewery motor wagons. Mud clearing from Frome River bank. No work done on opposite side, opposite small drinking place for cattle in river. Bank between river and canal appears weak. Requires piling or strengthening. Mr Fredericks - nothing particular to bring to notice. Upper gate of Shallow Lock requires new footboards. Gate shut and water level about foot higher than below. New chimney to house occupied by Tudor. On his wharf stacks of coal. Heaps of road metal on either side of canal. Evidence of small trade. Weeds on both sides of canal above Bristol Road seeding. Balance pole at Westfield Lock requires easing and renewing. Workshops clean, clear, still, trade being absent. To p.241. Mr Milnes, Surveyor of Stroud Urban District Council, to place pipe under road and keep road under repair for three years. Fee 10s. Litigation with Corporation of Worcester in maintenance of canal. Bridges at sufficient strength for motor traffic. Canal Association's request to Company to contribute. Certificate of Mr Snape's share, no.199 deposited with Company's Treasurer in 1878 as a security. He now wished to dispose of share if Company accepted other security. Accepted if Mr Snape guaranteed by an approved Guarantee Society, sum of £200. Dividend of 20s per share, 22 October 1913 pp.238-239, 241-242. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £732 12s 5d. Balance £949 3s 10d. Dividend £1. Reserve Fund £1207 18s 1d., 22 October 1913 p.240. Draft lease of Fishing Rights to Severn Fishery Conservators. Alterations agreed, including permission for fishing on Sundays. Rights to Navigation to close and lock wharves as now. 1. Piling of canal bank at Saul near completion. 2. Stroud Urban District Council's surveyor had not yet taken instructions of his committee re repair of pipe trench at Dudbridge. Enquiry re charge for supply of water for Council's boiler at the outfall works. £2 2s per annum for intake through a 2inch pipe. 4 guineas to fund raised by Canal Association in support of Sharpness New Docks Co. in litigation with City of Worcester re strength of bridges under present day heavy traffic. Mr Snape obtained certificate of his share no.199 from Lloyds Bank, Stroud. Guarantee with Guardian Insurance Co. Ltd, sum of £200. Notice by Stroud Urban District Council to connect Ship Inn Wallbridge with main drainage system. Storm water needed dealing with. Leakage from canal into cellars from some houses at Ryeford belonging to Sir W H Marling Bart. Leaks repaired. Traffic 1 October £162 14s 2d, 1912 £137, 1911 £126. Bank Credit £350 19s 1d, 19 November 1913 pp.243-244. 1. Piling of canal bank at Saul completed. Large leaks repaired. 2. Flooding by storm water unavoidable. Proposed plan of alteration to W C arrangements at Ship Inn approved. Connection to main drain estimate £12. 3. Roof of office in bad order. 4. Portion of narrow towing path between canal and brook below Double Locks should be piled and sheeted for about 26 yards. Cost uncertain. Letter from Postmaster General. Altered charges for wayleaves must commence from 1 January 1912. Amount due should be paid shortly. Tonnage

from 1 October £231, 1912 £250, 1911 £237. Bank Balance £434, 1912 £378, 1911 £380, 17 December 1913 pp.245-246. Draft agreement with Postmaster General approved. Schedule of wayleaves agreed was produced and passed. Estimate for proposed connection of Ship Inn with main drainage £14 from Mr Hopson accepted. No opposition to Swindon Corporation Bill. Tolls received re through traffic over Stroudwater Canal to and from Thames & Severn Canal for year ended 30 September 1913 ascertained in compliance with Section 43 of Thames & Severn Canal Trust Act 1895. Work at Ryeford to be completed in three weeks. Claim made by tenant of Sir W H Marling Bart for 10s for damage alleged to have been caused by leakage of water from canal. Company's entertainment of claim would create attention to unsatisfactory state of surface of Newtown Wharf, Eastington. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham of Stroud attended on behalf of Arthur William Stanton, Reform Club, Pall Mall, county of London Esq, share no.96, will and codicil of Walter John Stanton, Stratford Lodge, Stroud, county of Gloucester Esq. Traffic since 1 October 1913 £330, 1912 £350, 1911 £335. Bank Balance £460, 1913 £417, 21 January 1914 pp.247-249. Memorandum. Three members of Committee present. No quorum. Agreement with Post Master General as to erection of wires, posts, stays, streets, cables in canal sealed. Claim by Mr A G Alder of Ryeford for damages of 10s. Alleged cause of leakage of water from canal. Statement of through traffic year ended September 1913. £398 6s 11d for year, £375 18s 5d average of last three years, 1894 £449 4s 1d, decrease of £73 5s 8d. No payment due. Stone for repair of Newtown Lock expected. Letter from Mr J E Edwards, 127 Victoria Street, Bristol re Stroud Electric Lighting Order 1913. Application for wayleave to run mains from entrance of sewage works to road leading from bridge near Gas Works to Cainscross Road. Clerk to meet him. Traffic 1 October 1913 to 17 February 1914 £396, 1912 to 1913 £413, 1911 to 1912 £437, 18 February 1914 pp.250-251. Three members of Committee present. No quorum. Agreement with Post Office re wayleaves exchanged. Costs paid by department. Stone for repairing wharves and bridges at Eastington delivered. Application by Mr Herbert Edwards of Bristol for wayleave for overhead cable across canal near Gas Works granted. £1 per annum. Traffic 1 October 1913 to date £525, 1912 £555, 1911 £503. Bank balance £383, 18 March 1914 pp.252-253. Telephone wayleave charges to 31 December 1913 £27 13s 5d paid. Mr Alder's claim of 10s paid but not regarded as a precedent. Certain gentlemen to be asked to come on the Committee. Stroud Urban District Council willing to accept Navigation's terms re effluent drain at Dudbridge. Letter from Canal Association. Successful appeal of Worcester Corporation against Sharpness Docks Co. Need to carry case to House of Lords. Contribution of other Canal Companies should be increased. Committee to give another £4 4s to fighting fund. Letter from Mrs Lewis' solicitor. Company asked to repair 'camp sheeting' on side of canal at Anchor Inn, Ryeford. Duty of owners of property to repair this. Messrs Peake & Co. claimed damage to swing bridge at Saul not caused by them. Then offered 10s towards 15s claimed by Navigation. Whole 15s to be paid. Dividend of 20s per share, 22 April 1914 pp.254-255. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £758 19s 10d. Balance £1069 17s 1d. Dividend £1. Committee: A J Morton Ball, J R Morton Ball, W Davies, P J Evans, E P Little, F A Little, R J Caruthers Little, J Margetson, Sir W H Marling Bart, S S Marling, F S Whittingham. Reserve Fund £1220 7s 3d, 22 April

1914 p.256. Mr Alder of Ryeford paid 10s claimed for alleged damage by leakage from canal. Messrs Peake & Co. had paid balance of 5s due for damage to Saul Bridge. Stroud Urban District Council paid 10s agreed and requested a receipt in full of all demands which Clerk declined to give in view of undertaking given to maintain the surface where broken for their purpose for three years. Mrs Lewis' solicitors written to, declining any responsibility for repair of camp sheeting at Ryeford. Canal Association had sent copies of several proposed Bills in Parliament for opinion of Committee. Mr Worth of the Ham Mills declined offer to come on Committee. Mr R J Caruthers-Little was prepared to join. Arthur William Stanton, 108 Canon Street, city of London Esq attended as executor of will of Charles Holbrow Stanton, Field Place, Stroud, county of Gloucester Esq, died 19 January 1914, shares nos.43,44,76,86. Traffic to 19 May £142 4s 4d, 1913 £141 9s 4d, 1912 £120 18s. Bank balance £264 18s 11d, 20 May 1914 pp.257-258. Copy of receipt to Stroud Urban District Council for payment re effluent drain. Mr Whittingham reported on Parliamentary Bills & Unemployment Extension Order submitted by Canal Association. No observations. Two new loggerheads required for bottom gates at Framilode Lock. £2 10s for timber. Stonehouse and Eastington Wharves repaired. Ready for County Council stone. Traffic 1 April to 17 June £218 1s 5d, 1913 £219 1s 1d, 1912 £239 8s 1d. Delivery of road stone much later this year. Bank Balance £316 12s 5d, 1913 £306 10s 9d, 1912 £239 8s 1d, 17 June 1914 p.259. Loggerheads to bottom gates at Framilode fixed. Correspondence with Excess Company re renewal of policy No.4788 (Workmen's Compensation Insurance). Renewal of policy for three years at present rate. Traffic 1 April to 14 July £286 11s 7d, 1913 £303 0s 7d, 1912 £314 4s 7d. Balance at Bank £354 15s 3d, 1913 £342 13s 1d, 1912 £298 15s 7d, 15 July 1914 p.260. Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy endorsed. Mr Knight Barnard had not paid rent re water from canal and pipe over Oil Mills Bridge at Ebley. Week to pay or Clerk to block pipe under towing path and give Mr Barnard three months notice to remove pipe over bridge. Agreement 8 July 1904. Stroud Electric Lighting. Decision to inform Mr Edwards, the Promoter, of rent fixed at £5 per annum for proposed overhead cable at Downfield. Agreement to be prepared at Mr Edwards' cost. Cheltenham & District Billposting Co. allowed rent rebate of one half of rent for six months, if paid punctually, 16 September 1914 pp.261-262. Mr Knight Barnard had paid rent due. Correspondence between Company's solicitors and Mr J Herbert Edwards. 21 years lease at £5 per annum offered to Electric Lighting Co. New heads fixed to top gates at Blunder Lock and Pike Lock. Serious leakage stopped at New Town Lock. Repairs to Westfield Lock, Bristol Road Bridge and Kings Bridge. Retaining wall near Roving Bridge partly rebuilt. Messrs Dickinson & Cox applied to underlet Wharf House and premises at Stonehouse to late manager Mr Penn. Granted. Cheltenham Bill Posting Co. repeated request for 75% reduction on rent till the "end of the war". Rebate of one half 15 August - 5 December. Dividend of 20s, 21 October 1914 pp.263, 265. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £667 1s. Balance £930 15s 2d. Dividend £1. Reserve Fund £1233 3s 5d, 21 October 1914 p.264. Subcommittee to meet Stroud Urban District Council and Mr Edwards, promoter of proposed Electric Company for Stroud. Proposal by Messrs Dickinson Cox to sublet Stonehouse Wharf and premises not carried out. Mr Penn left their employment. Repairs at Wallbridge and Dudbridge. One of piers of

entrance gates at Dudbridge Wharf injured by Stroud Brewery Steam Lorry. Repaired by Brewery Company. Pier of bridge at Ryeford damaged by Brunsdon's servants. Promise to pay cost. Traffic since 1 October £126 15s 6d, 1913 £135 19s 1d, 1912 £158. Bank Credit £352 18s 9d, 1913 £334 17s 5s, 1912 £397 13s 4d, 18 November 1914 pp.266-267. Subcommittee report re crossing of wires over canal from proposed Electric Power Station. £60 as commutation of rent for right to cross. Electric Power Co. to have all their coal by canal. Safeguard to interests of Navigation and traders. Manager's report. a) Pier of bridge at Ryeford repaired. Account to Mr Brunsdon. b) Gas Works Bridge repaired. Gas Company to pay half cost as usual. c) Several yards of towing path near Ryeford Bridge piled. Also at Ebley. d) Swing bridge near Bond's Mill required slight repair. Cost £2. e) Notice sent to Mr Bush. Trees belonging to him needed lopping or cutting down. If no reply, Company would do needful lopping themselves. Ferdinand Samford Whittingham of Stroud, solicitor attended for Mabel Harriott Daubeney, Hope Lodge, Parkstone, county of Dorset widow and William Lock Mellersh, No.7 Clarence Street, Cheltenham, county of Gloucester, solicitor, shares nos.2,125, will of Hugh Frederick Daubeney, Hope Lodge, Parkstone, formerly of Tachley House, Prestbury, county of Gloucester, Captain in Royal Navy retired, died 18 August 1914, 16 December 1914 pp.268-269. No reply from Mr Bush, The Leazes, Eastington as to trees near Pike Bridge. Letter to solicitors. Two new balance poles for Bristol Road Lock and Pike Lock, Eastington. Smith & Son Ltd., Brimscombe Brewery, in liquidation. Owe Navigation £10. Lent to Christmas. Mr Whittington to look into lease of Ship Inn. Possible compensation if license(sic) refused renewal as result of threatened application by Supt. Biggs. Mr J W Homer appointed Treasurer in place of Mr G F Abell. Traffic return 1 October to 20 January £302 15s 7d, 1914 £358 7s, 1913 £342 4s 10d. Bank Balance £425 7s 5d, 1914 £427 11s 10d, 1913 £447 2s 3d, 20 January 1915 pp.270-271. Postcard from Mr Bush. Appointment to meet on spot. Balance poles for Bristol Road and Eastington Locks. Mr Whittingham attended Stroud Brewster sessions re renewing of licence of Ship Inn. Adjourned to 5 March. Middle gates of Double Locks at Ryeford will soon require renewing. Messrs Peake & Co.'s estimate of £32 lowest. Accepted. Letter from Mr Homer, Lloyd's Bank, thanking Committee for his appointment as Treasurer. £150 to Glos County Council due for Thames & Severn Canal Trust. Through traffic year ending September 1914 £331 10s 9d. £366 6s 9d average for three years. September 1894 £449 4s 1d. Decrease of £83 3s 4d. no payment due, 17 February 1915 pp.272-273. Mr Snape unable to be present through indisposition. Son of Mr Bush met Mr Percy Snape at Eastington. Messrs Smith & Son Ltd. liable to pay compensation to Navigation for loss of license(sic). Judgement in House of Lords on case of successful appeal by Sharpness New Docks Co. against decision of Court of Appeal re repair of bridges in Worcestershire considered. Covered case of bridges on Stroudwater Navigation. Dock house at Eastington let to Mr Arthur Alexander Banks at £12 per annum from 25 March. Traffic from 1 October £457 6s 4d, 1914 £511 2s 5d, 1913 £533 17s 11d. Bank Balance £366 5s 2d, 1914 £378 7s 8d, 1913 £434 13s, 17 March 1915 pp.274-275. Mr Snape absent through indisposition. Mr Snape Junr reported that Mr Bush had not yet done lopping to trees on property at Eastington. Correspondence re Ship Inn between Messrs Little and Whittingham and Mr Treasure of Gloucester discussed.

Mr Whittingham to negotiate terms on which compensation should be claimed and to consult with Mr Treasure as to advertising Ship Inn building as 'being to let'. Sharpness Docks Co. to raise charge on coal from tip at Sharpness from 1½d to 3d per ton. At Thames & Severn meeting at Gloucester, Mr Gardom stated proposed increased charge could not be made. Application by Mr Fifield re Ship Inn. Mr Snape to write to General Post Office. Amount owing to Navigation for Telephone Wayleaves and requesting payment. Minutes of meeting of Canal Association 9 April read. Costs in case of Sharpness Docks Co. v. Corporation of Worcester not yet taxed. Amounts contributing companies called on to provide not yet known. Dividend of 20s, 2 April 1915 pp.276-277. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £649 1s 7d. Balance £972 1s 3d. Dividend £1. Reserve Fund £1245 6s 11d. Present Committee re-elected unanimously. A J Morton Ball, Major J R Morton Ball, W Davies, P J Evans, E P Little, F A Little, Capt. R J Caruthers Little, J Margetson, Sir W H Marling Bart, S S Marling, F S Whittingham, 21 April 1915 p.278. No agreement on amount of compensation paid by Smith & Sons Ltd. for loss of licence of Ship Inn. Mr Whittingham with Chairman and Mr Gardom, Thames & Severn Canal, met Mr Foster, Mr Hamilton Mills and Mr Waddy and discussed notice given by Sharpness New Docks Co. to raise charge for use of Berkeley Canal and tip from 1½d to 3d per ton. Chairman and Mr Whittingham authorised to agree to charge of 2d rather than risk going to arbitration. Applications to rent Ship Inn received from Mr G J Fifield and Mr Lee of Bridge Street, Nailsworth. Repairs needful to Lodgemore Swing Bridge. Stone traffic from Rowley Regis about to commence. 4000 tons expected during season. James Harris at the Lock House, Framilode, applied for increased wages during period of war. Is a week rise, 19 May 1915 pp.279-280. No agreement with Messrs Smith & Sons re compensation for damage by loss of licence of Ship Inn. House let to Mr Lee of Nailsworth on lease at £22 per annum for 21 years, 24 June 1915. Terminable at end of 10 or 15 years. Engrossment of lease duly sealed and attested. Certain portions of premises retained for Company's use. Mr Hopson's estimate for decoration to house (late Ship Inn) £21 13s. Lodgemore Swing Bridge repaired. Further timber required shortly to renew central beams. George Tyler, tenant of Dudbridge Warf House gave notice to leave on 24 June. To pay Ladyday rent and that for present quarter out of proceeds of sale of his furniture. Mr Snape Jnr to relet premises, £12 per annum. Messrs F S Whittingham and J Margetson undertook annual inspection of canal from Framilode to Eastington. Chairman and Mr F A Little to inspect upper portion, Eastington to Stroud. Request for increase in wages from workmen on canal. Increase from 18s to 19s per week of Frederick White and John Clutterbuck. Others provided by Company with no rent or rates to pay. No change. Sharpness New Docks Co. to charge increase of ½d per ton only in traffic from tip at Sharpness to and through Stroud Canal instead of extra 1½d per ton, i.e. 2d per ton instead of 3d. Tonnage 1 April to 15 June £283 13s 7d, 1914 £227 12s 5d, 1913 £295 11 9d. Bank Balance £193 3s 9d, 1914 £205 14s 3d, 1913 £227 3s 4d, 16 June 1915 pp.281-282. Messrs Smith & Sons to pay £250 compensation for loss of Ship Inn licence. Mr Tyler, late tenant of Wharf House, Dudbridge paid rent due. Mr Perks of Nupend offered to take the house with office and stable at £12 per annum. W Bullock applied to have wages raised to same as other men, house found him as now. Agreed. Mr A S Winterbotham's

proposal as to exchange of land at Stonehouse. Agreed to convey all Company's land between the Ocean and Stonehouse Court property in exchange for equal area of meadow land adjoining mud tip on west side of the Midland Railway embankment from main road to Stonehouse and Eastington to River Frome. About ¼ acre. Company to erect and maintain a suitable and substantial boundary fence. Reports on canal inspection by Mr Jack Margetson and Mr Whittingham – lower section and Mr F A Little and Chairman – upper section. Mr Whittingham to write to Mr de Lisle Bush as to trees at Eastington. Cutting required at once. Cheques in future to be signed by Chairman and member of Committee. Gloucester Harbour Board, usual subscription £3 paid. Letter from Canal Association. Decision on appeal to House of Lords of Attorney General v. Great Western Railway Co. in favour of Railway Co. following judgement in case of Sharpness Docks Co. Canal Association stated proportion required of amounts in aid of costs in Worcester Corporation and Sharpness Docks Co. case, 50% subject to possible reduction in case other companies subscribe. Traffic 1 April to 21 July £282 1s 8d, 1914 £300 10s, 1913 £327 1s 5d, 21 July 1915 pp.283-284. Mr Percy Snape to be Clerk in place of late Mr W J Snape. 6 months trial. Salary £3 10s per week. Use of canal house free of rent and rates, help of a clerk accepted. Committee's deep regret at loss of Mr Wm Jas Snape. 43 years as Clerk and Surveyor. Wharf House at Dudbridge let to Mr Perks. Yearly tenancy £17 10s per annum. Letter from Mr Ernest Armitage. Mr A S Winterbotham agreed to terms of proposed exchange of land at Ryeford. Mr Whittingham to write to Mr de Lisle Bush re cutting of dangerous trees. Mr V Lawson attended on behalf of Mr J Herbert Edwards, Stroud Electric Supply Ltd. Allowed to carry wires over canal at Dudbridge at sufficient height. £3 3s a year. 3 months notice. Application from 1. John White, lock keeper at Eastington for week advance on wages. Agreed. 2. Albert Bassett, wharfinger at Wallbridge. Time off between 5.30 and locking up time and half day on Saturdays. Allowed without injury to interest of canal or traders. Tonnage 1 April to 10 August £318 5s 9d, 1914 £329 4s 6d, 1913 £391 3s 5d, 11 August 1915 pp.285-287. Chairman's meeting with Mr Gardom, Clerk to County Council re salary to be paid to Mr Snape by Stroud Water Co. and Thames & Severn Canal Committee of County Council. Provisional agreement. Thames & Severn Canal to pay £2 2s 6d per week, Stroud Water Co. £1 7s 6d, with use of Canal House free of rates and taxes. County Council to contribute 12s 6d per week towards wage of an assistant. Notice to Albert Bassett to leave and give up house. Inability to find house. Further time refused. Mr Herbert Edwards of Electric Supply Co. desired to bring wires over canal bridge at Ryeford. Metalling too thin to allow this. Plans requested. Wires over bridge at Dudbridge refused. Mr F W Lee to rent house at Wallbridge Wharf occupied by Albert Bassett. £14 per annum. Mr Lee to take stable adjoining Ship Inn and loft over wash house. Long lease. 30s per annum. Power to sublet and option of further 8 or 10 feet of frontage on wharf. Letter from Canal Association. Appeal against judgement in Thorne County Court re placing notices, Section VI Locomotive Act 1861, on structure of bridge. Necessary to see to it that notices are placed. Whitminster Swing Bridge to have needful notice. Mr Bush's responsibility of damage of fallen trees at Eastington. Clerk's report. 1. Bottom gates of Pike Lock unsafe. Repaired. Three new bars fixed. 2. Decking of Gas House Bridge repaired. Planks put in swing bridge at

Lodgemore. Very weak. Needs renewing early next year. 3. Canal weeded and trimmed. Men again at work between Ocean and Stonehouse Wharf. Painting of bridges next. 4. Dredging badly needed: Lodgemore Bridge to Gas Works Bridge, Dudbridge Wharf, Ebley Mill to Double Locks, Stonehouse Wharf to Nutshell Bridge, near Bristol Road Wharf. To be done after painting. Bank Balance £343 5s 7d, 1914 £432 11 7d, 1913 £402 16s 8d. Tonnage from 1 April £421 18s 6d, 1914 £449 2s 10d, 1913 £494 6s 10d, 22 September 1915 pp.288-290. Albert Bassett had not vacated house on wharf taken by Mr Lee. Chairman to see him. Interview between Mr Herbert Edwards, Mr Edward Little and Chairman re taking electric wires over bridge at Dudbridge. Two years tenancy, six months notice. Wires to pass outside walls, not over crown of arch of bridge. Rent £1 1s per annum. Mr Edwards' request to allow wires to cross arch refused. Bridge notices cast. To be affixed to Walk Swing Bridge at Whitminster at both ends. Dividend of 15s. £150 to Thames & Severn Canal, purchase of timber for new bridge at Lodgemore, £36 for timber for middle gates at Ryeford, 20 October 1915 pp.291-292. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £645 14 10d. Balance £854. Reserve Fund £1258 0s 5d, 20 October 1915 p.293. Albert Bassett to vacate house on Wallbridge Wharf by Christmas or earlier. Company to contribute £5 towards cost of painting to tenant Mr Lee, in view of inconvenience caused. Electric Supply Co.'s wires across canal outside walls of bridge at Dudbridge. Mr Lee to rent stables and loft adjoining Ship inn. 30s per annum. Notice fixed to swing bridge at Whitminster. Second notice on all bridges carrying public road. Extremely high prices for pitch pine. Strengthening of existing Lodgemore Bridge with iron plates. Mr H J H King of Newmarket to advise. £3 to Canal Association towards expenses of litigation in Sharpness Docks v. Worcester Corporation case. Correspondence with Sir Ashton Lister, acting County Surveyor re carrying larger proportion of stone used in highways by water. Bank Balance £267 16s 11d, 1914 £320 2s. Tonnage £105 14 11d., 1914 £125 14s 4d, 17 November 1915 pp.294-295. Albert Bassett vacated Wharf House at Wallbridge. Mr Lee entered on tenancy from 25 November. Electric Supply Co. paid rent of £1 1s for wayleave for one year in advance. Messrs Cadbury Bros. of Bournville erecting works at Frampton-on-Severn. Asking for rates of carriage of milk churns from Stonehouse to Junction with Berkeley Canal. Mr Whiting, tenant at Eastington Wharf, claimed right of lopping witheys there. Cut by Company three years ago. Agreements with (1) Mr Lee for tenancy of loft and stable at Wallbridge (2) Mr Arthur S Winterbotham re exchange of land at Stonehouse (3) respecting taking of water from canal there. Mr H J H King of Newmarket inspected Lodgemore Bridge. Advised use of steel girders in place of pitch pine timber. Extreme prices owing to war. Deficient sanitary provisions at Canal House. Tonnage only £170 1s 5d against 1914 £205 15s 5d. Bank Balance £288 14s, 1914 £265 12s, 15 December 1915 pp.296-297. Correspondence with Messrs Cadbury. No definite proposal. Milk traffic should be carried on for at least two months at authorised tolls. Data for rates for future. Mr Winterbotham, 1s rent re taking water from canal. Tie rods placed on Lodgemore Bridge to brace structure. Cheltenham District Billposting Co. received extension of time for reduced charge for their stations. Planking of bottom gates of bottom gates of Blunder Lock required renewing and two heads to be scarfed. Planking of Pike Lock bottom gates required renewing and one

new balance pole. Planking of top gates at Dock Lock being renewed. In recent gales, damage done to roofs of property at Dudbridge, Wallbridge and Framilode. J Harris of Lock House at Framilode applied for increase of wages. 1s per week. 13s and house rent free. Tonnage 1 October to 18 January £254 19 7d, 1915 £283 14s 8d. Bank Balance £386 7s 7d, 1915 £411 13s 9d, 14 January 1916 pp.298-299. No further action with Messrs Cadbury. Mr J Whiting declined to buy withey loppings at Eastington. Sold to Mr S R Hooper of Griffins Mills 35s. One of heads of top gates at Dock Lock repaired. Letters from Mr Fredericks. Walk Bridge at Whitminster left open on two or three occasions. Police informed. Bridge could not be locked at night. Offer of second hand weighbridge received from Messrs Luce Young & Alpass of Berkeley. Decision not to buy it. £150 due to Gloucestershire County Council under Section 44 of Thames & Severn Canal Trust Act 1895. Through traffic year ending September 1915 £319 15s 5d. £349 17s 8d average of last three years. Decrease of £99 6s 5d. Traffic 1 October to February £332 3s 11d, 1914-15 £392 16s 3d, 16 February 1916 pp.300-301. Police seen on subject of leaving open of Walk Bridge at Whitminster. Plates on which rollers work slightly grooved. Difficulty in closing bridge properly. Plates to be chipped and filed to level surface. William George Bullock, foreman on mud boat now working as captain of Gas Company's boat. Would like to continue occupancy of house. Let to him 5s a year on condition he attends to locks. Letter to be sent to Messrs Cadbury. Invitation to send someone to negotiate terms. Chairman offered to meet them at Stroud. Tonnage £462 2s 7d, 1915 £450 19s 2d. Bank Balance £241 8s, 1915 £367 15s 10d, 19 March 1916 pp.302-303. Agreement with W G Bullock re cottage at Double Locks. Messrs Cadbury did not wish to proceed further with matter. Dividend of 15s. Balance £163. Application for increase of wages received from John White, lock keeper at Eastington. 1s a week. 19s a week to help other canal men when required, 19 April 1916 p.304. Page 305 blank. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £638 16s 1d. Balance £913 11s 7d. Dividend 15s. Reserve Fund £1269 19s. Present Committee re-elected. P J Evans, Chairman, A J Morton Ball, Major J R Morton Ball, W Davies, E P Little, F A Little, Capt. R J Caruthers Little, J Margetson, Sir W H Marling Bart., Mr S S Marling, F S Whittingham, 19 April 1916 p.306. Replacement of wooden frame on top of well of weighing machine rented by Mr Whiting on Company's wharf at Eastington. Clerk to do what he thought necessary. Draft agreement as to Telephone Exchange wire. County Council to pay half charges. Cottage at Bristol Road occupied by Mrs Williams for many years required repairs. Clerk again to do what he considered necessary. Verbal application received from Mr Tudor of the Wharf House, Bristol Road. Papering and painting. Committee considered he had undertaken to keep inside of premises in tenantable repair. Mr Humphries, Mr Snape's assistant, to receive salary increase from 7s 6d to 10s per week, in addition to 12s 6d for Thames & Severn. Tonnage 1 April to May £92 13s, 1915 £115 11s 7d. Bank Balance £198 5s 5d, 1915 £217 1s 4d, 17 May 1916 pp.307-308. Clerk's report. 1. Framework of weighing machine at Eastington repaired. 2. Agreement as to Telephone Exchange wire completed. 3. Mr Tudor informed of decision of Committee, 17 May. 4. Similar terms as Mr Tudor. 5. New pair of middle gates for Double Locks at Ryeford being constructed at Company's depot at Eastington. 6. Weeding of canal in hand. 7. Continued absence of Mr Humphries from office through illness. Tonnage April to June £144

10s 4d, 1915 £283 13 7d, 1914 £227 12s 3d. Bank Balance £245 13s 5d, 1915 £283 12s 10d, 1914 £294 13s 6d. Application by Company for Mr P G Snape's exemption from military service lodged with Stroud Urban District Council. Labour dispute at Sharpness Docks. Tip used for loading of boats with coal for Stroudwater Canal stopped. Tip owned by Great Western Railway Co. on Sharpness Co.'s land. Dock Co. in negotiation with Railway Co. Matter of great importance to Company. Mr Whittingham to communicate with Sharpness Docks Co. Annual inspection of canal. Mr Margetson and Mr Whittingham for lower section, Mr F A Little and Mr Marling for upper section, 21 June 1916 pp.309-310. Clerk's report. 1. Bad leak in offside wall of top lock at Dudbridge found and repaired. 2. Mr Humphries had resumed his duties at the Office. 3. Mr Skipworth Gibbons, Chairman of Thames & Severn Canal Committee of Gloucestershire County Council, enquired into joint working of office. Mr Whittingham attended Military Tribunal at Stroud. Conditional exemption without temporal limitation granted to Mr Snape so long as he remained in his present occupation. Reports of Annual Inspection of Canal read and discussed. Traffic £208 14s 1d, 1915 £287 0s 7d. Bank Balance £264 15s 5d, 1915 £305 7s, 19 July 1916 pp.311-312. Mr E P Little reported result of his inspection of Canal 20 July. Mr Whittingham had again written to Messrs Vowles of Stonehouse Brush Works. Unduly heavy loads over swing bridge by their works. House of Lords decision in case of Sharpness New Docks Co. v. Attorney General. Notice given of liability for damage to bridge or other property by them. Messrs Vowles contested liability. Meeting with Committee. Bridge when built only intended to carry carriage drive to house where Upper Mill (occupied by Mr Vowles) stands. Mr Vowles' firm prepared to bear half expense of maintaining bridge in future. Accepted. No loads beyond 5 tons to be taken over. Matter to stand over till next Committee Meeting. Messrs F Steel & Co. applied to take an electric power cable under canal at Ebley. Granted, £1 1s per year. Work to satisfy Manager of Navigation and Stroud Gas Co. main passes along towpath here. Correspondence with Acting County Surveyor re placing of ashes on Dudbridge Wharf. County to pay 1½d per ton on 207 tons used by Highways Committee. Clerk's report. 1. Top gates, cills etc. fitted at Westfield Lock. 2. New head fixed to inside top gate at Dock Lock. 3. New bar fitted to inside bottom gate at Pike Lock, Eastington. Replanking of these gates and bottom gates at Dock Lock. Expensive. Postponed. 4. New pair of middle gates for Double Lock ready. Tonnage 1 April to 15 August £272 8s, 1915 £348 11s 2d. Bank Balance £322 19s 7d, 16 August 1916 pp.313-314. Letter from Messrs Vowles & Sons. Suggested increase of limit to six tons. Payment of half upkeep for repairs from 1 September. Committee could not agree to limit of more than 5 tons. Letter from S S Marling. Report received by him from Mr Field. On 8 September he had great difficulty getting barge up canal above swing bridge from railway to Brush Works at Stonehouse. Committee resolved to let letters lie on table. Clerk had received, per Messrs Smith Baker & Price, Messrs Smith & Sons Ltd.'s cheque for £70 13s 10d. Compensation re loss of licence on Ship inn premises, Wallbridge. Application from Messrs Steel & Co. re electric power cable under canal at Ebley. Agreement wayleave rent £1 1s per annum. Tonnage 1 April to 19 September £345 0s 6d, 1915 £437 3s 10d. Bank Balance £360 5s 5d, 1915 £523 13s 5d, 20 September 1916 pp.315-316. Messrs Vowles agreed to limit of weight on swing bridge at Stonehouse and to

non use of traction engines. Asked permission to use motor vehicles. Agreed. Electric Power Co. had laid cable across canal at Ebley but failed to return. Agreement signed. Surveyor's report. 1. Bottom gates at Blunder Lock repaired but weak. Renewing before long. 2. £70 13s 10d from liquidator in re Smith & Sons Ltd., Brimscombe. Dividend on debt to Company. 2. Lionel Humphries to sign agreement but wished notice to be given by either party to be increased from one week to fortnight, p.319. Agreed. In March 1907 £46 drawn from Reserve Fund towards cost of weighbridge at Stonehouse Wharf. Rented by Messrs Dickinson & Cox at £6 per annum. Paid into Reserve Fund. Total £60. Rent in future to go to revenue. Dividend 10s, 15 October 1916 pp.317,319. General Half Year Meeting. Tonnage £560 13s 11d. Balance £375 16s 6d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £1351 2s 10d, 18 October 1916 p.318. Agreements with Messrs Vowles and Messrs Steel & Sons. Application from four of Company's employees for increase of wages. Advance of 3s per week. Higher cost of living. Iliff made similar application. 1s increase in wage paid by Company. Could apply to County Council for increase for Thames & Severn part of his work. Repairs to heel and balance pole of top gates. Top lock Dudbridge. Slight repairs to roof of cottage at Dudbridge. Letter from Canal Association. No action re proposal of Rochdale Co. Tonnage 1 October to 14 November £98 10s, 1915 £109 7s 7d. Bank Balance £301 2s 7d, 1915 £231 7s 11d, 15 November 1916 pp.320-321. Messrs Vowles & Co. agreed to pay cost of repairing damage to Stonehouse Swing Bridge. Mr Matthews of Ebley's estimate £1 17s 6d. Deputation to Secretary of Board of Trade from Leeds & Liverpool, the Rochdale and the Bridgewater Canal Companies who were seeking financial aid from Government. Tonnage 1 October to 19 December £152 17s 3d, 1915 £191 19s 5d. Bank Balance £ 336 5s 11d, 1915 £303 2s, 20 December 1916 pp.322-323. Canal Association asked questions as to what changes war had occasioned in personnel and wages of the staff, what tonnage had been in year ending September 1916 compared with 1913, what men employed of military age and other matters. Stroud Gas Co., tendering for supply of coke to Gloucester Wagon Works, asked what toll would be if coke sent as return load, instead of boat going back empty. 5d per ton, 7d usual toll. Mr Humphries again requested increase in salary. Further 2s 6d per week. 12s 6d a week from Company. Letter from Messrs Marling. Freight for coal to their Stanley Mills now 5d per ton more than total cost of getting it by rail. No changes in rate of charges to various mills justifiable. Different boat owner might do carrying at less rate. Repairs to wharf by Gas Works to be carried out. Hope that Gas Co. would share cost. Tonnage 1 October to 16 January £234 5s 6d, 1916 £238 12d. Bank Balance £391 14s, 1916 £353 15s 5d, 17 January 1917 pp.324-325. Probability of Government taking over canals. Stroud Gas Co. agreed to rate of 5d per ton for coke Stroud to Gloucester in boats going back empty. Albert Jefferies alerted to likelihood of trees on his land adjoining canal at Dudbridge falling across Company's property. Held responsible for damage. Severe and continued frosts caused stoppage of traffic for three weeks. Mr Burra of Silver Trees near Stroud asked permission to inspect records of canal re use of tokens in early days of Navigation. Granted. Through traffic year ended September 1916 £270 17s 1d. £307 7s 9d average of 3 years, September 1894 £449 4s 1d. Decrease of £141 16s 4d. Tonnage 1 October to 20 February £272 17s 4d, 1916 £351 1s 6d. Bank Balance £450

1s, 1916 £400 5s 4d, 21 February 1917 pp.326-327. Board of Trade order to take over certain canals. A committee formed to control on their behalf canals taken over. Clerk's report. 1. Mr Jefferies promised attention to trees at Downfield. 2. Mr Burra had arranged to inspect, on 22nd inst., records of Thames & Severn Canal for references re tokens issued by old Thames & Severn Canal Co. Letter from General Manager of Rochdale Canal Co. Minister of Munitions summoned meeting of Canal Companies and Carriers to confer as to best means of making better use of canals and inland waterways of country. Mr Hawkins, Secretary of Canal Association, to act as Secretary to Committee. Paid professional charges. Cost equally divided between Companies and Carriers. Contribution of £2 2s from each. Clerk to write to Rochdale Co. Company cannot take share of expenses referred to. No voice in original application for financial assistance. Did not agree with proposal, no responsibility for what was done. Canal not taken over by Government, 21 March 1917 pp.328-329. Letter to Rochdale Canal Co. Application for increased wages. 1. Wm Iliff, wharfinger at Wallbridge. Increase of 2s per week (3s to 5s). Granted. 2. Jas Harris, tidesman at Framilode, increase of 2s per week and use of small paddock adjoining warehouse at Framilode granted. To cultivate same during working hours. 3 Men with boat and lock keeper White. Matter to be dealt with by Chairman. Committee recommending settlement. 25s a week each man. Men essential to working of canal and for unloading of barges. At present cannot be replaced. No other man doing this particular work on Navigation. Mr Jefferies re trees at Downfield. Nothing done, 18 April 1917 p.330. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £553 5s 10d. Balance £829 2s 4d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £1351 2s 10d. Committee: P J Evans, Chairman, A J Morton Ball, Major J A Morton Ball, W Davies, E P Little, F A Little, Capt R J Caruthers-Little, J Margetson, Sir W H Marling Bart, S S Marling, F S Whittingham, 18 April p.331. Re request for advance in wages, recommendation of Committee agreed to by Chairman and acted upon. Mr Snape reported need to replace bottom gates at Blunder Lock shortly. Estimate from Mr Shipway for timber. Gates made if possible this season. Tonnage 1 April to 15 May £105 11s 4d, 1916 £88 12s 5d. Bank Balance £219 15s 5d, 1916 £198 5s 5d, 16 May 1917 p.332. Messrs Shipway's estimate of £72 19s 10d for timber to replace bottom lock gates at Blunder Lock. Price for elm, 3s per cubic foot, very high. Request to reduce this if possible. Mr Jefferies of Ebley requested permission for his troop of boy scouts to bathe in the canal. Granted, provided proper arrangements made for lads to land and for due protection of banks. Payment of 10s a year, payable in advance. Weedy condition of Navigation, exceeding difficulty of getting labour needed to keep canal in working order. Enquiry from Coal Mines Dept. Quantity of Staffordshire, Forest and South Wales coal passing over canal compared with prewar years. Year ended March 1913 from Staffordshire 4843 tons, Forest of Dean and South Wales 28320 tons, total 33163 tons. Year ended March 1916 from Staffordshire 4000 tons, Forest of Dean and South Wales 25612 tons, total 29612 tons. Annual Inspection, Mr Whittingham, Mr Stanley Marling, Mr F A Little, Mr E P Little, Mr Margetson. Tonnage 1 April to 19 June £173 19s 1d, 1916 £156 16s 2d. Bank Balance £255 7s 5d, 1916 £245 13s 5d, 20 June 1917 pp 333-334. Mr Joseph J Shipway could not reduce price of elm timber given in estimate. Prices had advanced since. Decision to order timber at his price. Secretary to Ebley Troop of

Boy Scouts had written and telephoned accepting Company's terms and conditions for permission to have bathing place on canal. Mr Whittingham's report on Annual Inspection of canal, Framilode to Eastington Depot. Weeding in hand at Ryeford. Labour exceeding difficult to procure. Extra help from Mills during holiday in August. Dredging badly needed at Stonehouse Wharf to Midland Railway Bridge at Ryeford. Messrs Little & Bloxham to act as Company's solicitors. Whittingham's retirement from firm. Tonnage 17 July £241 19s 11d, 1916 £210 13s 8d. Bank Balance £314 17s, 1916 £248 14s, 18 July 1917 pp.335-336. Agreement with Mr Jefferies of Ebley re bathing place for Ebley Troop of Boy Scouts. Canal at Stonehouse weeded again. Excess Insurance Co. called attention to increased compensation under Act 1917 in cases of accident to employees. No additional charge to cover increased liability. Lodgemore culvert had given way. To be repaired without delay. Traffic 1 April to 18 September £354 5s 5d, 1916 £355 3s. Bank Balance £306 0s 2d, 1916 £360 5s 5d. Increase in Mr Snape's salary by 5s per week and Mr Humphries' by 2s 6d from 29th inst., provided County Council do same, 19 September 1917 pp.337-338. Mr Snape reported that when water from Painswick Valley went down, leakage in Lodgemore culvert ceased. Nothing done. Inspection report on canal from Mr F A Little and Mr E P Little. Port and Transit Committee for this part of country met Chairman and Mr Snape and boat owners using canal. Offer to lend what men were required to take place of labour lost to canal by the war for working traffic and maintaining waterway. Accepted. Instructions issued by Road Stone Control Committee. Highway Authorities instructed to use water borne stone in preference to that conveyed by rail. Messrs Vowles & Sons to convey water by 2inch pipe from canal at Stonehouse to their works. £2 per annum. To p.341. William Iliff, increase from 5s to 6s paid by Company. He can apply to County Council for rise re work on Thames & Severn Canal. Condition of trees on Mr Bush's land at Eastington. Another letter to be sent to him. Danger to works of the Canal Company there. His responsibility if they fell across the canal. Dividend of 10s. Messrs S S Marling, J Margetson, Wm R Bloxam, A J Morton Ball re-elected after ceasing to be members of Committee after three consecutive absences, 24 October 1917 p.339,341. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £579 0s 8d. Balance £771 8s 8d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £1351 2s 10d. S S Marling, J Margetson, Wm Bloxam, A J Morton Ball to be appointed to Committee, 24 October 1917 p.340. Agreement with Messrs Vowles & Sons of Stonehouse. They would bear whole of costs incurred. Mr Snape met District Surveyor at Eastington Bridge. Acting County Surveyor arranging temporary repairs to surface of road there with tar patching. Considerable dredging necessary at Stonehouse Bridge. Men lent by Army authorities doing good work. Earning satisfactory wages. Application for rise in wages by workmen. Decision to increase White and G Merrett to 28s per week. J Merrett to 21s, Hutchings to 35s. Tonnage to 20 November £104 16s 6d, 1916 £108 15s 8d. Bank Balance £263 5s, 1916 £299 10s 1d, 21 November 1917 pp.342-343. Messrs Vowles & Sons to bear whole cost of agreement. Application for increase in salary from Mr Fredericks, joint toll clerk at junction of canal with Gloucester & Berkeley Canal at Saul. Chairman's correspondence with Mr Lewis, General Manager of Gloucester Dock Co. Chairman to deal with application. Sharpness New Docks Co. increased his salary by 5s a week, 20s to 25s. With 10s per week paid by Company, salary 35s per

week. Mr Harris, chief toll clerk of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal telephoned to say he thought payment would be made by Government of Bonus to Owners of Barges & Boats to meet extra demands by the Captains. No owner of less than ten boats recognised but smaller owners could join together. Official stationed at Gloucester Docks Office for inquiries. General Manager in office Wednesday morning and would speak to Chairman. Attending a meeting of Canal Control Committee in London on Tuesday. Tonnage 1 October to 18 December £165 8s, 1916 £184 15s 2d. Bank Balance £305 2s 7d, 1916 £268 8s 7d, 19 December 1917 pp.344-345. Letter from Mr Manning Lewis re Mr Frederick's salary. Rise of 2s 6d per week from 25 December. Letter from Mr Armitage, representing Mr Arthur S Winterbotham. Small repairs needed. Leakage to be seen to. Strip on weir he objected to quite necessary. Pipes not coupled up yet. Clerk to write again for rent due 1 October 1917. Mr Winterbotham could give notice under Agreement if he wishes to be released in future. Agreement with Mr Vowles signed. £12 due to 29 September received. Tonnage to 15 January £211 17s 4d, 1917 £236 16s 2d. Bank Balance £435 16s, 1917 £391 14s, 16 January 1918 p.346. Letter from Clerk of Severn Fishery Commissioners. Complaint of state of canal re weeds alleged to have caused a great drop in number of fishing permits issued by Board of Conservators and request for canal to be cleaned out. Consideration of fishing rights. Manager to see what could be done to improve matters. Fewer men left in district and large amount of overtime worked probably cause of less call for permits. Letter from J Harris, tidesman at Framilode, asking for permission to do other work without the time being deducted by Company. Agreed for present as a wartime concession. Lamp and oil should be provided for use in his work on the canal. Recent high tides caused damage at outlet to Severn. Heels of top gates at the Newtown Lock should be renewed this year. Stroud Urban District Council applied to place facilities on towing path near their Sewage Destructor for running ashes into boats. Mr Milnes attended to explain their scheme. Chairman and Manager on the spot. £1 1s for each half year or part thereof. Tonnage 1 October to 19 February £277 2s 7d, 1917 £274 14s 10d. Bank Balance £391 10s, 1917 £335 8s 9d, 20 February 1918 pp.347-348. Considerable repairs carried out at pierhead and tide gate at Framilode. Mr Snape had met Mr Milnes, Stroud Surveyor, and sanctioned what Stroud District Council proposed to do on towing path at Downfield. Continued anxiety of Government that waterways should be made of fullest possible use to ease the railways. Mr W G Sealey of Standish re damage sustained by his trap and harness. Horse shying when crossing swing bridge at Framilode. Company not responsible for accident. George William Minnett, employee of Company, had accident at Framilode. Reported to Accident Insurance Co. Tonnage £357 8s 1d, 1917 £337 8s 11d. Bank Balance £370 11s 11d, 1917 £318 10s 11d, 20 March 1918 pp.349-350. Insurance Co. granted 15s 1d a week to Minnett at Framilode. Agreed. No return yet to work. J White, lock keeper at Eastington, asked for advance of 5s a week. Increase of 3s 6d, to same level as Thames & Severn Canal rate. James Harris, tidesman at Framilode, had died. Leonard Pockett and George Cook put forward for vacant post. Mr Dudbridge, the Accountant, was present. Dividend 10s, 24 April 1918 p.351. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £568 16s 6d. Balance £942 1s 3d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £1351 2s 10d. Committee: P J Evans, Chairman, A J Morton Ball, Major J R

Morton Ball, W R Bloxam, W Davies, E P Little, F A Little, Capt. R J Caruthers Little, J Margetson, Sir W H Marling Bart., S S Marling, 24 April 1918 p.352. J White, lock keeper Eastington, whose wages were raised from 28s to 31s 6d, pressed for full advance of 5s per week. Asked if he is required to work on canal away from his length. Offer of 32s a week standing wages. Rate of pay for all lock keepers and labourers. Ground paddles of Top Lock at Eastington requiring repairs. Tidesman at Framilode. Clerk had written to Mr Sidney Preston, Canal Control, 21 Surrey Street, Strand, re release of Pockett. Services of G Cook, a captain of a barge on the canal. Chairman to deal with S J Humphries' application for increase in salary. Tonnage £102 13s, 1917 £113 1s 1d. Bank Balance £295 9s 11d, 15 May 1918 pp.353-354. Manager's report. 1. Weeding commenced at Ocean Bridge, Stonehouse. Necessary gang of four made up by putting on a casual labourer. Whole canal needs weeding very badly. Several months to do it. He obtained L Pockett by consent of Chairman of Control Committee for this district. Now at work as tidesman at Framilode. 3. White had agreed standard wage of 32s per week. Any work as required. Other lock keepers asked for same wages. Granted. Iliff, 25s a week from Thames & Severn and 6s a week from Stroudwater Navigation, applied for same advance. Thames & Severn had advanced him 2s a week. Granted 1s a week. Armitage complained of spoil bank by Eastington being dug into and clay removed without permission. Channel from Coffin Weir to brook choked. Mr Snape to do necessary work. Mr Bloxam to confer with E P Little and draft a reply. William Timbrell asked to have refusal of Dudbridge Wharf House. Wished to start a coal business there. Granted. Mr Jack Margetson and Chairman to undertake Annual Inspection of lower section of canal to Stonehouse. Mr F A Little and Mr Bloxam to inspect upper section. Tonnage £181 2s 4d, 1917 £182 12s 11d. Bank Balance £241 17s 2d, 1917 £260 8s 8d, 19 June 1918 pp.355-356. Canal weeded from Ocean Bridge to Ryeford. Very thick growth on bottom of canal. Whole length had to be raked before knives could be used. Mr Bloxam had examined new Drainage Act. As now amended, interests of Navigation sufficiently protected. Further letter to Mr Armitage re taking of clay from spoil bank at Eastington. Whenever soil was taken, surface should be made good. If legality questioned, canal authorities acting within rights. Protection cards for lock keepers at Eastington and Dudbridge received from Canal Control Committee. Raising tonnage rates discussed. Very greatly increased wages paid. Chairman to write to Sidney Preston. August meeting suspended. Tonnage £242 5s 6d, 1917 £241 4s. Bank Balance £317 3s 8d, 1917 £314 17s 2d, 17 July 1918 pp.357-358. No meeting in August. Report on Annual Inspection of canal by F A Little, W R Bloxam, Jack Margetson and Chairman. Increase in tonnage rated in Column I (coal etc.) at present more than one farthing below maximum allowed by Act 1895 so as to stand $\frac{1}{4}$ lower than maximum. In case of stone Chairman to arrange with Sir Ashton Lister a reasonable advance on rates. On merchandise passing on to Thames & Severn Canal, charge from Junction to Wallbridge 8d per ton on everything. Mr E P Little, representative of Company on Stroud Fuel & Lighting Committee. Closing of towing path to public within six years of last closing. Serious undermining of towing path by brook at Ryeford. Advisability of Company's joining Scottish Railway Stockholders Protection left open. Estimate of £2 12s 6d by Samuel Bradley of Frampton for repairing roof of shed at

Framilode accepted. Mr E F Gardom considered printed notices re Heavy Motor Car Traffic should be continued by replacing them when they disappear from weather or other cause. Tonnage £374 10s 2d, 1917 £363 0s 7d. Bank Balance £315 8s 8d, 1917 £306 0s 2d, 18 September 1918 pp.359-360. Chairman's correspondence with Sir Aston Lister, Acting County Surveyor. Through rate for stone Stroudwater Canal to Thames & Severn Canal raised from 3d to 4½d per ton. From Junction to Ryeford, Dudbridge and Wallbridge 6d to 7½d per ton. Notices sent as to revised tolls for coal etc. Piling of towpath bank at Ryeford where seriously undermined. Withey stakes and bundles of withey used. Decision to write to Ryeford Saw Mills Co. re responsibility for dock wall. Dividend of 10s, 23 October 1918 pp.259,361. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £603 4s 6d. Balance £845 13s 7d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £1351 2s 10d, 23 October 1918 p.362. Mr Bloxam reported re whether Canal Company or owners of Ryeford Saw Mills were responsible for repairs of wall of lie-by there. Erected by owners of saw mills. Deeds showed no liability for owner of mills for repair of wall. Mr Snape to do work and arrange with Messrs Workman to bear part of expense. First report of Select Committee on Transport. Inferred that Committee, having dealt only with Irish transport would investigate possibilities of British Waterways later. Tonnage - very considerable percentage of increase still very small. Balance of liabilities over assets reduced by about £980. Now £3405 12s 4d. Bank Balance £163 7s 6d, 1917 £263 5s. Tonnage £108, 1917 £103 8s 2d, 20 November 1918 pp.364-365. Mr Snape had arranged with Messrs Workman to find one man to assist with necessary repairs to wall at Ryeford. Chairman read extracts from second report of Royal Commission on Transport on Waterways of Kingdom. Probability of being taken in hand by Government in near future. Messrs Rowbotham to pay 1s 6d per load of ashes hauled over Company's property from Lodgemore Mills and to repair any damage to surface of wharf. False decking of Gas House Bridge renewed. In course of work Hy Stephens, carpenter's assistant, suffered disabling accident. Insurance Co. notified. Stroud Gas Co. complained of rate for coke to Frampton being raised from 5d, special rate for boats returning otherwise empty, to 7¾d per ton. Charge made 6d per ton. Application from Wm Timbrell to rent canal wharf house at Dudbridge. Manager to arrange. Mr I J Bassett wished to rent 50 sq yards on Stonehouse Wharf which he formerly held. Agreed. £3 a year. Tonnage £169 9s, 1917 £164 5s 9d. Bank Balance £153 18s 10d, 1917 £315 2s 4d, 18 December 1918 pp.366-367. William Timbrell willing to take any of Company's houses at Dudbridge against time when, restrictions removed, he would be able to get coal. Then prepared to rent warehouse alone, if no house available. Mr Ira J Bassett replied to Company's offer of 50 sq yards on Stonehouse Wharf. £3 a year. Now wished to rent 40 sq yards for £2 10s a year and rent land behind, 210 sq yards, at 30s a year. Company preferred to let 50 sq yards and let land at back as garden ground for 30s a year. Agreement to be drawn up at expense of tenant. Notice of demobilisation of soldiers now lent for purpose of discharging boats, requesting they be paid off Saturday 18 January. Mr Lambert applied to Company to repair certain interior fixtures in stable he rents of Company. Manager to call his attention to terms of lease. Tenant to execute repairs. Tonnage £221 10s 9d, 1918 £209 16s 11d. Bank Balance £227 19s 7d, 1918 £334 2s 8d, 15 January 1919 pp.368-369. Clerk's report . 1.

William Timbrell had stated, re Government restrictions as to purchase and sale of coal, his application for premises on Dudbridge Wharf had to stand over. 2. Ira J Bassett can go no further with his proposals re land on Stonehouse Wharf, for deposit of oil tanks and garden. Government had not released their control of oil. 3. Notice re days canal towing paths stopped to public Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January. 4. Charles Stevens, demobilised, sought reinstatement in Company's employ. To be reinstated in his old position as lock keeper. Present occupant of post to be put on other work. 5. Canal closed for five days owing to ice, ending 11 February when ice boat was run and Navigation opened. Clerk to enquire whether Seven Fishery Board wished to continue tenancy of Fishing Rights. Lease expired 31 December. Chairman, Mr E P Little mentioned an invitation circular sent to some of Committee by Gloucester Incorporated Chamber of Commerce re address to be given at Guildhall, Gloucester by Mr Howard Humphreys. Late Chairman of the Canal Control, Midland, Subcommittee on 18 February. No one able to attend. Clerk to thank Mr P Barrett Cooke for the invitation circular and ask for report of proceedings, if any. Tonnage £282 11s 4d, 1918 £283 5s 1d. Bank Balance £283 6s 4d, 1918 £303 2s 7d, 19 February 1919 pp.370-372. Present W R Bloxam. No other members present. No meeting, 19 March 1919 p.373. Charles Stevens, formerly lock keeper at Dudbridge released from army, reinstated in service of Company. Minett, who took Stevens' place, retained on Navigation and allowed to remain in lock keeper's house. Mr Sidney Preston, Chairman of Canal Control Committee, asked if Private Pockett, acting as tidesman at Framilode, wished to continue in services of Company when demobilised. If so he should be released speedily. Affirmative. Secretary to Severn Fishery Board asked if lower rental would be accepted on termination of present lease. Reduced to £10 for a year. Lady Beauchamp of Ebley Court applied to use a canoe on Ebley pound of the canal. ! 0s a year. Further letter asking for material reduction. No less charge entertained. Two new balance poles essential at Pike Lock. Oak, cost about £15 compared with £12 for larch, but better value. Bottom gates to be replanked. Company's inability to pay income or other taxes on tolls and dues received under its Act discussed. Mr Bloxam to discuss with Surveyor of Taxes. Dividend £10s, 23 April 1919 pp.373-374. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £564 0s 11d. Balance £777 1s 5d. Dividend 10s. Reserve Fund £1351 2s 10d. Committee: P J Evans, Chairman, A J Morton Ball, Major J R Morton Ball, W R Bloxham, W Davies, E P Little, F A Little, R J Caruthers Little, J Margetson, Sir W H Marling Bart., S S Marling, 23 April 1919 p.375. Clerk's report. 1. Tidesman at Framilode, Private Pockett, received notice withdrawing him from Company's service. Mr Preston, Chairman of Canal Committee, in communication with War Office. 2. Severn Fishery Board agreed to rent fishing rights at reduced charge of 10s for year ending 31 December. 3. Planking of bottom gates at the Pike Lock at Eastington requires renewal. 2 inch planking, larch, to be obtained. Mr Colin Lambert's application for stables and warehouse at Wallbridge to be transferred to him. Clerk to offer him premises at £7 a year rent and ascertain whether it was his intention to trade on canal. Letters from Rowley Regis Granite Quarries Co. Ltd. Need of an extra horse to pull their boats up the canal. Clerk to enquire extent of proposed trade and the wharves at which stone is to be discharged. Notice received from Stroud Electric Supply Co. Ltd. referring to proposed power

station to be erected on site near canal at Dudbridge. Position of intended buildings not shown on the plans. Mr Sibley's application for reduction in charge for use of canal for pleasure boats not granted. Tonnage £99 1s 9d, 1918 £113 14s 8d. Bank Balance £136 2s 3d, 1918 £295 9s 11d, 21 May 1919 pp.376-377. Mr Pockett to remain in Company's service. Mr Colin Lambert took on stables rented by Charles Lambert. Rent increase £5 to £7 per annum. Rowley Regis Stone Co. found difficulties as to haulage. Mr Snape to do all possible to ensure continuance of traffic for road repair. Further correspondence with Mr Sibley. Committee offered to allow him to use canal to the Junction for five boats going through the locks together. Charge only 20s for going and returning on condition he arranges for Eastington lock keeper to take charge. Balance pole fixed to outside bottom gate at the Pike Lock and at inside bottom gate at the Dock Lock. Head of inside top gate at Westfield Lock dangerous. New piece prepared and fixed during stoppage of three or four days 21 June - 24 June. Heel of inside bottom gate fractured below iron collar. Timber for repair ordered. Liability for Income Tax on tolls left to Mr Bloxam to deal with. Stroud Gas Co. applied for permission to deposit ashes on land next to terminus of canal at Wallbridge. Traffic £159 6s 6d, 1918 £183 6s 3d, 1914 £216 15s 1d. Bank Balance £132 14s 7d, 1918 £241 17s 2d, 1914 £316 12s 5d, 18 June 1919 pp.378-379. Forthcoming sale of land adjoining canal at Whitminster. Advertisement appeared to ignore Company's rights to banks of canal there. Solicitors for vendor admitted Company's rights. Promised to make them known to intending purchaser. Letter from Secretary to Dockers' Union at Gloucester. Advisability of getting Government to take the canal under its control, as in case of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal. Mr Manning Lewis, Manager, undertook to use his good offices with Mr Sidney Preston, Chairman of Canal Control Committee on his visit to the Berkeley Canal, Wednesday 2 July. Users of Stroudwater and Thames & Severn Canal with great unanimity made strong representation to Company in favour of canal being controlled and kept available for traffic of the District Committee decided to make necessary application, 30 June 1919 pp.380-381. Company's Seal - 12 entries.

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