

INTRODUCTION

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THE SUMMARIES OF THE MINUTES

START OF Part 2 OF RAIL 186/49

ECR LOCOMOTIVE AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

19th October 1849

Joseph Glynn, Samuel Ellis & F. Margrave present.

- Line of railway from Stratford to Colchester examined especially where extra sleepers had been suggested by Mr. Samuel. Resolved:- Rails with bearings 5ft. apart to have additional bearing (sleeper) reducing chair distance centre to centre to 3ft. 9inches (p 30). Mr. Samuel to ascertain the extra sleepers required, these to come from the Norfolk Railway. All to be creosoted. Chairs to be ordered. Mr. Hunter to run lighter locomotives over the line in winter.

13th November 1849

At Cambridge. Edward Sadd Betts, Joseph Glynn and Samuel Ellis present.

- Stratford - Colchester. Extra sleepers required 4700, in stock at Lowestoft; Resident Engineer to order 9400 keys and 80 tons of spikes. Tenders for 1066 tons of chairs to be advertised.
- All locomotives to be fitted with Babbages Patent Bearings at overhaul period.

- Mr. Hunter to provide a list of all types of vehicle bearings used, to cost a uniform standard.
- Locomotives. Best sperm oil to be used.
- March Station. Water. Mr. Hunter to advise on pumps & pumping engines regarding improvements.
- Locomotive wheels. Mr. Hunter to move the wheels of 10 locomotives to give greater base and steadiness of running. Cost of £5 per loco.
- Shoreditch lamp-room. Mr. Samuel to prepare a plan and seek tenders for building.
- Midland Railway. Mr. Kirtley re the conversion to inside cylinders on the MRy and plans of E. B. Wilson & Co. He has saved at least 25% in coke and 25% in wear and tear to the permanent way. Resolved:- that one outside cylindered loco to be altered to inside cylindered on its next overhaul with four-coupled wheels by E. B. Wilson at cost of £610. Price to include the transport from Peterborough to Leeds.

22nd November 1849

Edward S. Betts, Samuel Ellis & Thomas Broadbent present.

- Stratford - Colchester permanent way. Singling of lines on branches. Mr. Samuel to take up one of the lines on the Maldon, Witham and Braintree Railway except at Witham Junction. Material to be stacked and list submitted. Also to report on the Dereham to Wymondham line as to stretches of double track.
- E. B. Wilson & Co. The coupled wheels to be six feet in diameter and Mr. Hunter to send one spare set of wheels.
- Wymondham, pumping engine etc. Source of water to be ascertained before making improvements.
- Monthly accounts to be submitted for wages, materials, coke, oil etc. Also a mileage statement for each locomotive.

30th November 1849

Edward S. Betts, Joseph Glynn & Samuel Ellis present.

- Norfolk Joint Committee, Wymondham to Dereham. Materials to have roofed covering. All chairs to be scraped and limewashed and stacked clear of the ground.
- Tender for chairs. 300 tons of 21lb size. Mr. F. Hawkins at £3.19.6 per ton was selected. All tenders listed. (p30/31)
- Fakenham Terminus. To be repaired (the crane), new rope provided. New 3 ton crane required. From Maldon? All tenders for works, stores, material etc., to be addressed in future to the Directors.

14th December 1849

- Piloting for Midland Ry at Peterborough, £500 p.a. For the GNRy. £300 p.a.
- Charge to GNRy for special locos, 1/3 [*1s 3d*] per mile on trains and 9d per mile light engine.
- North Woolwich steamer "Essex". The damaged bottom. "Kent" to be made ready for service immediately.

18th December 1849

- Mr. Thomas Hurst to be Foreman in charge of extra sleeper work Stratford - Colchester at £3 per week. Mr. Samuel and Mr. Ashcroft in charge.

27th December 1849

Edward S. Betts, J. Glynn and Samuel Ellis present.

- Mr. Normanvilles's patent axleboxes. Fifty sets to be ordered 8" x 3" at £6 per set of four. Rabbits [*sic - Babbitt?*] metal bearings. Grease holes angularly on the sides. Thirty to be fitted to thirty wagons for fish traffic and twenty to carriages used on Norwich trains. Mr. Hunter to report each month on these vehicles.
- E. B. Wilson offering to supply locomotives to work the Colchester line for 12 months. Accounts and receipts to be checked.
- Stratford - Colchester permanent way extra sleepers. Now decided, in view of line being opened to Norwich, to standardise the sleeper gap. Mr. Hunter to estimate the chairs, keys and trenails [*treenails*] required.
- GNRy complaining of the special locomotive charges. Rate to stand.
- North Woolwich train on 25th December. Carriage bow spring failure.
- Locomotive No 73 to be tested against Locomotive No. 105. Each to run in turn on the 11.30 a.m. to Cambridge and back with the 3.06 p.m. train. Mr. Hunter to report on the results.

4th January 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, F. J. Margrave and S. Ellis present.

- Floods at Yarmouth & Lowestoft. 28th, 29th December. Report to Sir M. Peto for the Norfolk Joint Committee.
- North Woolwich boats. Woolwich Steam Packet Co. regarding use of their blocks and charge for same and also night berthing with their boats. (p44).

- Colchester line and permanent way strengthening. Extra 500 tons of chairs required. Messrs. Ransom [*Ransome?*] & May to supply £3.19.6 per ton and quote for a further 300 tons.
- Collision on Great Northern Railway. An ECRy sheep van badly damaged. Repairs £85. Bill to the GNRy Co.
- Locomotive No 10 a crank axle failure on the 27th December.
- Locomotive [*boiler*] tubes, brass. Five sets to be ordered. Two for the 90 class, two for the 70 class and one for loco No 44.
- North Woolwich carriage springs, small additional elliptic springs to be attached to each axlebox at £4.12.0 per set of eight. Sixteen sets of bow springs to be ordered at cost of £24. (p45.)
- Normanville axleboxes. Size to be altered from 8"x 3" to 7"x 3". Twenty-five sets of 4 and twenty-five sets of 6 to be ordered.
- Salter spring balances, six at 120lbs x 6" range to be ordered.
- Workshops to resume full-time working from Monday January 7th.

10th January 1850

- Messrs. Ransome & May. Offering 300 tons chairs at £4.2.0. per ton. Accepted.
- E. B. Wilson. Repeating offer to supply loco power for the Colchester line. For the Directors.
- Engineering Stores. Requisitions. No. 699 for 1 cwt of 7" spikes for Norwich platforms. No. 700 for 800 yards fencing Trustees Christs Hospital. No. 701 for forty Spruce planks also for the above. No. 702 for 600 ft Yellow Pine and 170 ft planks for notice boards. No. 705 for padlock, hasp and bolt for Bishopsgate Pepper warehouse.
- Loco & Boiler Makers requesting the abolition of piecework. Directors to visit the workshops.

18th January 1850

Same committee present.

- Stores requisitions. No. 707 for ½ cwt grease & ½ cwt common oil for ballast wagons. No. 709 for two bags of 6" spike nails; repairs, slips in cuttings. No. 710 for 12 lb green paint for Brick Lane weighing machine. No. 714 for ten cwt spikes for Eccles Road (line?). No. 715 for five hundred fire bricks and 5 cwt clay for Stratford furnaces. No. 716 for two yards lime for Brandon gas works. No. 718 for two large water butts for Chittisham [*Chettisham*]. No. 721 for one hundred spruce deals for Mutford Bridge, two locks for cupboard, two bolts, one 22" stove, ½ cwt of 1½" slate nails all for Norwich, Trowse & Elmham.
- Spike nails, 6". Twenty tons to be ordered from Messrs. Ryland & Co., Messrs. Tyrell and Messrs. Warden.
- Fire Bricks. 20,000 to be ordered from either Messrs N. Wood or Messrs. Ramsay of Newcastle.
- Peterborough. Collision on 12th January. Two locos involved, pointsman suspended pro. tem.
- Wagon damaged on Midland Railway due to a broken rail. MRy deny damage claim.
- Buckenham Station. Approach road repairs to cost £120. Frost and flood damage.
- Axle conversions. Contracts to Messrs. Howard & Ravenhill for 100 sets at £8.5.0 per set for melting and remaking.

24th January 1850

J. Glynn, T. J. Margrave [*sic*] and S. Ellis present.

- Stores Requisitions. No. 724 for one ton castings for Ryborough. 25 yards 9" drain pipes for Elmham and 50 yards for Ryborough. No. 725 for six dozen battery plates for Norwich plus 2 tons small coal. No. 726 for sundries for Broxbourne and 3 x 28 lb of ground ochre, dryers and ground umber with 2 galls boiled oil for Bishopsgate. No. 727 for timber for Maldon. No. 728 for timber for Chelmsford. No. 729 for timber for Colchester. No. 730 for one hundred thousand trenails [*treenails*] for the Colchester line. No. 731 for ten bushels of lime for Broxbourne gas works. No. 732 for 240 ft run planks and 1 cwt of 4 inch nails for Chelmsford sidings. No.6 for new lamp for clock at Bishopsgate. No. 9 for two 4" cast iron cyphons [*syphons*] for gas at Bishopsgate.
- Stores Requisitions Locomotive. One set tubes for loco No. 9. One set iron tubes for loco No. 69. Ten copper firebox plates for locos 69 and 70. Twenty-two oak buffer beams. 3000fr. pine boards. 50fr English elm. 100 tyres for carriage and wagon wheels. Five copper firebox plates for loco No. 175. Two copper tube plates for loco Nos. 78 and 79. One set enamelled tubes for loco No. 140. Two sets brass tubes for 50 Class locos. Three sets brass tubes for the 70 Class locos. Three sets of brass tubes for the 78 and 97 Class locos. Three sets brass tubes for the 171 to 182 locos. Twenty-four best iron tyres 5½ ft diameter. Twenty-four at 3¾ ft diameter. Twenty-four best steel tyres 3¾ ft diameter and twenty-four at 3½ ft diameter. 10 tons of bar iron. Four tons of best spring steel.

1st February 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Handley's Patent Break [*Brake*] Van. Running daily on one month's trial. Mr. Hunter to give a report later.

- Store requisitions. No. 734 for 1½ cwt spikes to Chelmsford. No. 736 for rug and matting for Engineer's Office. No. 737 for 5 tons coal, ten bushels of lime to Attleborough. No. 738 for 5 tons coal, six hose pipes & six birch brooms to Norwich. No. 739 for 1 cwt 6" spikes, 1 cwt slate nails to Elmham; two casks of cement and a chaldron of lime to Trowse; one cwt 6" spikes to Fakenham; one ballcock to Norwich. No. 740 for 1000 x 2" screws for repairs, 2 lb copper wire, 14 lb Brunswick green paint; two gallons boiled oil, two gallons of turps, ½ lb chrome yellow, one whitewash brush for Norfolk area. No. 741 for 1 cwt of 3½" fence nails for Audley End and six 1" augers for Witham. No. 742 for six dozen saw files for Stratford & 13 Spruce deals.
- Wheels. Two sets 5½ diameter by Messrs. Christy & Adams at £138.
- Locomotives. Heavy repairs, lathes required. Ex Norwich works the small drilling machine, 8" common lathe, 4½ inch double wheel lathe, the 12" & 16" centre lathes to come to Stratford.
- Ballast wagon repairs to be made at Stratford Works at £5 p.a. per wagon.
- Kirtley's patent wheels. Messrs Eastwood & Frost of Derby. Locomotive Superintendent to report.
- Bishopsgate. The old platform to be removed (used for North Woolwich trains), material to stores.
- Locomotive "donkey" pumps for pumping water into the boilers; Loco Superintendent to report.
- Peterborough. The Earl Fitzwilliam's steam mill. Siding requested. Resident engineer to contact Mr. Simpson, his lordship's agent.
- Gas usage, Stratford works. A meter proposed for the loco shops and one for the wagon/carriage shops.
- Half Year Accounts to 4th January. Mileages run, coke used, cost per mile.
Passenger: 762.104 miles; 11214 lb coke, 32.961 lb/mile; cost £12703.15.11 at £4 per mile.
Goods trains: 386.161 miles; 8797 lb coke used at 51.029 lb/mile; cost £9965.11.3 at £6.193 per mile.
Piloting and light engine: 179.936 miles: 1447 lb coke at 18.010 lb/mile: cost of 21.86 per mile. (The costs per mile in pence? HEJ)
- Costs for Repairs. Oil, tallow, cost per mile 0.2960 pence. - Firewood, 0.1010 pence. - Water, 0.1840 pence. - Coke, from 4.3890 to 6.1930 pence. - Crew wages, 1.6328 pence. - Firelighters, 0.0428 pence. - Cleaners, 0.4044 pence. - Cokemen, 0.1390 pence. Total for passenger 6.8000 pence. For goods 8.9950 pence. For pilot or light engine 4.9860 pence.
Repairs Passenger. (p. 55) Wages, 2.4455 pence. - Materials, 1.2343 pence. - Superintendence, 0.1626 pence.
Grand total £61626.4.7½. Cost per train mile 12.8805 pence.
Carriage, Wagon Repairs. Carriages, £2968.4.0. Wagons £5635.6.7. Cost per mile, passenger 11.6771 pence. Goods 16.4397 pence.

14th February 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Stores listed, pages 56 & 57 [*of minute book*].
- Loco tubes. Two sets of brass for locos No. 39 & 189.
- Wheels. Messrs. Eastwood & Frost. Four sets to be ordered with Patent Shaft & Axletree Co.'s axles and Cooper, Hood & Field's tyres at £31.4.0 per set.
- Stratford Stores. A siding to be laid.
- Locomotive. "Donkey" pumps. Locomotive Superintendent to fit one for a trial if not too expensive.
- Bishopsgate tank. Mr. Henry Ratcliffe of Newport to repair at cost of £16.10.0.

28th February 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Furniture for this station (Stratford? [*or Bishopsgate?*]) ordered from Messrs. Trollope of Parliament St. at £184.7.0 and a coco-matting for the 2nd class waiting room. Paving of the yard of this station. Mr. Chadwick at 9/- per yard superficial.
- Stores requisitions (p. 60). Sundry items, paint etc.
- Loco Stores. One set of brass tubes for Loco No. 13. Sixteen best flanged iron bars. Twelve best steel tyre bars (Saunders Patent). Twenty-four volute buffers with boxes (Baillie's Patent).
- Stratford Telegraph Office, a glass panel to the door is required.
- Peterborough. Roof of the ticket taker's box to be repaired after fire damage.
- Wisbeach. [*Wisbech*] Stationmaster to have residence. Cost of work £49.
- Locomotive Department and the Carriage & Wagon Department to be separated for costing. Committee hinting of the replacement of Mr. Hunter due to increasing costs and his inability to control same.

7th March 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Mr. Hunter's Report.
Carriage & Wagon wheels in stock, on axles -
 - 100 sets of four requiring new tyres.
 - 24 sets requiring small repairs.
 - 25 sets in good condition.
 - 10 sets requiring tyres.
 - 23 sets requiring repairs.Resolved - to order 440 new tyres. 248 axles in wheels with 5" x 3" and 5" x 2-5/8" journals to be taken out for re-making (casting) to standard shape. Wheels to be repaired as required. Two hundred buffer springs to be ordered and 400 bearing springs for wagons, for 6 ton loads. 100 sets of four Normanville axle-boxes with Rabbit's [*Babbitt's?*] Patent bearings.
- Low-sided goods wagons. Specification to be revised to give quick delivery of 100 bodies.
- North Woolwich Carriages. Six to be ordered to Co's plans.
- 10 first class, 20 second class, 20 third class carriages to be ordered, 6 break wagons (goods) [*brake vans?*], 20 timber wagons also to be ordered.
- Stores to sell all old wheels and side chains.
- Loco tubes, brass. 2 sets to be ordered for the 90 class locos.
- 20 tons of fire-bar iron at £7 per ton to be ordered.
- Romford factory. Mr. [*sic*] Stationery [*Stationary?*] boiler & engine. Mr. Bodser to purchase for £250.
- Loco "donkey" pumps. £37.17.0 each. One to be ordered from Mr. Allan.
- Incident on 5th March. Driving wheel tyre on No. 40 locomotive fractured on the 5.00 pm train. (No other details).
- Locomotive conversion from outside cylinders to a "Jenny Lind" locomotive by E. B. Wilson is now at Stratford. To work on Norwich trains and an accurate account of its running costs to be kept.
- Contract Operation. (E. B. Wilson). Mr. Bidder to prepare a specification for the whole or part of the Colchester line. .

14th March 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Station repairs and decorating, Stratford to Broxbourne. Contract to Mr. Gammon. £763.13.9.
- Peterborough. Locomotive Foreman to have a house at £16 per annum rental from 25th December 1849.
- Stratford. A screw punch at £14.0.0. Foundations in the new erecting shop, for two more lathes, to be laid and two smithy fires to be erected in the wheel shop. .

21st March 1850

J. Glynn, S. Ellis and T. Broadbent present.

- Norfolk Joint Committee. Hardingham coal staithes shed. Messrs. Lucas to erect at £130.
- Volute springs to be discussed by the committee against other types.
- Drill for wheel tyres. Mr. Hunter to make one in Stratford Works.
- Enfield water. A well to be sunk to give 3000/4000 gallons daily. Cost of £21.15.0. Mr. Green of Barking.
- Stores Requisitions. (p66-p67) Sundry items, putty-chandeliers [*sic*], butts, nails.
- Loco stores. One set of fire-box plates for Loco. No. 44. One set of iron tubes for Loco. No.170. 48 x 3½" x 3ft 8" best iron flange tyre bars for leading wheels & 7 tons of bar iron.
- Mr. Richardson's house to be repaired (Stratford?).
- Mr. Barlow's plans for Permanent Way without Sleepers. Patent chairs. Committee asking for a demonstration section of track.

4th April 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Brick Lane. Viaduct near the goods shed. Extension to the wall. Mr. Gammon at £206.10.0.
- Cambridge stables. Contract to Messrs Peck & Sons at £400.
- Chelmsford culvert. Tenders in abeyance.
- Repairs. Chesterford crossing. Pumping engine, boiler and coke furnace at Peterborough.
- Stores Requisitions. Usual list of sundries. Padlocks, glass, brass hooks & nails, etc.
- Loco stores. Two crank axles for locos No's 30 & 35. Eighty common iron plates for general use. 100 iron plates for enlarging tenders. 80 iron plates, boiler coverings.
- This station again! [*Stratford? Bishopsgate?*] 50 grits for the brick paving.

- Mr. Barlow's Cast Iron Permanent Way (Ref. 21st March). £4.14.0 per ton. 280 tons per double mile. One mile to be laid.
- Bow. Grove Hall Asylum. Open ditch to be covered over at cost of £5.0.0.
- Gauge tubes, glass [*for showing level of water in boilers*]. One gross to be ordered from Mr. Henry Baker of Hatton Garden.
- Stratford Cottages. (New Town). Necessary repairs to be made, then sold with surplus property.
- Wagons & Buffers. Goods & Cattle with spring buffers, 1103. G & C with spring buffers at one end, 650. G & C with "dead" buffers only, 1083. Total of 2836. Ballast wagons with spring buffers at one end, 64. Goods breaks [*brake vans?*] with spring buffers at one end, 49. Coal wagons with "dead" buffers only, 612. Total of 726.
- Locomotive No. 140. Patent iron enamelled tubes to run against loco of same class with brass tubes. Locomotive Superintendent to report.
- E. B. Wilson offering small locos for 2 or 3 composite coach trains at £825 each. Four to be ordered if specification is acceptable.

12th April 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Maldon. Mr. Richards asking for a fence to be erected by the ECRy and a short siding.
- Store requisitions. 500 ft of 5/8" Gutta Percha tubing & 6 mouthpieces for Audit Office. Coal, slates, 5 cwt of fire clay; two casks of Roman cement.
- E. B. Wilson's small locos with 10" diameter cylinders, specification and cost requested.
- Incident. Loco. No. 200 and water shortage. The driver and fireman discharged for negligence.
- Barking Road Station. Up platform fencing and boarding. Cost?
- Mr. Whitworth's anti-collision Patent. Details requested by Committee.

24th April 1850

Same committee

- Mr. Whitworth's Patent. Committee does not wish to be the first to try the Patent.
- Barking Road Station. Close boarding to cost £35.
- Chelmsford No. 1 culvert, Mr. Smith at £58.
- Stratford (March 1849). Sir A. Henniker's land and partly built wall. Mr. Corby claiming £45.5.0. Agreed to pay £15 only.
- Brick Lane. Granary Yard, extra gates. Mr. Gammon at £34.0.0.
- Stores requisitions. (p 76). 28lb. copper wire for bell circuit repairs, timber, butts, locks, etc., etc.
- Loco Stores. 24 best steel flanged tyre bars for loco tenders. 84 common iron plates, 31 cwt of best cast steel, 6 cwt of piston spring, 2 tons of nut iron, 2 tons S. C. Crown iron. 4 oak scantlings for a tender frame.
- Broxbourne Station. Two urinals to be built on the Up platform. £10.
- Mr. Barlow's Cast Iron Permanent Way. Cost now £1289.5.0 per double mile exclusive of rails and keys. A double mile to be laid on the Colchester line. Castings (chairs) to be put out to tender to Mr. Barlow's specification.

2nd May 1850

Same committee

- Coal Cells (Stores):-
 - Tottenham. To be enlarged at cost £36. The rails on the Green to be extended 160 yards at cost of £150.
 - Waltham. Road to be repaired.
 - Hertford. To be enlarged to double width and another siding made. Four new cells with a travelling machine at one end.
 - Ware. The £230 scheme not warranted.
 - Ilford. To be enlarged.
 - Sawbridgeworth. One extra cell to be provided.
 - Braintree. Stowage for 300 tons required.
 - Kelvedon. Stowage for 100 tons required.
 - Ely. Cells to hold 600 tons required. "Drops" from main line to be looked at and use of the shed at East End of the Dock.
 - Lakenheath. No changes.
 - Mildenhall. No changes.
 - Brandon. 300 tons stowage suggested.
 - Elmham. 200 tons stowage.

Ryburgh. 100 tons stowage.
 Kimberley. 100 tons stowage.
 Yaxham. 100 tons stowage.
 Fakenham. extra 100 tons.
 Cambridge. 1000 tons stowage proposed.
 Hardingham. Mr. Tingey's rental payments in question.

- Stratford Workshops. Close boarding, Messrs. T. & W. Piper at £16.10.0
- Marks Tey. Platform extension of 40 ft by local tender.
- Woolwich Steamers "Essex" & "Kent". Mr. Hunter's report on fuel economies. No details.
- Patent Skid, Duncan & Handley, to be tried on the tender of a goods locomotive.
- Locomotives Nos. 49 and 50 to work the 6.00 pm Down and 10.41 am. Up trains to and from Cambridge for test purposes.
- Loco failure on 28th April. No. 24 with burst cylinder. To be examined closely and a report made to the Committee.
- Electric Telegraph Co. Stratford to Colchester proposal. The resident engineer to report his views.
- Goods Locos. Cast Iron grate bars to be tried, on two locos.
- Stores requisitions. Building repair materials and sundries.
- Locomotive Stores. 24 best cast iron flanged tyre bars 6 ft diameter. Also 24 same but 5½ ft diameter for passenger locomotives. 3 tons bar iron various sizes. 1000 ft of 1" pine boards for models. 10 cwt of Duracast Patent metal. 5 cwt of Rabbits [*Babbitt?*] Patent metal.

16th May 1850

Usual committee

- Stratford - Lea Bridge. One mile of fish jointed line seems satisfactory. To await further reports.
- Stores requisitions. Sundry decorating goods, paint and pots etc., etc.
- Loco Stores. 24 best 3¾ ft iron flanged-type bars for leading wheels. 1700 pieces of best pine lagging for boilers. 1 copper tube plate for loco No. 34.
- Office of Locomotive Superintendent. The applicant's names and addresses:
 Mr. Bleay of Stratford; Mr. Roche of Huddersfield; Mr. Jeffreys of Shrewsbury; Mr. Blackburn of Rotherham; Mr. Harrison of Pimlico; Mr. Ritchen of Liverpool; Mr. Thorp of Darlington; *Mr. J. Gooch of SWRy; Mr. Beattie of LYRy; Mr. Murray of Tothill St.; Mr. Lunt of Liverpool; Mr. Smith of Holloway; Mr. Harrison of Sc. Central; Mr. Durrance of 3 Barge Chamb.; Mr. Lamb of Lower Ward, Windsor Castle; Mr. Lavater of Ashford; Mr. Roddham of Cambridge; Mr. Craig, Monmouth Road; Mr. Andrews, GWRy Co.; Mr. Richley, Adelphi; Mr. Fernihough, SECRy Co.; Mr. Rowland, Brighton; Mr. Douglas, NStRy Co.; Mr. Statham, York Road, Lambeth; Mr. Corbett of Dublin; Mr. Castle of Lancaster; Mr. Scott, Hills Road, Lambeth; Mr. G. Scott, Houghton-le-Spring; Mr. Fuller of Upway; Mr. Gastineau, Northampton.
 Committee selected Mr. J. Gooch as Locomotive Superintendent.
- Carriage Superintendent's position also to be filled by Mr. J. Gooch. Applicants names also given on pp 84 & 85.
- British Association. Delegation from Mechanical Section regarding some experiments on train resistance. Not to interfere with train workings.

22nd May 1850

E. S. Betts, T. Broadbent, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Mr. J. Gooch's agreement amended and confirmed.
- Brick Lane Enquiry Office. Contract to Mr. Curtis at £238.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Stationmaster's house. Mr. Lewis Thompson at £50.1.0.
- Mr. Headley of Cambridge offering to repair locos, carriages and wagons stationed at Cambridge. Declined.
- Ely Station. Manager asks for a cloak room. Cost of alterations £7.10.0
- Chelmsford culvert. Mr. Wells offering £70 towards cost of the large culvert if £10 is paid to Mr. Smith extra for the small culvert. Agreed. (Two local builders).
- Stratford, Woolwich platforms. Delivery of lamps alterations (?).
- Bishopsgate Station. Mr. Glynn to give his views to Mr. Hunt on same and plans to extend and improve the accommodation to be made.

11th June 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Brick Lane. Hoist wall. Addition by Mr. Curtis at £54.0.0.
- Marks Tey. Platform awning contract to Mr. Green at £818.0.0.

- Shelford & Shepreth Line. Mr. Robert Stephenson's report received. Contract to be prepared to Mr. R. S.'s specification for tendering.
- Loco No. 24. Report from Mr. Hunter. Cylinders to be changed to 12" bore and 20" stroke costing £200. Performance to be reported later.
- Messrs. Spooner & Co. £5 payment for patterns of iron castings (Barlow).
- North Woolwich. Down platform alterations.
- Stratford Works. The stationery [*stationary?*] engine house walls to have a skirting. Steel tyred wheels to go to the SWRy for turning.
- Loco Stores required. 40 brass tubes for loco. No. 53.
- Sundry small stores items listed.
- Woolwich Boats. The "Essex" and "Kent" to be painted.
- Oakington siding to be extended, cost of £5.0.0.
- Barlow cast iron sleepers. Messrs. Quadling at £3.18.6 per ton. Ties at £10 per ton. All tenders shown. (pp 90-91)
- Witham water supply. Loco., pipeline to tank. Contract to the Birtley Iron Works for 2½" dia. At 1/9d per linear yard. Quantity not stated.

20th June 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Coal cells at Ware, Ilford, Kelvedon & Braintree. Mr. J. Curtis at £682.0.0. Extensions at Ely, Cambridge and Sawbridgeworth, Messrs Peck & Sons at £187.0.0.
- Lexden viaduct. Timber salvage valued at £363 proposed. Agreed.
- Peterborough Station. Alteration work at £701.10 to be put out for tenders.
- Cambridge & Fens areas. Ditches and water courses to be cleaned out.
- Manea. Stationmaster's house to have a cess pool and drain pipes at £8.0.0.
- Rails to the Northumberland and Durham Coal Co. as scrap at the agreed price.
- Sundry stores, usual coal, lime, butts, paint, etc.

4th July 1850

Usual committee.

- Loco. stores required. 24 x 4¾ ft best steel flanged tyre bars for goods locos and 24 x 3¾ ft as above. 24 x 3 ft also as above. One set of five copper firebox plates for loco. No. 78.
- Stratford Station. Retaining wall, Mr. Piper at £72.0.0.
- Tide Gauge at Lowestoft. Messrs. English. Capt. Andrews to provide cylinder for the well, but Messrs. English now preferred.
- Ches-hunt [*sic - Cheshunt*] Station. Living room for the person in charge. Alterations to cost £30.0.0.
- Chesterford Station. Company's workmen to repair immediately.
- Blackwall Junction, at Bow. Plans to be drawn up? Deferred.

11th July 1850

E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Stores. Sundry items. 1000 of ¾" cut boards. 1000 of 1" cut boards. For repairs to notice boards. One book of Gold Leaf.
- Mr. J. Gooch attended. To commence work on 22nd July. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kitson to prepare list of Company's locomotives, state of repair, mileage run with a list of the carriages and wagons on the same principles.
- "This Station" again. (is it Bishopsgate or Stratford?) Ref 22nd May, it appears to be Bishopsgate. Additions and alterations. Tenders to be invited.
- Cambridge stables to be properly ventilated.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Stationmaster's house, improvements £3.5.0.

25th July 1850

Usual committee.

- Peterborough Station. Alterations and repairs. Messrs. Peake & Sons at £575.0.0.
- Stores No. 9 District. 24 padlocks for crossing gates, glass, bolts and sundry items listed.
- Loco stores required. Six leading axles for locos.
- Smith & forge required for use on the relaying of Colchester line.
- Ware. Grain shed to have a floor. £862.0.0.

- Loco. No. 70 on coke fuel tests. Blackwall using Northumberland & Durham's coke and at Lynn using Hartlepool Co. coke. Lynn coke saving of 2 lbs. per mile.
- Mr. William Naylor to be assistant to Mr. Gooch. £280 per annum. Allowance of £20 per annum for each 1d per mile per train saved upon the loco accounts for six months ending 4th January 1850.
- Tyres. 16 tons of best Yorkshire tyres are required for repairs to Company carts, vans and other wagons. Mr. Gooch to report on same.
- Low-sided wagons. 100 bodies to be constructed at £42 each.

1st August 1850

Stratford. E. S. Betts, J. Glynn, and S. Ellis present.

- Stores. 100,000 trenails for Colchester line permanent way work. Six green signal flags.
- Peterborough Station. Company Foreman to be sent to supervise the alteration work.
- Surplus loco stores to be sent to Stratford.
- Mr. Naysmyth's [*Nasmyth?*] Patent Steam Hammer. Mr. Gooch to advise the Committee.
- Iron castings. Locomotive Supervisor to advise the Committee on Company making same.

23rd August 1850

J. Glynn and S. Ellis present.

- Ware. Goods warehouse floor. Mr. J Smith at £705.13.0.
- Ware Bridge. In need of immediate repairs, dilapidated! Estimated cost £450. Tenders invited.
- Trowse Booking Hall. To be enclosed. Cost £2.
- Mile End. Up platform to be extended 50 feet and extra lamp. £27.0.0.
- Colchester. Fire damage repairs. £15.0.0.
- Stratford. Carriage landing to be repaired at cost of £43.0.0.
- Hertford Goods Shed. Gates to be repaired.
- Waltham. Coal cells also in need of repairs.
- Stores. Usual sundries. Glass, yarn, lime, etc., etc.
- Loco. returns. Loco. Superintendent to furnish these on mileages run Norfolk against Eastern Counties passenger, goods, coal and cattle trains as well as light & pilot locomotives. Drivers' mileages to be checked.

11th September 1850

Present: J. Glynn only.

- Shelford - Shepreth line. Contract to Mr. Jonas Gregson at £11228.0.0 recommended to the Directors. All tenders shown (p 107).
- Stratford carriage landing repairs. Mr. J. Curtis at £36.10.0.
- Mile End platform extension. Messrs. Piper at £23 in Spruce Deal.
- Platelayer's huts. Removal of six from Chittenham, 3 to March and 3 to Streatham. By Messrs. Bennett at £82.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Station. Repairs at £5.0.0.
- Ware. Warehouse floor. An inspector to superintend.
- Stratford coal cells in need of repairs.
- North Woolwich. The Dolphin piles at the pier to be protected.
- Swan Yard houses. Demolition or repair?
- Stores. Usual sundries.
- Loco. Stores required. 8 sets brass tubes for Locos. Nos. 37, 41, 10, 147, 154, 183, 184, & 185. Twenty tons of best bowling bars. 8 tons of best angle and tee iron to Bowling section. 15 tons Kirkstall Forge Co.'s iron bar. 12 tons S.C.Crown iron bars. 20 sets of fire bar irons. 2000 malleable cast iron tube ferrules. Two sets of volute springs No. 3. 4 sets of No. 5 without rod or plate. 2 sets of 4 each to No. 7.
- Normanville axleboxes. Washers, iron or gunmetal surplus to requirements to be returned to Messrs. H. & M. D. Grissell.
- Yarmouth loco. shed. Repairs and a small room to be added for locomotive men.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] loco. shed also to be repaired.

19th September 1850

Present: J. Glynn, S. Ellis, T. Broadbent.

- Shelford - Shepreth Line. Mr. Joseph Bray's tender accepted at £11543.11.2 cash or 5 year Debenture Stock at 4% p.a. interest with 5% added to the contract price.
- Iron pipes. Ref 11th June. Witham water supply. The laying of pipes contract to Mr. P. Drumgole at 6½d per linear yard.
- Ware Bridge. Contract to R. & E. Curtis at 17/6d per cubic yard brickwork mortared, 21/- per cubic yard brickwork in cement, 5/6d per cubic yard concrete in lime, 9/6d per cubic yard concrete in cement, 18/6d per cubic yard parapet and painting, 2½d per lb. iron work.
- Mile End Station in a dirty, disreputable state. The Stationmaster cautioned.
- Bishopsgate Station. Head Messenger's house to be repaired £26.0.0.
- Old 1st Class Carriages. Locomotive Superintendent to report on cost of refitting.
- Swan Yard House, the old materials to be sold by Mr. M. H. Dean.
- Stores requisitions. Sleepers for permanent way. Tottenham 30, Water Lane 50, Ponders End 50, Waltham 100, Broxbourne 100, Roydon 50, Harlow 50, Burnt Mill 50. Sundry items, 1 doz Green-paper shades, stop-cocks, ball-cocks etc., etc.

20th September 1850

Present: Joseph Glynn & Samuel Ellis.

- Mr. Nasmyth to supply 30 cwt steam hammer at £405, anvil and baseplate for £98.13.0, furnace, wrought ironwork for £90.0.0.
- Wrought ironwork. Various sizes to be ordered from Messrs. Galloway and 16 hornplates from Messrs. Mare & Co. 10 tons of road vehicle tyres from Patent Shaft Co. Ltd.
- Coke stock discrepancy. Stores Committee to investigate.
- Voluntary loco driver Mr. Lingard Stokes to receive £5 gratuity for work during the driver's strike. Messrs. Markham and Duff to receive 10 guins. [*guineas*] for their work. (p.116). Each loco driver to provide himself with a good watch from the Company on weekly payments of 3/-. Also resolved - that all watches in stock be repaired and put in silver cases, company initials to be erased and sold to employees at £4 each.
- Stanstead and Elsenham Stations to be repaired. Cow Bridge near Tottenham to be examined for repairs.
- Stratford workers' cottages to be repaired and decorated by a contractor.

26th September 1850

Present: Joseph Glynn & Samuel Ellis.

- Stores requisitions. Colchester Line. Permanent way relaying. Six hand signalling lamps, 200 fog signals, 2 doz. each red & green flags, 1 gallon lamp oil, 1 doz. books of regulations.
- Cambridge. Stationmaster's house to be decorated by Company.
- Horse harness, Mr. Fillingham's stock to be valued for compensation on cessation of agreement.
- Sidings. Mr. James Poulton Manser's mill at Hoddesdon, three quarters of one mile from Broxbourne. Agreed, Mr. Manser to pay and use his own horses.

27th September 1850

Special Meeting.

Present: Joseph Glynn & Samuel Ellis.

- Visit to Broxbourne & Hoddesdon Mills. Mr. Manser's project. Store Committee to offer any S/H [*second hand?*] rails and points. Hertford & Ware Junction, coal siding bridge to be repaired and water course deepened.
- Locomotive whistles. Many are poor in use. Mr. Gooch to investigate.
- Colchester line. Signals. Mr. Chadwick to report thereon.
- Time-tables for cattle and goods trains. Copy to each Director.
- Goods trains. Arrangement of wagons in each train. Mr. Moseley to order better sequence to avoid wasteful shunting.
- Brakes on tenders and carriages etc., to be checked and a report made thereon.

3rd October 1850

Present: Joseph Glynn & Samuel Ellis.

- Wagons. Iron frames to be used.
- Iron foundry. Cupola and fan blast pit, crane and drying stone all to be fire-proof. Mr. Gooch to prepare plans.
- Stratford cottage repairs. Messrs. Curtis at £348.
- Electric Telegraph Co. Repairs required at Cambridge and Stratford, new posts.

- Stores requisitions. 2 doz each red and green flags, permanent way. Also 36 fog signals. Usual sundries.
- Tottenham. Cattle arches quite sound with wooden joists.

9th October 1850

Present: E. S. Betts, J. Glynn & S. Ellis.

- Maps. Mr. Giles offering to prepare maps and sections areas Enfield, North Woolwich, Maldon-Braintree, Cambridge-St Ives, March branches, London-Brentwood. Large scale of Brick Lane Goods Station, Bishopsgate Station, Stratford Workshops. 3 chains to 1 inch. Vertical scale 100 ft to 1 inch. £20 per mile inclusive of enlarged portions of stations etc. Approved.
- Bishopsgate Station. Front railings, gates. Messrs. Burton at £450. Mr. Doggett's house wall to be faced.
- Reserve rolling stock. Locomotives. Thirty to be made available for use and the 4 new also to be put into traffic. No Norfolk Co.'s locos to be used. Newmarket Co.'s 6 locos to be reported upon regarding condition.
- Stratford. A Locomotive Shed to hold 20 locomotives required. Plans and spec. to be supplied. Polygon lines to the turntable to be diverted. Also the line past the Carriage Shops to the main line.
- Friendly Society and Mechanics Institute to be formed.
- Stores in default of ordering materials, etc. Stores Committee to give prompt attention to the orders of this Committee. Required, copper to make 3 fireboxes and [also] 400 tyres for carriages & wagons to be supplied.
- Norwich Workshops. Rails to be laid to take 40 to 50 carriages during winter months.
- Mr. Nasmyth's loco pump, for steam hammer to cost £25.
- Mr. Rivett, Chief Clerk to the Superintendent of Works to receive £16 per annum increase to £140 per annum.
- Colchester Line Signals report. The Braintree branch signal to be altered and gradient posts to be erected.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbeach*]. Loco, goods sheds & stables to be repaired. Extra siding to be laid at £99.10.0.
- Elsenham & Stanstead stations to have gutters and downspouts at £5 each.
- Ely Superintendent's house alterations to cost £4.

17th October 1850

Present: T Broadbent, J. Glynn & S. Ellis.

- Stores requisitions. Usual mixed sundries.
- Loco stores required. 3 crank axles, 1 crank shaft, 160 ft angle iron, 170 ft angle iron, 160 ft tee angled iron.
- North Woolwich. River Wall. Superintendent to prepare a plan and specification with estimated costs for the repairs required. North Woolwich Land Co. to give specifications for similar work done for that Company by Mr. Earl.
- Newmarket Locomotives to be taken into stock. Carriages also into ECRy stock.
- 1st Class carriages. Linings and trimmings to be blue instead of drab as heretofore.
- Next minute uncompleted, ending:- "the time has arrived when he could." Many pages cut or torn out.

END OF ECR LOCOMOTIVE AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

END OF RAIL 186/49

ECR TRAFFIC, LOCOMOTIVE AND PERMANENT WAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

START OF RAIL 186/43

20th May 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Cambridge Receiving House - termination of Mr. Swann's agreement. He is seeking 3 months notice. Mr. Morris suggest ECRy open their own receiving house, income approx. £100 pa. For the Chairman's decision.

Work. Hythe - weighbridge required. Colchester to supply.

Messrs. Chalk Carriers & special rail rate Linton to London 11/8 per ton from Audley End. New rate of 12/- per ton agreed.

LNWRy. Through rates, notice given to ECRy and Railway Clearing House of non-acceptance of through invoice of goods from South Staffs., Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton to stations south of Bishops Stortford and Colchester unless travelling via Camden Town and Hackney Wick.

Goods mileages to be reduced to 500 weekly during the summer months.
MRy. Fares to Bristol for goods. 1st class 2/1, 2nd class 2/1, 3rd class 3/4, 4th class 3/4, 5th class 5/- per ton.
Staff room at Ipswich for goods staff (Old Sack Room).
Claims. Child injured on 30th April. Van No.234, Driver Longhurst was moving in Devonshire St., a pipe fell off and injured R. Wright. Claim to be met in full.
Huntingdon Junc. Coal 14 miles from Peterborough by GNRy & 36 miles by ECRy. Mr. Coote asks the ECRy. to pass coal wagons at 6d per ton worked by GNRy. Agreed.
Mr.Shaw; Coal merchant at Lynn seeking depots at London, Bishops Stortford, Audley End, Cambridge, Lynn, March, St. Ives, Newmarket, Shelford, Chesterford, Stansted, Harlow and Broxbourne. Mr Moseley to report back. Loughton coal; short siding required.
Rates. Horse drawn hoes at present 3rd class rate; increase to 4th class.
Coal Peterborough to Wisbech. Messrs Johnson and Headley seeking depots also Ely to Burnt Mill. For Mr.Moseley.
Special rates for Mr.Colman of Chelmsford. Scarifiers and potato diggers to London at 15/- per ton. He sends by road but will send in 4 ton loads (partly dismantled) at 9/2 per ton. by ECRy. Agreed.
Cattle Peterborough to Lynn charged by way of Ely. To be charged via Wisbech.
Special rates Batley and Butler sending 40 tons of creosote to Lowestoft by sea but will send by rail at 12/- per ton. Weekly load agreed by Committee.
Staff Misdemeanours. Cases:- Porter Collins, Romford Factory - discharged from ECRy; 6.30 pm Up Tilbury train at Bow Junc. on 9th May and Down Goods train passing with a plank projecting which struck Tilbury train - Porters Robinson & Nunn reprimanded. Parcel at Ardleigh left for six days before delivery - Stationmaster Womack and Porter Luen reprimanded. Dr. Reilly's hamper, sent to Cambridge for collection and not handed over when requested - ECRy not to blame.
Through rates. Letter from MSLRy seeking scythe & sickle (3rd Class Goods) from Beighton to Ipswich, Bury, Diss, Hertford, Cambridge, Wisbech, Norwich, Lynn, Yarmouth, Lowestoft & Newmarket. Proposed rate of 3/4 per ton add[itional] from Sheffield.
Lowestoft cattle traffic; Mr.Cobbold (director of the North of Europe Steam Packet Co.) informs Company of cattle from Denmark to Grimsby & Thames Haven (LTSRy) Mr.Moseley to negotiate with NESPCo. regarding this traffic.
Works. Messrs Snell, Raven Maltings at Braintree asking for a loading cut-out at one end of the station. Agreed.
Stables at Peterborough to be repaired.
Mr.Sheridan's Patent No Smoke Coal Firing Loco. Superintendent to try one Loco.
Harwich Branch auxiliary signal at Manningtree to be moved 200 yds. back.
Harwich Continental Steam Packet Co. Two special trains run on 20th February from London and 24th February 1857 from Harwich, cost of £73.7.6 still not paid.
Mr. Cox travelled Rye House to St. Margarets and back without a ticket. He must pay although [*he is*] Stationmaster at Rye House.
Petition from residents on Harlestone [*Harleston*] branch for the Norwich express to stop at Tivetshall. Refused.
Bishopsgate station repairs:- whitewashing, chimney repairs, hooks for headstalls & carriage straps fixed.
Claim for £500 by Mr.Jenkins for injuries from a barrow at Bishopsgate Station. Case to be defended in court.
Mr.Bale Stationmaster at Bishopsgate has moved to a house at Brentwood using two covered vans & a horsebox to move his furniture by rail. [*He*] to see the Chairman.
North Woolwich. Whit-Sunday special trains for opening of the Pleasure Gardens. Mr.Robertson to supervise.
Mr.Fox reports sundry matters of trivia (barrows etc.) also Mr.Dutton on similar matters such as the dispensing of Colchester goods clerk for [*replacing with*] a youth at £30 pa. saving £40 pa. Mr.Sprout also reported sundry matters such as 6000 bricks lying at Chatteris for 6 years!
Land. Claim for compensation for land taken by the EURy at Bury. Mr.Garrod (Secretary) to deal with this matter.
Cattle layers (lair) at Tottenham. Dispute with New River Co. on lease.
Norwich Thorpe Refreshment rooms vacant on the 9th July next. Advertisement prepared for local papers.
Bethnal Green. Tent field wall required to enclose vacant ground. For Mr. Love.
Old surplus property. Nos. 26-28 Quaker St. & Nos. 41-43 Phoenix St. in Spitalfields to be pulled down. For tenders.
Devonshire St. cab stables, Mr. Clarke to fit wooden racks & mangers.
Parish rates. Godmanchester raised from £107.15.0 to £305.10.0. Mr. Gibson to report back.
Rentals. Audley End, Shed distraint by ECRy for £130 debt of Pickford & Keene To be let to Cornell at £20 pa.
Bramford Lime Works. ECRy to vacate on 29th September.
Custom House Station. Mr. Harrington's furniture lost in fire. £10 awarded by ECRy.
Harwich Line. Crossing at Ramsey. Gatekeeper removed & Mr. Chamberlain offered a key. He states this is unsuitable to visitors as his house is 720 yds. away. Secretary to check liability with EURy.
Omnibuses - Chelmsford. Mr. Chamberlain's service in the station yard. Dispute with Mr. Hardcastle regarding

rights. (Counsel's opinion seems to suggest that Mr. C. should be barred. HEJ)
Fireproof safe for important documents to cost £100.
Brick Lane gas regulators. Four to be ordered £75 including fittings. Approved.
Fish traffic. Devonshire St. visited regarding alternative to Bishopsgate Station. The matter to be deferred for the time being.
Brick Lane Smith's Yard cattle traffic to be moved to Devonshire St. Smith's Yard staff to come under the Loco. Department.
Donations to staff:- £5 to Godden (Loco. Department) - serious injury; 7/6 to Mr. Agar weekly - for broken thigh & a light job.
Terms of employment. Books with terms to be used for each Department - Secretary to have custody.
Woolwich Gardens extra traffic. (Mr. Menamara - owner) 20% proposed increase 1st class & 50% for 2nd class return tickets to include admission to Gardens viz 1st Class 1/6 ECRy take 1/- & 2nd Class 1/2 ECRy take 9d. From South Woolwich inclusive return 7d ECRy take 2d. Late train leaving at 11.45pm.
Lowestoft Cattle Traffic (see above) North of Europe Steam Packet Co. cannot give better terms for conveying cattle from Lowestoft to London & press for a decision immediately.
Police report. Brick Lane has seven officers at £409.10.0. pa total. Two to be moved elsewhere.

27th May 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

General Manager's Report:

Stratford lamp shed to be fitted out at cost £25.
Blossoms Inn. Weighing machine incorrect; Clerk fined 26/-. Machine now correct.
Norfolk Show (agricultural) Swaffham & it was agreed that all cattle travel free to the show & machines at 3rd class rate if unsold.
Through goods rates for pigs to LNWRy Stations at 6d per mile. LNWRy now wish to be charged to Peterborough instead. Rams on passenger trains 1d per mile each; minimum of 3/6. LNWRy minimum is 5/- & 2 for 1½d per mile; 3 for 2d per mile & 3 to 12 half a wagon at sheep rates. ECRy to adopt these rates.
Cartage Brick Lane to Clapham. Rates to be:- wheat 1/2 per qtr (+4d) ; Barley 1/- per qtr (+4d) & Malt 10d per qtr (+2d) London to Attleborough rates for Wheat & Flour 12/6 per ton to be reduced to 11/-. London to Yarmouth rate for manure reduced to 10/- per ton.
Yarmouth. Wherryman using ECRy sacks for grain cargoes. To be summonsed.
Ely. Mr. Simpson moving 2000 tons of gravel to Middle Drove, Magdalen Gate, Smeeth Road & Emneth. Special rate of discount 3d per mile.
Lowestoft cattle traffic. Loss in 1856 of £2000. The North of Europe Steam packet Co's. rate is 5/9 per head including harbour dues. Secretary to press for 6/- each.

Superintendent's Report:

Incident 11th May; Loco. No. 18 failed between Cobourn Road [*Coborn Road*] & Bow Junc. Signalman Harvey at Bow sent stop [*signal*] to Cobourn Road. Signalman Chalk at Bow was unable (he claimed) to stop the 5.10 pm but platelayers did so upon seeing the fireman of No. 18 running towards Bow. Signalman Chalk lost 1 day's pay.
Stationmaster at Hethersett running a Coal business. To be ordered to desist.
Bentley Stationmaster's trip to Church Crossing on the 11.20 am. train to inform a gentleman of closing of halt was made without a pass & he was informed.
Harwich Line. Bradfield Crossing booking office to be closed (only 33/7 per week receipts) & crossing to be closed if legally possible.
Work. Shelford station toilet (WC) for ladies waiting room.

Secretary's Report:

Cash balances:- Leytonstone Station - Mr. Haslewood to be dismissed for defaults. Stansted Station - Mr. Nevill's default £23.8.5; to be paid or face dismissal. Diss Station - Mr. Collier's default of £42 due to Booking-Clerk Brown using EURy day tickets; all these to be withdrawn & ECRy tickets issued. The booking clerk had absconded & Inspector Kent to seek warrant.
Woodford-Fenchurch St. Service from 1st June, the 6.10 pm from Bishopsgate to run from Fenchurch St. The 8.40 pm from Bishopsgate to cease running & a 9.30 pm train to run instead. The 7.10 am from Loughton to arrive at 7.45 am & the 8.58 am & 9.58 am to stay as they are now.

District Superintendent's Report:

Various trivial matters, such as 15 tons of timber lying at Harlow yard for five years!
Gatehouse near Six Mile Bottom to be repaired.
Signals. The wheels of the up auxiliary signal at Brandon to be moved nearer the box.
Blackwall. Mare's Factory Crossing to be closed.

Woolwich Gardens. Traffic proposals. Half-hourly service from :- Bishopsgate - 1st class 1/3 return & South Woolwich 8d return. ECRy to publicise. Agreed with trains from 4-8 pm; last [train] to London at 11.30 pm. Free passes to three people only - Mr. McNamara (two) & Mr. Church.

3rd June 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Victoria Dock Junc. Fencing down & cattle gate required to stop the cattle from straying onto the railway.
Ipswich Station platform to be lengthened by 60 feet with gravel. EURy to pay.
Forest Gate Signals. Junction alterations down side by Pointsman's Box
Incidents :- On 28th May, the 1.30 pm train was derailed at an occupation crossing near Reedham Bridge by stones placed on the rails - £20 reward offered.
Woolwich Line Pig run over & killed - Mr. Ellis seeking compensation 10/-.

Secretary's Report:

Posting timetables. £31.4.6 due to Mr. Fowler.
Wisbech. Mr. English requesting a gate & fencing to his property near harbour.
Earith. Mr. Jewson asking for a 50 yd siding to a coal wharf. For Mr. Sinclair.
Brick Lane. Staff asking for weekly pay instead of fortnightly. Request rejected.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report:

Four loco. tenders (not locomotives) - Contract to Kitson Thompson & Co. £425 each.
Rye House Station For excursion traffic a 20 carriage siding to cost £220 - using old materials £30 for labour.

Manager's Report:

Rate for flour Lowestoft to Manchester 21/8 per ton. MSLRy charge 20/- Agreed to reduce to 20/-.
Royston. Barley straw to London, more bulky than wheat straw; only 11 cwts. to a wagon. Charge 13/4 per wagon.
Burton ale to London. Empties return rate 1/- per barrel.
Moist sugar rate 3/4 per ton. Trade asking for 2/- per hogshead of 10-16 cwts.
Blackwall Railway (very long report). Meeting with BRy's Mr. Daniell & Mr. Haigh. Subjects were Woolwich Line, Woolwich Gardens traffic & Loughton Line (Stormy meeting Mr. Love versus Mr. Daniell) BRy offered the Woolwich services by Mr. Love, with payment of a toll. Toll to BRy by ECRy for Loughton trains was from 1.75 to 3d. Mr. Love suggested 1.5d for all. Fish Traffic was also discussed. The toll is for each ticket issued.
Piano for London from Ware sent to Liverpool in error. £1.0.4 extra charges. Porter Clarke fined 5/- (day's pay).
Parcel rates Maldon to London Carrier [charges] 6d each. ECRy rate to be 1/- each.
Coal traffic. Congestion at Peterborough some trains going to Whittlesea [Whittlesey] for labelling of wagons. Mr. Hunt asking for men's fares to Whittlesea & back.
Cambridge Receiving House, Mr. Swann's contract to end on 29th September, when ECRy will cart themselves.
Shelford Junc. A siding required, Mr. Sinclair to cost estimate.

District Superintendent's Report:

Sundry trivial matters such as old materials, savings, etc, etc.
Witham Station. Omnibus drivers a nuisance - Stationmaster to take action.
Hertford station. Booking clerk Mr. Bull to have 20/- week increase of salary.
Mr. Ashley Solicitor for ECRy to send in his bill every three months.
Boreham. Siding for Sir John Tyrell - for Mr. Sinclair. Also a summer-house & the hay from the embankment. These are already auctioned.
Diss. ECRy to carry out all shunting work.
Maldon. Land to be let. Stables & Goods Department in need of repairs.
Ticket examination at stations. District Superintendent to make spot checks personally.
Permanent way. Directive to all Stationmasters - regarding work or repairs in their area. New Work Statements to District Inspectors; & Repairs direct to Mr. Sinclair (Superintendent Way & Works - Stratford)
District 1 Mr. G. Brown [at] Water Lane (Angel Road) covering stations Bishopsgate, Brick Lane, Mile End, Stratford, Forest Gate, Ilford, Romford, Brentwood, Ingatestone, Chelmsford, Witham, Maldon, Wickham, Braintree, Bulford, Lea Bridge, Tottenham, Park , Water Lane, Ponders End, Ordnance Factory, Waltham, Cheshunt, Broxbourne, Roydon, Burnt Mill, Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford, Stanstead, Elsenham, Rye House, St. Margarets, Ware, Hertford, Stratford Bridge, Barking Road, Custom House, North Woolwich, Edmonton & Enfield.
District 2 Mr. J. Simpson [at] Cambridge covering stations Newport, Audley End, Chesterford, Whittlesford, Shelford, Cambridge, Waterbeach, Ely, Chittisham [Chettisham], Black Bank, Manea, Stonea, March, Estrea , Whittlesea [Whittlesey], Peterborough, Cambridge [again?], Histon, Oakington, Long Stanton, Swavesey, St. Ives, Somersham, Chatteris, Chatteris Dock, Wimblington, March [again?], Huntingdon, Hitchin, Baldock, Ashwell,

Royston, Meldreth, Shepreth, Foxton, Harston, Fulbourn [*Fulbourne*], Six Mile Bottom, Dullingham & Newmarket.
District 3 Mr. W.Flaskett [*at*] Norwich covering stations Mildenhall, Lakenheath, Brandon, Thetford, Harling Road, Eccles, Attleborough, Wymondham, Hethersett, Trowse, Thorpe-Norwich, Brundall, Buckenham, Reedham, Yarmouth, Haddiscoe, Somerleyton, Mutford, Lowestoft, Fakenham, Ryburgh, Elmham, Dereham, Yaxham, Thrupton, Hardingham, Kimberley, Watlington, Magdalen Gate, Middle Drove, Smeeth Road, Emneth, Wisbech, Pear Tree Hill, Littleport, Hilgay Fen, Ouse Bridge, Downham, Stow, Lynn, Middleton, East Winch, Bilney, Narborough, Swaffham, Dunham, Fransham, Wendling & Dereham [*again*].

District 4 Mr. J.Pigg [*at*] Ipswich covering stations Kelvedon, Marks Tey, Colchester, Hythe, Ardleigh, Manningtree, Bentley, Ipswich, Bramford, Claydon, Needham, Stowmarket, Haughley, Finningham, Mellis, Diss, Burston, Tivetshall, Fornsett, Flordon, Swainsthorpe, Norwich Victoria, Newmarket, Kennett, Higham, Saxham, Bury, Thurston, Elmswell, Haughley [*again*], Pulham Market, Starstone [*Starston*], Harlestone [*Harleston*], Harwich, Dovercourt, Wrabness, Bradfield, Mistley, Hadleigh, Raydon, Capel, Sudbury, Bures & Chappell.

Mr. Brow Stationmaster at Diss given one week's notice.

Blackwall Ry. Letter received on 1.5d toll. BRy insist on a 1.75d toll. ECRy reply insisting upon a 1.5d toll.

10th June 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Mr. Clark of Norwich with 1/200 tons of bark for Beccles at 16/8 per ton seeks rate reduction. Agreed at 10/- per ton. MRy. Iron from Codnor to Dunham at 18/4 per ton. Agreed.

Peterborough Messrs Prior's Coal Office vacated & all fixtures removed. For the Secretary.

Grain Wisbech to York rate 13/4 per ton instead of 16/8 per ton. Agreed.

GPO & mail by passenger train. ECRy agreeable if an employee of GPO travels with the bags.

Hythe Malt from station to Mr. Mann's works is moved free of charge. Rate in future to be 2d per ton.

Coal into London in May :- GNRy 52,721 tons; LNWRy 48,630 tons; ECRy 9,864; GWRy 4,112 tons & NERY 1,311 tons.

Fish. Yarmouth to Smethwick (Birmingham) - rate suggested by LNWRy agreed.

Sundry minor claims noted ; totalling for the week £28.5.8

Superintendent's Report:

Driver Salmon fined one day's pay for reckless shunting at Yarmouth on 26th May.

Sudbury Station. Ticket platform to be provided.

Excursions - arrangements for 1857. Family tickets from Saturday 13th June :- London to Yarmouth, Lowestoft or

Harwich, 32/- & 25/- period 28 days. Harwich 20/- & 16/- period 28 days. London to Norwich, Lowestoft &

Yarmouth via Colchester on Wednesday returning on Fridays. (via Cambridge on Saturdays) (Full details stated – HEJ)

Histon Station. Gates were forced open to allow carts to cross the line during shunting.

Secretary's Report:

Woolwich platform at Bishopsgate station. A coachmaker named Lewis put turps into his pot, to warm his dinner on a fire, caused a fire. Underneath to be closed & coal removed.

Harwich Branch level crossings; Bradfield & Ramsey to remain open.

Thorpe station. Crossing "Whistle" boards to be erected.

Tottenham cattle layers. Fencing to cost £150. Agreed.

Newport bridge. Rev. John Chapman stating road & bridge are dangerous. Parish offer of £100 towards cost of new bridge. ECRy offer £100 & seek discharge of liability.

Boreham level crossing Sir John Tyrell's shelter for family whilst waiting for trains & a private siding to his quarry/gravel pit. Mr. Sinclair.

District Superintendent's Report:

Chelmsford. Substitution of a lad at 9/- per week for night greaser at 15/- week. Various trivial items noted.

Facing points, Newmarket branch to be bolt locked.

17th June 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's order for six goods locomotives. Rothwell & Co. (Union Foundry) at £2,250 each, two in five months then one every two weeks.

Mutford Lock. Repairs over nine months subsequent to a law suit against ECRy brought by Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners. Mr. George Edwards was appointed to supervise the works. Teredo Navalis (sea worm) quoted by Sinclair as possible cause of damage.

Railway Mechanics Institute annual outing - granted as usual. Venue for Institute's Committee to decide.

Hythe goods shed. Extension to cost £125 Agreed.

Goods rate dispute. Square timber Yarmouth to Lynn at 8/6 per ton, 42 tons despatched by Mr. Steward who was charged 10/- per ton. ECRy requesting the full rate.

Iron weight in transit at 120 lbs to the cwt is usual.

Mount Sorrell Granite Co. wagons show no tare weight & loads cannot therefore be checked. Two weeks notice to the MSGCo to mark their tare weights.

Hops London to Burton 35/- per ton. ECRy to follow *[sic]*

Coal Mr. Coote ex GNRy charged at 21 cwt to the ton. Asking for ex MRy coal to be charged likewise.

London - Peterborough traffic agreement originally with LNWRy on 50/50 basis; then with GNRy & LNWRy a new agreement was made :- Passenger - GNRy 90%, LNWRy 5% & ECRy 5%. Goods - one third each. Ended March 1856. Then a dispute arose between GNRy, LNWRy, MRy & MSLRy. & Mr. Gladstone *[?]* awarded this :- Passenger - GNRy 90%, LNWRy 5% & ECRy 5%. Goods - GNRy 55%, LNWRy 22.5% & ECRy 22.5%. ECRy will not accept this ruling.

Harwich & Continental traffic. Messrs A Brett & Co 150 Leadenhall St., ECRy willing to co-operate on terms :-

1. Fares & Rates as per G.S.Nav. Co subject to alteration.
2. ECRy to receive minimum one third of passenger fare.
3. Advertising by ECRy.
4. Pier dues of 6d per ton of vessels register.
5. Coal to Boats via the Pier at no cost.
6. Loading & unloading by boat's crews on the Pier.
7. Boats times to suit ECRy.
8. Through bookings via Harwich available at Bishopsgate.
9. Cartage of goods ECRy.
10. Monthly accounts.
11. Two sailings per week.
12. Agreement valid for four months from 1st July next.

Blackwall Ry - tolls. Letter from BRy 1852 ; Agreement quoted & ECRy promise of an increased traffic at 1½ d toll.

H. Love & Mr. Anderson to meet BRy again.

Also fish, sugar etc from ECRy to BRy (Minories) at 2d ton/mile Also for Messrs Love & Anderson.

BRy Traffic Further Letter from BRy Secretary with figures given :- Passengers by Boat via Blackwall 1854 -- 366,476 at *[received]* £3190.0.0; 1855 -- 78,515 at £684.0.0 & 1856 none by Boat. Passengers by North Woolwich trains 1854 -- 49,197 at £209; 1855 -- 99,584 at £934 & 1856 -- 151,153 at £1442.

Goods sheds at Six Mile Bottom & Newmarket. To Mr. Simpson £500 leaving balance of £195 to be paid.

Superintendent's Report:

Custom House & Victoria Dock. Season tickets for the staff. From Fenchurch St. £10, 1st class & £7, 2nd class.

St. Ives to London express fares 1st class single 13/6, return 20/3 & 2nd class single 11/-, return 16/6.

Claims totalling £15.15.10.

Fire precautions. Romford Factory, chaff-cutting to be moved from Brick Lane. Schoolroom required at Factory & Rev. W.J.Skelton to have use of a Company cottage in lieu.

Insurance. Romford Factory building £5000, tarpaulins etc *[£]*2000, sacks etc 500 & Provender 500. Also windows & roofs to be repaired.

Mr. Goldsmith. Stabling in London. Agreement expires June 1858. To be found alternative site.

Sundry staff offences regarding parcels & money.

Marks Tey-Sudbury. Through carriage delays. To be discontinued - agreed.

Tickets. Station sorting to cease. All tickets to go to London. Each station to have a box for tickets. Brake vans of parliamentary trains to have a ticket box for transmission to London for sorting. Stationmaster to have key of station's box.

Excursions at single fare Norwich to Yarmouth or Lowestoft every Sunday.

Loughton South Side Ladies Room to become room for guards, porters & locomen. Sundry Booking-Office repairs alterations & decorations.
Northumberland & Durham Coal Co & the rates at Blackwall. ECRy open to proposals.

24th June 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Fish rates Yarmouth to Lynn To remain unchanged.

Grain rates Yarmouth to Warrington down from 25/10 per ton to 22/6 per ton.

Priors, coal merchants at Waltham asking for chalk foundation & road repairs.

Manure London to Swavesey, 4/11 per ton mile. Messrs Cooper & Jervis of Eaton offer 4/- including loading & unloading.

East Lancs.Ry. Rawstentall & Stackstead, stone to Lynn at 20/- ton mile.

Suffolk Agricultural Show at Hursted [*sic*]. Stock to travel free, implements at full rates, returned free if unsold.

Kelvedon to Coggeshall. Meat cartage by ECRy is 4/2 per ton. To meet opposition - new charge to be 2/6 per ton. (This is a road cartage).

Coal traffic in May 1856 & 1857. GNRy 48,754 tons 5 cwts (1856) 52,721 tons 9 cwts (1857); LNWRy 29,356 tons 13 cwts (1856) 48,630 tons 4 cwts (1857); ECRy 10,315 tons 7 cwts (1856) 9,864 tons 10 cwts (1857); GWRy 8,641 tons (1856) 4,112 tons (1857); SERy 413 tons 5 cwts (1856) 1,311 tons 14 cwts (1857) All to London.

Lynn Harbour Tramway extended 400 yds over River Nar to Purfleet Quay. Cost to EARy referred.

Claims of £6.18.6 noted.

Parisian Limited liability Co. Silks Paris to London via Harwich - said port not privileged for silk imports. Mr. Bagshaw to investigate.

"Three Cups" Colchester new owner Mr. Salter applying to continue omnibus from Station Yard at £25 pa. Agreed.

Railway bridges. North Staffs.Ry sued for the maintenance of bridges and approaches. Railway Clearing House seek financial support for NSRy's case. £25 Agreed.

GPO and Mail on Passenger Trains. They suggest that the guard be in charge. Deferred.

Messrs. Pooley (weighing machines) 36/- charged for conveying two machines. ECRy agreement of free conveyance on 1st January 1848.

Harwich Line. Lease not executed & ECRy liable for 4% of every £100 expended. Meeting with EURy to be held.

Blackwall Railway. Meeting on toll charges. ECRy proposed 1.625d per ticket & 2d ton/mile for fish & other goods.

Norwich Refreshment Rooms. Alterations to cost £60.0.0.

Hertford. Fire at Locomotive Shed on 22nd June. Damage to three locos. & tenders £400. £1 to cleaner Eames for exertion.

Sundry staff misdemeanours noted. Also traffic incidents, ticket shortages etc, etc. On 18th May a special light engine arrived at Ely from Wisbech without telegraph notice. Nightman Oakley was reprimanded.

Cook's Excursions. Peterborough & Yarmouth 1st Class 7/-, Covered carriage 4/6 return; Dereham & Wymondham 1st Class 9/-, Covered carriage 7/- return (This is the ECRy's share of the fare between Cambridge & Peterborough & Lynn & Ely) 6d to Mr. Cook each fare.

Manchester Arts Exhibition. Return fare at 1½ times for double journey from Norwich etc.

Harwich Continental traffic. Messrs Brett & Co reply with their terms :-

1. As suggested mutual approval.
2. Advertising ECRy - one third & Boat Co. two thirds of costs.
3. Pier dues £1 per trip.
4. Loading- ECRy & Boat Co.
5. Free Telegraph facilities.
6. Free passes from ECRy.
7. Service - special trains as required.
8. Brett & Co. to issue tickets.
9. Goods cartage to be non-monopoly of ECRy.
10. Steamers to negotiate the goods rate freely.
11. Monthly accounts.

ECRy reply to the above:-

1. Goods minimum of 5/- per ton as their proportion.
2. ECRy to receive on third of all through fares & rates.
3. Advertising - ECRy will not bear any cost whatsoever.
4. Pier tolls 3d per ton.
5. Coal for steamers; free use of the Pier
6. Loading to be shared.

7. Telegraph usage agreed.
 8. Extra Trains - agreed for the Up Mail at Manningtree
- All other points agreed.

8th July 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Thetford cattle stage. Extra stage for sheep & a pen for bullocks. Agreed.
 Water Lane. Tottenham Gas Co. to use coal siding at £66 pa.
 Drain-pipes to Norwich. Lambeth firm to pay 10/- per ton.
 Millet seed to be charged at special rates.
 Ransome & Sons of Ipswich sending implements by water to Lincoln. Railway rate to be lowered to 3rd class.
 Coal Mr. Coote, Ely asking for a siding Refer to Mr. Sinclair.
 Salisbury Royal Agricultural Show. Stock & implements at half ordinary rate to ECRy boundary only.
 Slate, Windermere to Bury. Lancaster & Carlisle [*Railway ?*] recommend 25/- per ton mile.
 Vegetables to Manchester. GNRy & MSLRy suggest 1 ton lots at 1st class; all smaller lots at 2nd class.
 Yarmouth ice-house. Mr. Coates owes £195 rent Payment agreed.
 Lowestoft cattle imports. North of Europe to use the port again at 6/- per head.
 Brick Lane annual outing train agreed as usual.

Locomotive Superintendent:

Mr. Tigors, Chief Draughtsman had resigned (salary £2.10.0 weekly). Mr. Attock to take over at £2.10.0 weekly.
 Steam boats "Pearl" & "Orwell" sold to Mr. Beech of Rotherhithe for £850. "Orion" to be sold Thursday week.
 Mr. Sinclair's Statement On Permanent Way & Works to 4½ pages. Works required :-

1. Chelmsford - 2 miles North of Cock Lane timber truss on occupational bridge.
2. Braintree - turntable to be removed & dock put in.
3. Norwich Loco. - turntable worn out, to be renewed, nearer to shed & coke stage also to be put nearer.
4. Thorpe - two bridges over River Wensum to have wrought iron girders; Headley & Manning of Cambridge.
5. [*missing*]
6. Reedham - Swing-Bridge timber approaches decayed & need replacement.
7. Somerleyton - Ditto.
8. Setch Bridge - 2 miles from Lynn (towards Ely) Timber & needs renewal.
9. Ely to March - Three timber bridges over River Cam & Fish-ponds all in need of replacement.
10. Skew Bridge, Black Bank to Manea, over Engine Drain needs renewal.
11. Stonea - Timber Bridge over Middle Level Drain due for early renewal.
12. Whittlesea Dyke Bridge - Timber requires renewal.
13. Stanground Bridge - Over River Nene, of timber, requires immediate renewal
14. Elsenham Bank - Culvert over brook to replace timber bridge closing footpath.

Required :- rails 1347 tons; chairs 35,174; sleepers 49,970; treenails 49,000; keys 236,640; spikes 28 tons; fish bolts 4.75 tons; fish plates 1200; fencing - 1760 yds of 4 rail & 1000 fencing posts; & padlocks 8 dozens.

Bishopsgate. Carriage turntables, two in very poor condition. Order for two Messrs Erlam & Bethell of Manchester at £98 each.

Loughton branch due for completion by contractor. Mr. Bidder to inspect.

Stratford. West Ham Board of Health require ECRy to cover an open sewer £150.

Sir John Tyrrell's siding at Boreham £200. Embankment hay at £4 pa.

March signals. Contract of Mr. Tracey only partly carried out (Auxiliary signals 800 yds from station) Mr. Tracey offers remaining material at £94.3.2. Accepted (Mr. Tracey gone out of business).

Hythe goods shed. Mr. A. Cumber's tender of £180 recommended. EURy approval awaited.

Earith Mr. Jewson's siding. Cost of £110 with seven year cover clause repayment of current cost. (GER land let to Mr. Jewson).

Accounts paid by Mr. Sinclair :- John Garrod £5.12.6; Hulett & Co £2.11.11; Luke Richmond £24.3.4; Tracey (signals) £180.15.5 & £243.2.1.

Superintendent's Report:

Stratford Bridge. 26th June station unmanned. Stationmaster reprimanded.

Mistley. Stationmaster demoted to booking clerk for leaving station & travelling to Harwich & back without a ticket.

Various staff offences noted & dealt with.

Woolwich 31st ult. Driver Cook entered his locomotive into a siding for a van. Collided with carriage No. 69 forcing body from the frames. Mr. Sinclair to report later.

Bentley Church foot crossing. Rev. B.R. Reeme asking for reopening. Refused.

Electric Telegraph Co. to move their clerk from Norwich Victoria to Fakenham for better use of his services.
 Lea Bridge level crossing 200yds north of station; pedestrians only. Footpath access to station to be closed? Right of way?
 Coldstream Guards Band to travel free to & from Newport to London to play at a fete to raise funds for the Church Steeple (Very droll - HEJ)
 Snaresbrook without 1st & 2nd class tickets on 3rd July (to London). Stationmaster Mr. Philpott reprimanded.
 Tilbury Line. Through bookings, Margate, Ramsgate & Herne Bay from Stratford via Thames Haven or Tilbury. ECRy's proportion of fares :- Via Thames Haven - 1st class 5.25d, 2nd class 3.75d & ordinary 1.875d. via Tilbury - 1st class 6d, 2nd class 4d & ordinary 2d. ECRy do not agree to proposal.
 Downham races. Mr. Reed, a steward asking for train arrangements.
 Woolwich Gardens. The owners to have a band in the Gardens on Sundays. ECRy decline to share cost.
 Harwich boats (& Ipswich) Offers of £2 to £4 per month rent not acceptable.
 Work requested. Ouse Bridge planking, platform repairs at Estrea, toilets at Mark's Tey & Manningtree auxiliary signals.
 Bradfield. Porter takes the Station clock home each night for safe-keeping! To have a watch and clock to go into stores. (Very droll - HEJ)
 Lowestoft Reading Room & flooring, South Pier need repairs.
 3rd.class carriages. Board of Trade requests glass windows for louvre boarding & approving of cheap trains if glass windows are fitted.
 Bury refreshment rooms to be moved to beneath stairs. 5/- weekly to attendant for living off premises.
 British Steam Fisheries Co. Minutes of 16th April. Request for improvements costing £510 to quayside (Port not stated) ECRy decline.
 Invalids carriage. Mr. Sinclair to convert one coach at cost of £15 maximum.
 Mr. Fox Superintendent of Northern District resigns. Stationmaster of Norwich to take over (Mr. Stevenson).
 Norwich Refreshment Room let to Robert Louth at £100 pm & pay rates, gas, etc etc.
 Lowestoft - changes. Resignation of Mr. Echalarz (Harbour-Master) and Mr. Balls (Deputy) to assume the post. Mr. Parker to be Deputy Harbour-Master 24/- weekly. Mr. Aikman, one months notice. Nineteen flat barges to be sold retaining hopper barges. Four Bargemen to be dismissed. Reading Rooms, charge for family 1/3 weekly, Mr. Norris to be retained if possible. Collector (with one arm) to move to gatehouse & P C Cooper to work under Superintendent Kent.

20th July 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Chairman & Deputy to meet Mr. Seymour Clarke (GNRy) regarding the Hertford & Welwyn Co.

22nd July 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Excursion for staff. Southend on 2nd August. Tilbury Line to be used.
 Thetford goods traffic last 12 month £2000 increase.
 Steam tugs. Board of Trade licences to tow fishing boats & carry men out to ships.
 Gunpowder traffic. Second special wagon now required. Maximum cost of £150.
 Toy balloons to be double rate because of space taken & low weight of a load.
 Cattle: Islington area. Parish Act prohibiting the movement of cattle in the streets between midnight on Saturday & midnight on Sunday - noted. Field at Tottenham station to be fenced.
 Cattle, sheep & pigs St. Ives to Sheffield. Exceptional rates cancelled.
 Grain Lynn & Wisbech to GNRy area. Suggested rate of 15/- per ton mile by GNRy rate; declined by ECRy.
 Braintree. ECRy to take over cartage work.
 Potatoes to Spitalfields. Rate reduced to 2/- per ton.
 Blackwall. Crane needs repair, damaged lifting a girder from a lighter.
 Bramford Lime Works to close; Mr. Bamford to leave on 26th July.
 Fish rates, Universal committee against proposal.
 Beer. Messrs Cobbold of Colchester asking for rate per barrel to Chelmsford & Norwich. Ordinary rates to apply.
 Claim for £1000 loss of religious items from Rev. Mellor of Woodbridge to a Mr. Marcus of Brick Lane. ECRy still only offer £10 the maximum.
 Bookstall. Messrs Smith causing delay to trains at London with late arrivals of "down -the-line" parcels; ten minutes at least is asked. Also a parcel to Norwich when opened contained some private items contrary to ECRy regulations.
 Eastern Counties Coal Co. Claim for £265.4.9 for coal sent via MRY for N&E Coal Co from 1st May 1853 to 31st May

1854 & £331.9.0 for coals sent from 1st June 1855 to 30th June 1856. Extract from Agreement quoted. Board to study the claim.

Superintendent's Report:

Usual minor incidents & staff misdemeanours.

Devonshire St. on 8th July Up Cambridge Goods arrived before the 7.20 pm Up Woolwich train. Line blocked while Goods Guard Aggas divided his train for shunting causing six minutes delay to Woolwich train. Guard Aggas fined two days pay.

On 9th July the Abbey Gates were broken by the 10.35 am ex-Woolwich train; the driver whistling too late.

On 27th June an Up special cattle train from Wisbech to March stood for ten minutes unattended after detaching the wagon while driver, fireman & guard went for a drink. (very droll - HEJ) Mr. Sinclair to deal with loco. crew, guard was suspended for one week.

On the evening of 8th July at Brandon station, both the signalman & telegraph clerk left the station in charge of a lad for half an hour. The Down Mail arrived & departed & passengers boarded the train ticketless. Both fined three days pay.

Norwich Station & Trowse Swing Bridge. Telegraph signal to be moved to Trowse Line Junc. Box. Trains to be telegraphed to Bridgeman's Box from East Union Line as well as from Hethersett on Norfolk Line. No extra cost.

Peterborough Station Yard Signal required at North end of yard for LNWRy goods trains. For Mr. Sinclair.

Signals. Some auxiliary signals still 600 yds from the semaphore & must be moved to 800yds.

MRy requests 15 minutes later departure of the 4.55 pm Peterborough to make a better connection - refused.

On the evening of the 16th July a platelayer's trolley with 5 or 6 females aboard was being propelled by a gate-keeper between Wisbech & Emneth Stations. A special train from Downham races was approaching with the gates unattended & a trolley on the line. The gate-keeper was discharged.

Mr. Taylor hit by a North London Ry train at Stratford on 18th July & severely injured. Three NLRy trains pass within three minutes. Mr. Robertson to be reminded of the danger to people crossing the lines.

Unknown passenger on 19th July alighted from an Up Tilbury train short of the platform & was injured (station not named - HEJ) but the lamps were not lit due to the porter's negligence. Mr. Sinclair to look at the platform.

Woman killed crossing the line at Middle Fen occupation crossing on 20th July by 7.00 am ex-Wisbech. No action taken.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report:

Norwich new granary. Contract to Mr. Robert Hood at £864. Norfolk Ry to pay.

Colne Valley and Halstead Ry. ECRy to operate on cost basis. Secretary to so inform CVHRy.

Accounts due for payment Messrs Headley & Manning for Thorpe bridges £300.0.0 Mr. Hill for Tottenham bridges £400. Both approved

Mistley. Mr. Brooks, the owner of eight cottages wishing to use spring water on railway embankment. Agreed at nominal rent.

Somersham. Mr. Jewson to pay £10 pa rent for piece of land at his private siding.

Cambridge Refreshment Rooms rent £250 pa from 30th June to 11th October 1857 to Mr. Edlin. Agreed.

Newport bridge. A Mr. Shirley offering to build & maintain, under bond, for 25 years. ECRy to pay £100.

Lynn Coal Office for Mr. M W. Shaw, north west corner of Brick Lane. Refer to Mr. Moseley.

Sidings, Cambridge Manure Co. at Chesterton. Mr. Sinclair to estimate.

Steam-boats Lynn to Hamborough. Mr. T. Green asking for £3500 mortgage on his vessel. Declined.

Bankruptcy. Stevens & ECRy offered 1/1 in the £. Committee decline the offer.

Woodford season tickets; Secretary of Blackwall Ry again requesting tickets from the Loughton Line to Fenchurch St. Committee still insist on Bishopsgate as London terminus. Meeting to be arranged on this matter.

Steam-boat "Orion" & sale thereof. Offer from Edinburgh of £1100.

Cambridge Mr. Sayle's Siding. Referred to the Board for a decision.

Parliamentary trains. 7.27 am - delays at Stratford for loading Permanent Way stores. Mr. Sinclair be informed that heavy stores must not go on Passenger Trains.

Chairman's Line Visit of 14th & 17th July :-

- Chelmsford - Toilets to be improved, larger clocks & Parcels office etc.
- Marks Tey - Waiting Rooms & Footbridge required.
- Brentwood - Booking Office to be improved.
- Sawbridgeworth - Siding to be extended.
- Newmarket - Horse Dock required & improved enlarged Cattle Pens.
- Bury - Refreshment Rooms to be moved & Goods Office to be altered.
- Ipswich - Goods Warehouse alterations still unfinished. Dock & Weighing Machine still not in situ & other work still required.
- Bishops Stortford - Goods Depot out of use.
- Witham - Uniforms still to be delivered. Parcels under 16 lbs. still arriving on Goods Trains.
- Forest Gate - Stationmaster leaving before the last train. For investigation.
- Bury Station - Goods Clerks W. Dalley wages plus 2/- per week to 14/- weekly & A. Matt plus 2/6 to 20/- weekly.
- Cambridge - Fish unloaded via Parcels Office. Doorway to Down Side Yard to be made as improvement.
- Ipswich - Refreshment Rooms. Poor service in an old Waiting Room. Land Agent to inspect.
- Newmarket - Refreshment Rooms to be advertised "To Let".
- Bishopsgate - Booking Office Mr. Braley to take charge at Security Bond of £500.

30th July 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Hertford & Welwyn Ry. Joint Meeting with GNRy regarding the working of the HWRy on 29th July. It was resolved at that meeting that the said railway be left to its own resources ! (Note - this was a special meeting of the HW Junc Committee)

31st July 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Tilbury Co. Misuse of ECRy wagons by extended local mileage. Mr. Sinclair to be informed.

Lowestoft Harbour. Fishing boats discharging ballast in entrance area. Notices to go to boat owners.

Ipswich Dock station To be separate from the main station.

Harwich. Continental traffic goods rate to remain at 5/- per ton.

Brewery goods rates from :- Ware 3/- now 3/6 ton; Bishops Stortford 4/- now 5/- ton; Stansted 4/6 now 5/6 ton; Baldock 5/4 now 7/- ton; Ely 7/- now 8/- ton; Lynn 10/- now 10/- ton; Narborough 10/- now 12/- ton; Brandon & Thetford 8/4 now 9/- ton; Norwich & Reedham 11/- now 11/- ton; Mutford , Yarmouth & Lowestoft 11/6 now 11/6 ton; Halesworth & Beccles 12/- now 12/- ton; Bures 5/6 to 6/- ton; Colchester 5/4 to 6/- ton; Hythe 5/- to 6/- ton & Manningtree 7/- to 7/6 ton.

Brick Lane (Mr. Brown) refusing to co-operate with Mr. Nettleship despite the Directors orders.

Secretary's Report:

Ipswich. Griffin & Stoke Bridges Wharf. Situated at the head of navigational part of the river, nearest landing place to the town. Ground rent of £10 pa Griffin Wharf. All tides accessibility where Stoke is limited. Several landlords with EURy agreements. Floating pontoon is ECRy's property. Legal rights to be ascertained.

Steam boats. Mr. Dutton reporting re Mr. Darling & steamboat "Alam" leaving at 11.00am from Harwich & tying up alongside the ECRy's boats to discharge passengers. Mr. Darling complains of harassment.

Harwich & Continental traffic. Captain Moore with Mr. Ferguson seeking use of ECRy horse-boxes & slings. Agreed with charge of 1/- per lift with horse-box.

Train delays - up & down parliamentary, from Norwich via Chelmsford to run non-stop from Chelmsford & intermediate passengers to use a train to be arranged for that purpose.

Norwich Festival - a letter from the Mayor re train services. Returns at single fare. With a period ticket for the [duration of the] Festival at 1½ normal return [single?] fare.

Lowestoft Reading Room to be let via tender. Fish Market bye-laws to be enforced. Harbour; stocks of coal, timber & iron to be checked & reported. Also ballast revenue/costs to be checked. Messrs Prior's harbour dues, North of Europe use of graving dock & all other accounts outstanding to go to Audit Office.

Tug licence for passengers. Mr. Taylor to apply.

Brick Lane Goods Inwards Department, Mr. Tunstall in charge at salary of £120 pa. Mr. Saville's salary to be increased to £145 pa.

Horse traffic now classed as Goods Department business.

Mr. Ford of Waltham Station to be in charge of Bishopsgate Booking Office at £150 pa. & to retain house at Waltham.

5th August 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Superintendent's Report.

- Incident 29th July at Littleport station when driver of special train from Lynn sighted Up semaphore at "all right" and kept steam on only to find the level crossing gates against him. The signalman was fined 2 days pay and cautioned.
- Forest Gate. Stationmaster Mr. Palmer removed for negligence and abusive language. Porter Derrick fined 3 days pay on same offence.
- Witham. Truckload of calves not forwarded on 19th July. Signalman Durrant fined one days pay and cautioned.
- Broxbourne. Three trucks derailed on 25th July. Porter Kempton and Guard Truman blamed. Kempton dismissed. Truman fined one days pay.
- Cambridge. Dispute over issue of two 2nd class tickets to Ely (5/-) between Porter Newton and Booking Clerk Blatch. Chairman to investigate on next visit.
- Incident at Swaffham. Three empty trucks being horse-shunted hit Mr. Hall's gig as he crossed the level crossing. Gig smashed, horse injured and Mr. Hall escaped!
- Framsham [*Fransham ?*] on 15th July, the 4.0 pm goods from Dereham ran over 17 turkeys.
- Elmham. Incident on 31st July. 2.40 pm ex Fakenham arriving at station ran into the goods siding. Two trucks and the loco were damaged. Porter Hinnock fined one days pay and transferred.
- Bishopsgate. Incident on 29th July when the 12.05 am Woolwich train was being shunted out of the arcade. Two carriages hit by the loco and derailed during run-round. Guard Marriott demoted.
- March Station. Incident on 1st August. Collision between the 10.15 am Down Loop Line Train to Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] and Down Ely to Peterborough train. Inspector Hurrell realised impending collision and ordered the Wisbeach train driver to move forward thus lessening the collision. Five passengers injured. Driver, Fireman and Guard of Ely train were all fined 3 days pay.
- Victoria Dock Company. Requesting 15% reduction on season tickets to Victoria Dock Station. For Mr. Robertson.

Manager's Report.

- Royston. Coal bins, a complaint on the siting. Mr. Sinclair to investigate.
- Romford Factory Staff. Application for excursion to Rye House next week. Agreed, 2 extra coaches on to an ordinary train.
- Lowestoft. Horse No. 682 died from spinal injuries.
- Norfolk. Miller Mr. Wells asking for 11/- a ton flour to London at 500 sacks weekly. ECRy to receive 9/3 per ton.
- Grain Rate GNRy now revised and ECRy to have 4/4 per ton of 15/- rate.
- Millinery rate 80/- per ton for Chamberlains of Norwich to be changed to Drapery rate of 26/8 per ton.
- Beer rate ex Brick Lane (Ind Coope) to London reduced to 2/6 per ton.
- Chatteris Dock Stables. Mr. Cooney's rent. Land Agent to visit site.
- Cattle Market Office in London. Rental expired on 30th June. £60 per annum for daily takings of £800 - £1000. Secretary to investigate.
- Ilford. Farmer Alison and rate for potatoes to London. Ilford - Borough Market 3/6 per ton, Ilford - London 3/4 per ton. Rate to remain unchanged.
- Gunpowder traffic. Shed at Devonshire Street. Mr. Sinclair to estimate cost with Mr. Moseley.
- Messrs. Pickford requesting complete Goods Rate List for London to Norwich. Refused.
- Brick Lane Granary. Chaff-cutting to go to Romford and Old Granary offered to Ind Coope at £500 per annum, who declined. Mr. Moseley to seek other tenant.
- Malt Rates, Messrs. Truman. Baldock 5/4 - 7/-, offer 6/8. Brandon 8/4 - 9/-, offer 8/8. Thetford 8/4 - 9/-, offer 8/8. Hythe 5/9 - 6/-, offer 5/9. Centre column ECRy proposed increased rate per ton.
- Ipswich Docks. Stoke Bridge Wharf now ECRy property and to be Headquarters of Ipswich Docks and become Ipswich Docks Station.
- Wool, through rate to Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield. GNRy propose reductions. Chelmsford 45/-, down 1/8. Ely 31/8, down 1/6. Chittisham [*Chettisham*] 31/8, down 1/6. Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] 30/-, down 3/4. Littleport 32/6, down 2/6. Lynn 30/-, down 5/-. Mildenhall 31/8, down 3/4. Lakenheath 35/-, down 1/8. Brandon 33/4, down 3/4. Thetford and Harling Road 33/4, down 5/-. Eccles Road, Attleborough and Spooner Row 35/-, down 5/-. Fakenham 40/-, down 1/8. Trowse and Norwich 38/4, down 5/-. Reedham, Haddiscoe and Somerleyton 41/8, down 3/4. Lowestoft and Yarmouth 37/6, down 7/6. Agreed that Ely, Lowestoft and Wisbeach be at the old rates of 33/4 (*but figures above suggest 33/2*), 45/- and 33/4 per ton if GNRy agree.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report.

- Mr. Lindsley, Assistant at the Norwich Loco Works, to move to Drawing Office at Stratford, salary reduced to 30/- a week. Mr. Allan to be Assistant at Norwich Loco Works at £2.2.0 weekly, to use Mr. Lindsley's house at Norwich. Mr. Wardle, Loco Foreman at Stratford, to lose assistant but salary increased to £160 per annum.
- Ely. Messrs. Coote's Siding. Alteration and extension £24.
- Ballast wagons, Harwich Line, Mr. Wythe still owes £75.12.0, Contract usage.
- Marks Tey improvements. Footbridge and stairs £180. Covered ways, etc. £390. Porters' room, coal store £190. Station and Stationmaster's house £620. Referred to Joint Committee.
- Hertford Loco Shed. Renewal cost £550. Referred to Joint Committee.
- Cambridge. Mr. Sayle's Siding £260. Paid £150. Balance on completion.
- Stratford Stores. Fencing to cost £18. Approved.
- Bishopsgate South boundary and front building. Contract to Mr. Samuel Simpson at £695.10.6.
- Harwich Fire Engine. Subscription to Local Authority refused by Committee.
- Steam Boats. Mr. Green and mortgage on his steamboat. Vessel now out of service.
- Loughton Coal Sidings to cost £400. Deferred.
- London Booking Office. Mr. Ellis of Superintendent's Department to take charge with £20 p.a. for a house.
- Harwich. Customs will not accept port for silk imports.
- Permanent Way. Loco Superintendent also to be the Civil Engineer. £300 extra to his salary. Norwich to carry out smaller amount of work.
- Royal Mail. Chairman and his meeting with Mr. Rowland Hill (Postmaster General). Secretary to send letter.
- Hertford & Welwyn Ry. Letter from GNRy refuting "no action" on the H&WRy operation, and requesting the alteration of the resolution. ECRy reply was negative. GNRy reply sought clarification. ECRy reply was "status quo".

19th August 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report.

- Wrabness Mail. Postman asking for 1d per letter delivered to the station. Secretary to write to the PMG, Mr. Hill.
- Liverpool Goods Traffic. LNWRy complaint from Capt. Huish on Goods going by GNRy. Mr. Moseley to inform LNWRy that goods specially directed will be sent via the LNWRy otherwise by GNRy.
- Undamageable Iron rate. South Staffordshire stations to Chelmsford 22/4 per ton.
- Claim by Tolver & Co. On 25th June a truck with six beasts from Yarmouth to Trowse arrived at Tottenham in error. £5 claimed for loss sustained on sale.
- Oysters, Maldon to London at 2/- per cwt.
- Swaffham. Horse Shunter Coe's horse was killed and he has given up the job at 21/- a week. Railway Co. to do the work.
- Chappel. Horse shunting required. Committee agreed at 3/6 per week occasional hire.
- Brick Lane Cranes. Four of 6 ton lift too large. Smaller cranes requested.
- Fish Traffic. Herrings. Goods train at 50/- per ton, fish special at 75/- per ton. Without risk to ECRy: goods trains 40/- per ton, fish specials 60/- per ton.
- Brick Lane Platforms to be boarded up. Whole matter of Brick Lane's future to be discussed.
- Grain rate, Stanstead [*Stansted*] to Leicester at 15/- per ton.
- Wymondham Coal Bins. Cann & Clarke, Brewers, ask for the site for a Maltings.
- Coal Traffic into London for July 1857 and July 1856: LNWRy 29,387 down 5343. GNRy 92,301 down 10075. ECRy 7076 down 3786. GWRy 4056 down 564. SERy 1347 up 1219. LTSRy 103 (no comparison given). All the above are in tons, 1856 figures given second.
- Earthenware rates. MRy Kilnhurst to Huntingdon, loose at 16/8 per ton, packed at 20/- per ton.
- Hythe Station incident on 3rd August. Down morning goods failed to stop under gravity control and damaged the warehouse of Mr. Hawkins. Guard fined 2 days pay and damaged warehouse to be repaired. Siding was too short to take the locomotive.
- Braintree Cattle Pens. Two to be repaired and two to be removed. On 29th July a truck ran away hitting a fence. Stationmaster moved to Baldock and the porter was cautioned.
- Victoria Dock Company. Received £57.11.6 as the proportion of fares Custom House to London. Queried.
- Stowmarket Bookstall. Messrs. Smith, Holmes & Co. have removed stall from station.

Superintendent's Report.

- Lakenheath Derailment on 24th July. The 8.40 am Up Norwich Goods delayed 55 minutes by wagon derailed.
- Cheshunt incident on 1st August. The 8.20 pm Up Hertford ran through the station, driver being deceived by light of auxiliary signal at the Gate not showing. Gateman Judd at fault by extinguishing his light before Cheshunt semaphore was out. Fined one days pay.
- Peterborough West End Gates demolished on 1st August by LNWRy locomotive. Captain Huish (LNWRy) to be informed.
- Devonshire Street incident. On 3rd August Cambridge Goods Train shunting when Brake Van derailed over scotch (A wooden stop-block on rail. HEJ) 8.20 pm Up Woolwich was delayed 10 minutes. Guard was fined one days pay.
- Cambridge on 5th August. Ticket Collector Smith drunk on duty. Dismissed and Inspector Saunders to be downgraded.
- Loughton 28th June. The Up 9 am departed with two coaches connected by side chains only. Porter Clarke fined one days pay and to be replaced by a younger man. Foreman Rudder also fined.
- Manningtree Wharf. No auxiliary signal. Referred to Mr. Sinclair.
- Down Yarmouth Night Mail ran over a bullock 3 miles from Yarmouth on 9th August. No damage, two carriages derailed.
- Cambridge - Chesterford Junction. On 8th August a horse was found dead, killed in the night by a Goods Train. Mr. Wallis the owner had himself let the fence down for unloading of bricks.
- 12th August Guard Double was found on the railway unconscious having fallen (?) from the 3.50 pm ex Yarmouth when travelling to Norwich to take out the 6.20 pm Ipswich train. Still in Norwich Hospital.
- Milk Traffic. Three more Milk Vans required for van service, only on passenger trains.
- Forest Gate to Angel Lane, Stratford. Telegraph bell out of action. Handle fixed at Forest Gate - Stationmaster to be moved elsewhere.
- Loughton. On 9th August the 10.10 pm Empty Carriage Train was cleared by Signalman Brailsford to Bridge Box (Signalman Fish) whilst a Woolwich train was standing by Bridge Box. Signalman Brailsford to be transferred.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report.

- Stratford Coke Ovens. Smithys Forges supply. Ovens to be moved from the Works buildings, with four new ovens opposite the Works at a cost of £250.
- Henson's Patent Goods Wagons (Covered). £283.10.0 claimed in royalties. Law Clerk to investigate claim.
- Board of Trade. Long letter on 3rd class carriages from Mr. Sinclair re BoT demands (Captain Galton) for glazing of the windows. Recommended - No Action!
- Downham Drovers. A report from Mr. Robert Sinclair Loco.Super/C.Eng. Level crossings dispute with Bishop of Ely and others on the status of five crossings. To remain occupational but manned by a gatekeeper. Costs £200 (2/6 per week, four women), approx £500 annually. [sic]
- Witham. Platform to be repaired, brick and ballast £70.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Bridge. Renewal contract to Messrs. W. Bennett at £670.0.0. Report on sundry works, permanent way, etc., Mr. Sinclair. Track relaying Stratford to London continuing, to finish by end of September. Lea Bridge to Tottenham and Bishops Stortford to Stanstead [*Stansted*] also proceeding well.
- Elsenham Bridge (timber). Brick culvert replacement.
- Standground [*Stanground ?*] Bridge (timber) over River Nene at Peterborough. Down line open, Up line (permanent) now nearing completion. 70-80 men at work stopped work on stopping of lodging allowance. Several discharged as "ringleaders". Postwick. Overline bridge on Yarmouth line nearly finished.
- Thorpe Bridge. Renewal with wrought iron nearly ready.
- Ouse Bridge near Station. Planking rotten, to be replaced.
- Norwich Turntable. The foundations are laid.

Secretary's Report.

- Steam Boats. Lowestoft tugs (Passenger Licences). Lifeboat necessary. Side and mast lights required, life buoys and extra safety valves. Master must hold certificate. Cost £20 per vessel. Scheme abandoned.
- Harwich Continental Traffic. Long letter from A. Brett of the Harwich Steam Packet Co. re trains. Special requested for steamer either before midnight or after the Up morning mail train. Gangways required, also tarpaulins as no shed exists. ECRy Committee recommend "no action to be taken".
- Hertford & Welwyn Ry. Inquiring re connection with Hertford Station, ECRy.
- Claim by Mr. Morley for wrong delivery of wheat settled at £87.4.3.
- Ipswich Train Services. Lord Stradbroke seeking for altered timings. Refused.
- Ipswich to Norwich Express. After 3 months trial only five 1st class passengers daily. Train to cease operation.

- Ipswich Refreshment Rooms. Stationmaster's Office to be converted; Ladies' Waiting Room to be Stationmaster's Office. Mr. Sinclair to visit and report.
- Marks Tey Goods Warehouse partly on private land. The owner, Mr. Ambrose, will accept 8 poles of land in exchange, near the bridge. Also Mr. Ambrose has made good a drainage course affected when the line was built. To receive £6 towards the cost.
- Four Clerks in Manager's Office to receive salary increases: Mr. Birt £120 to £140 p.a.; Mr. Lambert £115 to £125 p.a.; Mr. West £90 to £100 p.a.; Mr. Phillips £105 to £110 p.a.

25th August 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love. Present: Messrs. R. Sinclair, Moseley.

- Hertford & Welwyn Ry. Letter regarding connection of Hertford to ECRy. Work now approaching ECRy. Deputation from H&WRy proposed. Further letter from GNRy on the prolonged "resolution" argument. ECRy reply non-committal as ever.

2nd September 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report.

- Special rates. Messrs. Webb of Stowmarket cancelled.
- Fulbourne. No grain to be accepted unless with forwarding order for immediate despatch. No warehouse on site.
- Fish Rates, Yarmouth and Lowestoft to Preston. Fresh Fish 80/- per ton, Salted Herrings 45/- per ton. Since 1844 fish has been routed via Peterborough and Knottingley, then by L&YRy. L&YRy in dispute on the rate and fish to be charged to Manchester pending a settlement.
- Rags and Roping Rates. MRy to Yarmouth from Helpstone 22/6 per ton. ECRy to receive 1.5d per ton mile and 8/- terms.
- Lean Sheep to Colchester from Stratford 8d per cage per mile to return fattened to Stratford at full rate.
- Grain Rates. Dullingham to Loughborough (MRy) 18/4 per ton. Lakenheath to Leicester 17/6 per ton. Higham to Leicester 18/4 per ton.
- Cucumber Rates from Swavesey. To Manchester 22/6 a ton. To Dudley 24/2 a ton. To Sheffield 20/- a ton. To Nottingham 16/8 a ton. ECRy average of 1.5d a ton [*per ton mile?*], 3/- a ton terminals.
- Harwich Steam Packet Co. Shed for stores. Land Agent to fix a rental, Brett & Co.
- Griffin Wharf Waste Land, Mr. Ogilvie to pay rent.
- Harwich. Mr. Chapman's Siding from Station. For Mr. Sinclair to estimate.
- North Eastern Ry. 22/6 per ton for black bottles and earthenware, Castleford to Chatteris. ECRy to receive 2d per ton and 3/- ton terminals. [*rates*]
- Grain Rates Waterbeach to Masborough 18/4 per ton, 1/4 ton to ECRy, 3/- terminals.
- North Staffordshire Ry. Cattle Liverpool to ECRy. Traffic discontinued.
- LTSRy Cattle rates. Barking / Rainham to Copenhagen Fields (Islington). Beasts 2/- each, ECRy 5d. Sheep 4d each, ECRy 0.75d. Proposed Rates as below:- Beasts 1/6 each, ECRy 4d. Sheep 3d each, ECRy 0.5d. NLRy receives 7d for beasts and 1.25d for sheep and have agreed to 6d and 1d new rate. ECRy do not accept any reductions in rate of charges.
- Ipswich Station to the Docks. Toll of 6d per wagon against Messrs. Brown & Co. for 0.5 mile usage of ECRy.
- Grain Rates. Lynn and Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] to NERY stations. Committee against proposal using ECRy wagons.
- Thetford Cattle Pens. Mr. Stevenson of Norwich suggesting site near Granary. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Brick Lane. Accumulated empties sold for £2.8.0.
- Manchester Traffic. Mr. Moseley's report on the Goods Rate with the GNRy.
- Horse Rates (box) 8d per mile.
- Marks Tey. Mr. Ambrose's brick traffic to Watford, Kings Langley and Boxmoor. Rates via Stratford and Camden Town to Watford 10/- per ton, to Kings Langley 11/- per ton and to Boxmoor 11/6 per ton. All station to station.
- Claims £190.8.3.
- Ind Coope. Mr. Dyson, the Agent of Ind Coope, objected to paying £500 per annum for Cellars at ? (No place name given. HEJ)
- Newport Land Purchase. 4 Common Rights purchased, about 1 acre of land. Two more Rights offered at £50. The 4 purchased cost £78.10.0.
- Ipswich Coal Agents. Messrs. Ransome and Archer to have accommodation.
- Excursions. J. Chevalier Cobbold suggesting facilities to Manchester via Harwich and Peterborough from Berlin, Cologne, etc., etc. Noted.
- Dereham. Stationmaster's house and use of gas. Agreed at 24/- per annum.

- Romford Incident on 16th August. 8.30 pm Up train ex Chelmsford, crowded platform and Nightman Martin was pushed under the train. Two toes lost! Also on the 12th the third Up Norwich Goods killed a heifer 3 miles the Ely side of Waterbeach.
- Brick Lane Collision on 31st August between Pilot engine and Norwich return engine. Both damaged.
- Yarmouth on 31st August at 11.30 am [*collision*] between Norwich excursion train and bufferstops. Guard and Driver dismissed from service.
- GPO. Inspector General requesting price per mile for special service from Bishopsgate to Cambridge or Ipswich to Yarmouth. 4/- per train mile quoted.
- QM General and the conveyance of troops. The matter was deferred.
- Day 3rd class Tickets. Fare plus one half for a return same day: Hertford, Romford, Norfolk Area and East Anglian Area.
- Norwich Station 30th August. The Up Yarmouth Mail, 22 carriages and 3 fish trucks. During the shunting of the 3 fish trucks a collision occurred.
- Blackwall Co. excursions. Passengers between Blackwall Station and Woodford Branch Station at same rates as from Bishopsgate.
- LTSRy. Through Bookings Bishopsgate, Mile End and Stratford to Ramsgate, Margate and Herne Bay. No responsibility to ECRy except on their mileage.
- Complaint. The first Up Enfield train is always late.

Secretary's Report.

- Bury. Siding to Mr. Lee's Timber Yard. For Mr. Sinclair.
- GPO Wrabness. Postman to include Railway Station in the free delivery.
- Harwich. Port for silk imports still refused by Her Majesty's Treasury.
- Blackwall Co., season tickets to Loughton line. Issued only at Bishopsgate. Holders to also use Fenchurch Street Station. ECRy to pay one guinea per annum as toll for one half of total annual season tickets issued or for a lesser period pro rata.
- Troop Conveyance. Lt. Colonel Armstrong's complaint on arrangements on 28th August, Colchester to London. To be investigated.

Way and Works Superintendent's Report.

- Auxiliary Signals. Mr. Tracey's contract renewed, 36/- per 100 yards agreed.
- Ipswich Refreshment Room alterations at £58.0.0. Newmarket Refreshment Room to cost £60 and to be let by tender.
- Work done 1st January to 31st August 1857. Colchester Station - platform widened; Bishopsgate - toilet improvements; Romford Factory - bridge boarded up; Harwich line - crossing gates; Bishopsgate - extra lamp erected; Bow - bridge over line; Brentwood - footbridge; Stratford - bridge culvert; Norwich Victoria - wall; North Woolwich - turntable drained; Stratford - signals gas lighting; Audley End - new gas retorts; Stowmarket - siding for Mr. Prentice; Bishopsgate - office (audit), arrival platform extended; Cambridge - new signal; Blackwall - warehouse "A" roof repaired; Wisbech - coal siding extended; Bishops Stortford - goods platform repaired; Stratford - refreshment room moved; Peterborough - signal box altered; Colchester - gas altered; Bow - gas works alterations; Bishopsgate - arch repaired for Books & Co.; Romford - houses repaired; Brick Lane - turntables repaired; Stratford - Workshop roofs repaired; Wheeler Street - roof of "Jolly Weavers" repaired; Devonshire Street - stables and road repaired. Hythe - gas to station. Blackwall Pepper Warehouse - general repairs. Fakenham - new siding. Lowestoft - coke ovens repairs; Ilford - coal pit repairs; Harling [*Harling Road ?*] - coal pit increased; Ware - extra signal; Cambridge - gas to down yard signals; Attleborough - Mr. Long's siding; Woolwich Victoria Docks - fencing; Peterborough - Mr. Watt's house repaired; Bow - underline bridge for Sir C. Morgan; Peterborough - gas to weighbridge house; Bishopsgate - office windows; Romford - fencing; Chelmsford - coal shoot covers; Meldreth - two additional cattle pens; Harlow - waiting room walls papered; Whittlesford - booking office decorated; Shelford - stationmaster's house decorated; Peterborough - waiting rooms decorated; Brentwood - water to toilets; Rye House - bridge boarded up for safety; Peterborough - station yard office removed; Blackwall - crane repaired; Bury - "St. Edmunds" added to wall sign; Ingatestone - station yard repaired; Newmarket - gas to signals; Shelford - stationmaster's house repaired; Rye House - stationmaster's house repaired; Ely - cattle pens fenced; Cambridge - porters' room repaired; Newmarket - booking office alterations; Chesterford - seats repaired; Colchester - carpenters' shop into cloakroom; Brentwood - parcels office to ticket office; Witham - up platform, covered way; Bishopsgate - police box at departure platform; Baldock - crane repaired; Brick Lane - new gas burners; Blackwall - ventilation improved; Peterborough - grease lock-up; Ingatestone - stationmaster's house repaired; Bury - telegraph office partitions; Peterborough - stable flooring; Ryburgh - siding extension; Reedham - repairs to Bridgeman's house; Wymondham - additional signal; Thetford - signal removed; Ingatestone - turntable repairs, cattle pens removed, platforms extended, lamp secured; Lynn - gate house repairs; Ely - parcels office and cloakroom alterations; Six Mile Bottom - signal moved; Barking Road - office repairs; Cambridge - office repairs and alterations; Bishopsgate - booking office enlarged; Woodford - platforms extended; Snaresbrook - extra lamp;

Buckhurst Hill - signal removed; Stratford - new weighbridge; Brentwood - reservoir fencing; Ipswich - new weighbridge; Hethersett - additional signal; Mile End - booking office extension; Bishopsgate - departure side improvements; Peterborough - ladies' waiting room repairs; Ilford - ditches covered; Ipswich - sack room altered; Loughton - extra coal siding; Manningtree - signal removed; Raydon - platform repaired; Wimblington - toilets; Hythe - weighbridge installed; Brick Lane - 4 gas regulators; Bishopsgate - iron safe; Brick Lane - cattle landing removed; Stratford - lamp shed; Shelford - toilet repairs; Pulham St. Mary - toilet repairs; Six Mile Bottom - gate house repairs; Brandon - signal removed; Rye House - carriage siding; Ipswich - platform extension; Forest Gate - signal removed; Sudbury - ticket platform; Tottenham - fencing cattle layers [*lairs*]; Norwich - 3rd class waiting room altered, refreshment room altered; Bishopsgate - folding doors; Loughton - alterations and decorations; Stratford - Barracks drains covered, cattle stage enlarged; Hythe - general improvements; Earith - siding for Mr. Jewson; Bishopsgate - coal shed; Chelmsford - toilets; Brentwood - booking office; Sawbridgeworth - siding extended; Newmarket - cattle pen alterations; Bury - refreshment room alterations; Ipswich - counting house altered, dock weighbridge; Cambridge - fish loading improvements; Peterborough - additional signals; Hertford - loco shed; Romford - fencing; Marks Tey - improvements; Bishopsgate - improvements; Witham - yard gravelled; Ely - siding for Mr. Coote; Norwich swingbridge - signal removed; Bishops Stortford - goods shed repaired; Cambridge - siding for Mr. Sayle; Braintree - cattle pens repaired; Stratford - stores fencing; Boreham - siding for Sir J. Tyrell; Norwich - granary demolished.

- Work to be carried out. Sudbury - goods accommodation increased; Harwich line - cottages; Brick Lane - guards office flooring; Snaresbrook - gas lighting; Lowestoft - South Pier repairs; Barking Road - road channel repairs; Buckhurst Hill - water supply; Peterborough - sidings improved; Loughton - water supply; Stratford to Colchester - cattle pen repairs; Raydon - sleepers rotten; Ipswich - timber in Dock; Stowmarket - transshipping facilities; Elsenham - lamp room; Attleborough - Mr. Long's siding; Ingatestone - remove cattle pens; Mildenhall - repair cattle pens; Ilford - elm timber to be removed; Loughton - move coal depot; Lynn - ticket platform required; Harwich - two cottages for platelayers; Langford - flag station, remove; Thorpe - "whistle" boards required; Dunham - coal depot required; Newmarket and Loughton - fencing work; Devonshire Road - night soil traffic accommodation; Lowestoft - harbour light and reading room repairs; Chesterton - siding for Mr. Prince; Royston - alterations to coal depot; Devonshire Street - a gunpowder depot; Marks Tey - footbridge; Witham - platform repairs required; Bishopsgate - Goldsmith's (?) platform repairs, new goods shed required; Hertford - loco shed repairs; Romford - cottages to be repaired for chaff-cutting staff, cost £25.0.0, also conversion of a cottage to a schoolroom for children of workers at the Factory £20 [*welfare*]; Lowestoft - ladies' waiting room decorations and booking office alterations £23.0.0.
- Stowmarket sidings to cost £100. Recommended to Eastern Union Ry Board.
- Brick Lane. Boarding up platforms to cost £30.0.0.
- Cattle killed on Lines. One bullock £22.10.0; one horse £10; one bullock £9; one foal £7; one calf £7. This matter to the Company's Solicitor for opinion on liability.
- Loughton Line. Contractor's property still lying around: 600 creosoted sleepers, 3/6 each; 3000 trenails @ £4.0.0; 15,000 Ransome's keys £4.15.0; platelayers' tools £11.9.6. Contractor accepts these prices and Mr. Sinclair to close.
- Gas Regulators at Brick Lane very successful and to be installed at Stratford Workshops £26.8.0, Bishopsgate Station and Yard £53, and Peterborough Station £11.4.0.
- George Lane Station. Water supply 2/6 per annum.
- Stores Clerk Permanent Way. Mr. Smith at 35/- weekly.
- Bishopsgate Coal Offices to close from 25th December 1857.
- Manchester Traffic. Captain Huish of LNWRy and goods traffic diverted to his company. Deferred.
- Haddiscoe. Stationmaster's wife to have Saturdays only pass to Norwich Market. Agreed.
- Stratford. Signalmen to be granted annual holiday with family passes.
- Lost Property to be sold by auction after a suitable period of time.
- Malt for Brewing. Truman, Hanbury & Co. not to have special rates for rail conveyance.

16th September 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love.

- Incident at Romford on 5th September when the Up Colchester goods arrived at 8.02 pm with 15 trucks (goods) and 2 cattle wagons. The latter were shunted off and as the 3.40 pm ex Norwich passenger train was due the goods train was held. The Driver and Guard refused to collect 27 trucks before departing. Both cautioned for their behaviour.
- Stow. On 26th August the crossing gates were smashed by the 7.25 pm Down passenger train ex Ely, due to some "gleaners" leaving the gates against the train. Lady gatekeeper warned.
- On 4th September the midnight London goods train was delayed on Hethersett Bank by broken axle box on Salt Wagon No. 19 of British Alkali Company.

- On 3rd September the 8.20 pm Up Norwich fish train at Lakenheath derailed by broken axle. Considerable delay.
- On 6th September as the 2.30 pm passenger train ex Norwich Victoria entered Bishopsgate Station at cross-over from coal yard the leading wheels of loco No. 71 (Driver Howell) broke, derailling locomotive.
- Fish Traffic ex Yarmouth and Lowestoft by goods trucks to Norwich. On to London by the Night Mail, usually 7 or 8 trucks. Resolved that proper Fish Vans be provided for use with passenger trains due to GPO complaints of late arrivals.
- Electric Telegraph Co. to have stove in their office at Bishops Stortford Station.
- New train mileages from 1st October (Not made clear. HEJ). Train Punctuality record August: On time 5153; 1-5 minutes late 2201; 5-10 minutes late 680; 10-15 minutes late 271; 15-20 minutes late 134; 20-25 minutes late 79; 25-30 minutes late 49; 30-35 minutes late 26; 35-40 minutes late 11; 40-45 minutes late 7; 45-50 minutes late 9; 50-55 minutes late 4; eight trains over one hour late. 59.7% trains on time. Total number of trains: weekdays 8632 in the month, 332 a day; Sundays 975 in the month, 195 each day.

Locomotive and Permanent Way Report.

- Bury. Mr. Lee's siding to cost £150 for 100 yards.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Statement by R. Sinclair. Marine worm damage to wooden piles, stone infilling missing or dislodged at the elbow of North Pier, shore corner of South Pier, opposite Royal Hotel and at Pier heads. Recommendation that 120 piles be replaced at once, all creosoted, stonework to be made good (ex Whitby). Cost of approx. £1000. Lock also examined, foundations in a poor state and later report to follow on same. Repairs on the piles to be made.
- Permanent Way Work report. Track relaying, London to Stratford: slow progress, hoping to complete by year's end. Delays to trains only two in number (4-5 minutes).
- Newport to Elsenham to be relaid as soon as possible. Rails are badly worn.
- Eastern Union Line needs several thousand new chairs and 50,000 keys most urgently.
- Newmarket Line. Late full moon night work, ballast.
- Standground [*Stanground ?*] Bridge. Piles for Up line driven in. Temporary Down line is in use.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke Bridge. Foundations dug and timbers prepared (Messrs. Bennett).
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Line bridge (2 miles north of March). Small truss bridge being made at Stratford ready in two weeks.
- Beggars Bridge (south of Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*]) of timber, to be contracted out.
- White Hart Bridge (2 miles north of Chelmsford). Truss made at Stratford ready for installation.
- Woolwich Pier. Renewal of timbers under way, £100.
- Marks Tey overbridge to cost £150 plus cost of the footbridge. For Joint Committee.
- Ipswich Harbour Branch. The River Orwell Bridge is in a dangerous condition. Cost of repairs £600.
- Watches (timepieces). 3/- per week deducted from wages! £36.6.0 outstanding!
- Gas. Lt. Col. Dixon of the Small Arms Factory, Enfield seeking permission for a gas main to pass under the line to the Factory, and offering station supply at 3/6 p. 1000. Nominal rent of 2/6 per annum and station supply agreed.

Locomotive Report.

- 9th March 1856, requirements: 14 locomotives; 10 first class carriages, 10 second and 10 third; 6 horse boxes; 6 carriage trucks; 200 wagons. 10 locomotives supplied and 50 wagons. During the last six months 8 first class carriages laid aside and 5 are unfit for use. 25 now required and old frames to go on to 2nd and 3rd class carriages. Cost of vehicles: 25 first class @ £370 = £9250; 6 horse boxes @ £150 = £900; 6 carriage trucks @ £120 = £720; 100 wagons @ £80 = £8000; total = £18,870 - twelve months for delivery. Expenditure in 1856 was £51,000 for rolling stock repairs and replacements. Loco requirements will be stated in 2-3 months time.
- Henson's Patent 1852. Wagon order for 200. Only 180 built. Claim to be settled by Messrs. Gooch and Sinclair.
- Fish Traffic claim for delay at Lakenheath due to accident on 3rd September. £80 from sale of fish. To be settled as best as possible.
- Brick Rates, Witham to Wilmslow. LNWRy propose 11/8 per ton.
- Gatekeeper Chapman of St Ives Station to be paid 12/- weekly from 10/6 weekly.
- Brick Lane Goods Shed. Roof to be repaired.
- Astronomer Royal, Hind (Mr. Grafton) claiming by writ for inconvenience of late delivery of goods in transit to Enfield from Camberwell. ECRy Solicitor to defend.
- Coal Rates Lowestoft to Norwich. A complaint by Messrs. Prior. Deferred.
- Grain Warehouse Storage. After 48 hours to be charged at 1d per quarter per day. To apply only for storage, not in transit!
- Ipswich Coal Accommodation, Messrs. E. and A. Prior and Mr. Mason. Matter deferred.

- Stonea. Ogden's claim for late delivery of potatoes at Brick Lane. Despatched on 25th May, delivered on 9th and 13th June. £31 claim for loss of sales.

Secretary's Report.

- Victoria Dock Company. Entitled to one sixth of all traffic between Bishopsgate and Custom House excepting seasons to the Dock and the Customs staff. Figures in dispute. Enquiries to be pursued.
- Waveney Valley Company. Monies due to ECRy for conveyance of materials - £178.14.8 received and a cheque for £500 to be sent to WVRy for the traffic.
- Manchester Traffic - LNWRy. Further correspondence relating to through traffic to Manchester via MSLRy or Peterborough. Despatch of goods (in wagons) north of Cambridge. Invoice disputes and much acrimony.
- Lowestoft tragedy. On 9th September Rear Admiral Hawtayne and a girl aged 12 years fell from the pier. The tide was out, the girl scarcely injured, but Rear Ad. Hawtayne died one hour later. Coroner recommended that railings be placed on the inner side of the pier.
- Fairfield Meadow at ? 1 acre to Midland Railway.
- Maltings lying at Brick Lane and Witham property of Mr. Aldridge. Mr. Moseley to deal with the matter.
- Brick Lane improvements to cost £850.0.0.
- Ticket shortage at Enfield, Waltham, Cheshunt, Custom House and North Woolwich.
- Enfield. First train checked by Mr. Broxup for one week and loco found weak.
- Wendling. Platform and carriage dock need repairs.
- Mistley. Speed limit sign required and signal permanently at caution.
- Park Stationmaster to have salary increase to £70 per annum.

Chairman's Visit 8th September.

- Cambridge. Stationmaster's office to have a ceiling and south-facing window with the walls papered.
- Porter Reymont of Lynn to receive 15/- per week wages. 3.50 pm train Lynn to Swaffham to cease. Water supply required at Narborough. Siding required at Wendling.
- Dereham. Goods Clerk's wages to be raised to 21/- per week.
- Elmham. Ladies' retiring room required. Toilets moved to goods shed road area.
- Ryburgh. Ladies' waiting room required rear of booking office with some alterations.
- Fakenham. Telegraph instrument to be moved in booking office.
- On ? locomotive No. 234 on special coal train went through Bishops Stortford Station at 40 mph.
- Cambridge Carting contract, Mr. Swann, renewed to December 31st. Warehouse rent of £100 to cease on 29th September.

Hertford, Welwyn Junc. Committee 15th September 1857.

- Mr. H. Love and Mr. L. Simpson, with Mr. R. Sinclair and others. Hon. Mr. Cooper, H&WRy Co. Argument re fork junction or a straight junction. ECRy to discuss on Thursday 17th.

30th September 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love.

- Permanent Way Report - cattle killed on the lines. Bullock, Mr. Waters £22.10.0; horse, Mr. Wallis £10.0.0; bullock, Mr. Hall £9.0.0; foal, Mr. Green £7.0.0; calf, Mr. Brown £7.0.0. Ref 2nd September minutes Company liable, claims to be settled. A claim for a cow by Mr. Angerstein to be defended in court.
- Lowestoft Pier. Handrails to be erected entrance to Reading Room, then chains to Pier Head for safety.
- Lynn Stables. Water supply to be laid on and gas lighting installed.
- Sawbridgeworth. Siding for Mr. Barnard, cost £100. Half at commencement, half on completion.
- Roydon Bridge in need of repairs. Cost of £140.0.0.
- Rails. A Mr. Talbot offering to manage a works at Wolverhampton for rail manufacture if the ECRy establish the works. Refused.
- Bentley Station House suffering from damp. Alterations to platform suggested.
- Mr. R. Sinclair's Report. "Times" letters regarding state of permanent way and coaching stock. Neglect refute by Mr. Sinclair in long letter. Recommended that stationmasters stop any defective coaches for examination. Axles to be grease checked frequently. Couplings to be tight and checked frequently.
- Works since 31st August: Newmarket - facing points protected; Ouse Bridge - new planking; Bishopsgate - new coal shed; Braintree - cattle pens repaired; Chelmsford - stationmaster's house decorated; Stratford, Peterborough and Bishopsgate - gas regulators; Thetford - new pens; Bury - siding; Wymondham - fencing; Bishopsgate - four shops; Stratford - store for Electric Telegraph Company.
- Surplus land, EURy. Dispute over rights of sale.
- Expenditure to 23rd August: Permanent way, 54 days £15,793.10.6; Loco. Department, 54 days £31,340.10.0.
- Fish Vans. 20 round-ended wagons to be converted for passenger train work.

- Enfield Trains. Long statement by Mr. Sinclair on locomotives especially Lea Bridge to Stratford six minutes, Stratford to London ten minutes. Thirty seven minutes Enfield to Bishopsgate to be increased to 45 minutes. In 1845 time allowed was 35 minutes, but never achieved. Woodford Junction did not exist then with a speed reduction. Arrival time to be 8.45 am.
- LTSRy. Speeds, especially on curves, criticised. Mr. Wightman to be contacted.
- New Mileage Table of routes to be prepared.
- Sawbridgeworth to have a shunting horse. Woodbridge horses in a poor state due to overworking. Men to receive 17/- per week [*wages*], three horses to be withdrawn and four new horses to be placed as work is very heavy. Mr. Whitehurst to give more supervision to horse stock. Cambridge: extra horse required with driver.
- Stratford Bridge. Coal pits in need of repairs. Mr. Farmer's drops.
- Meeting between Mr. Chubb (NLRy), Mr. Capper (Victoria Dock), Mr. Scott (SWRy) and ECRy Manager re Guano and Oil Cake Rates Victoria Dock to Hackney Wick 1/8 per ton. Rate reduction to 1/2 per ton refused.
- Ipswich Dock Tramway. Mr. Nibloe paying 6d per wagon and £5 per annum on an Eastern Union agreement. Land Agent to check.
- Mr. Gripps of Romford to use railway for his goods from London at 6/6 per ton.
- Whittlesford to have an extra Goods Porter and Mildenhall and Oakington to employ an extra hand for 2 or 3 days a week as required.
- Sulphuric Acid Traffic, Thetford to Harlestone [*Harleston ?*]. Mr. Pashley's one/two hundred tons at 18/4 per ton rate too high. Road rate of 14/- per ton agreed.
- Mr. C.C. Hill seeking to use empty return fish wagons to convey wood for herring-barrel manufacture. Rate sought 12/6 per ton. Agreed.
- Vitriol Traffic ex NERy. Rate to be increased to 3d per ton mile.
- Hythe sidings. Mr. Sinclair to report on situation of overloading and inadequacies.
- Brierfield (?) Grain Rates - from Somersham 20/- per ton; from St. Ives 20/10; from Chatteris 20/-; from March 19/2; from Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] 20/-; from Wimblington, Manea and Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] 19/2. (Brierfield near Marsden).
- Manchester Traffic. A Mr. Mills of Euston Square sends a letter asking for rates of through traffic from Norwich, Cambridge, Bury, Colchester and Ipswich. Also sends copy of a letter from Mr. Allport of Derby asking for rate to Stamford, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Sheffield, Doncaster, York, Barnsley, Wakefield, Leeds and Bradford. Resolved a meeting be arranged with Midland Railway and Mr. Mills be informed of the situation with LNWRy. Mr. Gilbey of Colchester is to set up a Midland and LNWRy Agency.
- Lowestoft to London, the large part of a salvaged cargo of tow (?). Rate is 26/6 per ton. Receiver of Wrecks seeks a lower rate. To be negotiated.
- On 27th September a wagon from Yarmouth arrived at Peterborough for Birmingham with axle-boxes worn out. Yarmouth Stationmaster and guards reprimanded.
- Woolpit Cattle Fair, 19th September. 60-80 cattle trucks required, but correct request was for 6-8 trucks. Stationmaster reprimanded.
- Various cases of neglect, bad behaviour, drunkenness, pilfering and loss reported. 31st July, 4 beasts Ipswich to Stratford for Mr. Firmin. A drover named Young signed for the animals and sold them to a Mr. King, sending the proceeds to the person at Ipswich who owned them, a Mr. Waller. Mr. Firmin is suing the ECRy for damages. Dispute between drovers!
- Grain Rates Lynn and Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] to Leeds 12/6 per ton in GNRy wagons. ECRy receiving 2/6 per ton from Wisbeach and 4/1 per ton from Lynn. By usual mileage and terminal rates the ECRy would receive 10/- per wagon more. GNRy to be notified that from 1st November the ordinary rate will be charged.
- Grain Warehousing. At present, storage rate after rail movement: London and Blackwall areas 14 days free, then 1.5d per quarter in ECRy's sacks and 0.5d per quarter in owner's sacks. All fractions of one week to count as one week. Country stations 7 days free. Prior to rail movement 5 days free then usual rate as stated. Committee reduced free time to 7 and 3 days respectively with no free storage prior to rail movement, and 1d per quarter storage. General storage at 3d per quarter per day.
- 26th September. A truck of hay attached to the 3rd Norwich Down train took fire on Hethersett Bank. Guard Bolton commended for detaching truck and pushing it into a siding.
- Works. Manningtree and Sudbury - cloakrooms required; Bradfield - wooden hut to go to Sudbury as a goods shed; Eastern Union Railway - old toll boards to be used as notice boards; Kelvedon Station urinals - floors rotting, to be replaced; Marks Tey - gas coal required for gas making (ref. to Mr. Bullivant); Kelvedon - weighing machine needs repair (ref. to Mr. Pooley).

- Stratford Bridge. On 2nd September the 6.30 pm Up Woolwich train was leaving when passenger tried to enter the "dummy carriage". Unable to board the train he left the door open, which hit the wall. Damage to the hinge and broken glass. Guard admonished re open doors. Two other incidents at Stratford Bridge reported.
- Witham, 7th September. The 3.30 pm goods from Bury detained for 70 minutes by the driver Osland. Ref. to Mr. Sinclair for action.
- Neglect. Inspector Leonard refusing to assist with a derailed locomotive on 6th September. Dismissed by ECRy.
- Incident on 16th September at Custom House Station. A Mr. Forster (Tide Surveyor) climbed on to the buffers of a coach and rode to Barking Road in that position. Guard Willmott cautioned.
- Loughton Station. Empty carriage train for 7.10 Up delayed by one coach being derailed on points. The 7.45 pm Down was also delayed. Porter Beach reprimanded.
- Reedham Level Crossing. Gates damaged on 16th September by the 4.55 pm Up Norwich Goods in foggy conditions. Horse and cart undamaged.
- Brick Lane on 12th September. Pilot engine coming up the Down line with 12 trucks to carriage siding moved on to wrong line due to point failure and collided with truck No. 4879, much damage. Shunters Drury and Magernis both cautioned.
- Bishopsgate Yard. Coach No. 20 (Woolwich composite) damaged by door left open. Guard Oves fined 5/-.
- Bishops Stortford on 7th September, 2nd class coach No. 28 damaged as above. Guard fined one days pay!
- Two cases of passengers riding in brakes of goods trains, Romford beer train and Up 7.40 pm ex Chelmsford.
- Leytonstone Gas. Now laid on. Signals and lamps to be gas-lighted.
- Casualty at Thetford on 14th September, the 8.40 pm ex Norwich Goods attaching one wagon which ran over the legs of Guard Hopkins. Driver Biggs slightly injured. Both men taken to the "Railway Tavern" and now recovering.
- Also, on 24th September at Ryburgh Common Crossing (1 mile Fakenham), Mr. Hubbard killed by the 6.10 pm whilst herding bullocks.
- Stratford platforms and waiting rooms to be repaired.
- Harlow on 20th September, the 9.05 pm Down Goods was starting when rear brake van broke coupling. Despite Guard's whistle, Driver continued on steam! Signalman Charlton, Guard Elliott and Driver Carr fined one day's pay.
- Peterborough on 21st September. The 8.50 pm Goods ran to March without the Guard, due to a misunderstood reply to "Is all right" and answer of "Yes".
- Works, Peterborough. Parcels Office, Cloak Room and Telegraph Office need enlarging. For Chairman's next visit. Fletton Road level crossing danger to pedestrians: a footbridge required, Mr. Sinclair. LNWRy loading bank to be fenced off from the road with a gate.
- Bishopsgate on 26th September. The 9.20 pm to Enfield was in slight side collision with a Woolwich train (being shunted). Brake van of Woolwich train derailed. Staff cautioned.
- Enfield Stationmaster Mr. Pope reprimanded for neglect.
- Stratford Stationmaster also reprimanded and to be removed elsewhere.
- 7th October "Day of Humiliation". Sunday service to operate.
- Claims. Mr. Maker's bullock £15; Mr. Stanton's basket £3; Mr. Jandrell's portmanteau £37.12.6; Mr. Clark's box £22.13.0; Mr. Chiffin's carpet bag £8.16.0; Mr. Lynn's box £12.2.0; Mr. Sweetman's coat £2.5.0; Mr. Turner's cow £3; Mr. Orrie's box £5; Mr. Crittle's box £20; Mr. Fairman's portmanteau £15. All settled.
- Shelford. Signalman Saward found asleep on duty, 18th September.
- Stratford on 26th September. Fog Signal explosion, Mr. Joyan's claim settled £250. Also Mr. Mills run over by train, London Hospital amputated his arm, no claim.
- Mr. Russell Ellice asking for a slip coach at Broxbourne for Hertford. Refused on safety grounds.
- Romford Factory. A telegraph line to be laid on to London. Also a better oil supply requested.
- Chelmsford. Land Agent to supply list of tenants of the Arches. Also toilet alterations.
- Colchester. Goods Office floor to be repaired. Printing Office to produce Guards' Books (two) for Colchester. Goods Clerk to receive 10/- a week increase. *[wages]* West end of Down platform to be railed off.
- Hythe. Covered platform required. Telegraph line to Colchester required. All military baggage to be roped. Mr. Dobbin to enlarge the Counting House.
- Works, River Bure Wharf, Yarmouth. Mud hampering the wherries. Mr. Sinclair to carry out necessary work.
- Lowestoft Reading Room. Librarian to remain on present salary. Toll collector to be changed. Lowestoft Harbour Master, Mr. Ball and Captain Daniels application for the position. By dispensing with the deputy (£60 per annum) and Market Clerk (£52 per annum), Captain Daniels could be given a 3 months trial. Agreed.
- Bramford Station. Sacks of corn on platform and wagons loading on main line. Goods shed and siding required.
- Ipswich Docks. Office for Mr. Archer at £2.10.0 per ann. Stoke Wharf, to be Dock Station Goods Department.

- Stowmarket Goods. Horse Driver Gosling to receive 12/- weekly from 10/-. Driver Sparrow to receive 16/- weekly. [wages] Goods Warehouse at Haughley Junction to go to the Station.
- Norwich Thorpe, office improvements. 5 ton cranes needed in the district, for Joint Committee.
- Loughton Line, train alterations. Down express at 4.45 pm discontinued.
- "Orwell" and call at North Woolwich Pier. Mr. Robertson to check Pier charges.
- Mr. Burgess's School for Ladies moving from Walthamstow to Snaresbrook. Signpost request agreed.
- Works, coke ovens at Stratford. 4 new ovens opposite the Works, north of the line, at a cost of £250.
- Ballast Wagons, Harwich line, property of Mr. Hythes. Agreed to remove but how?
- Victoria Dock. Dispute re traffic accounts and revenue.
- Harwich to Ipswich Boats. Mr. Chaplin ending his agreement to sell refreshments on these boats on 31st October.
- Horses. Mr. Whitehurst, the Horsekeeper, requires 10 additional horses for country stations. Agreed that 10 London horses go to country stations and that 10 horses be purchased for London area work.
- Relieving Clerks to have an examination by Audit Department for suitability.
- Mr. Whitehurst (Horsekeeper) to provide a record book of his horses and staff generally.
- Brick Lane delays. 25th September the 2.05 pm Up Woolwich was delayed 17 minutes as a result of congestion in Bishopsgate Yard. The 3.0 pm and 3.10 pm trains were standing on the Coal Road ready to be shunted back after the 2.30 pm's departure. The Norwich excursion had just arrived with 18 coaches on. More sidings required.
- Ipswich Station Accounts: £3.0.8 deficiency. Relieving Clerk cautioned. Sum credited.
- Exceptional Tickets to be discontinued. Norwich to London and Peterborough in one day at single fare. Three year agreement quoted. Secretary to report.

END OF RAIL 186/43

START OF RAIL 186/44

14th October 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

- Surplus Land EURy Co. Ref Minute 30th September. Mr. Sinclair reports fencing very dilapidated, unfenced land sold, boundaries undefined and some illegal encroachment by purchasers. Some fencing pulled down - Colchester - Manningtree, Ipswich area, Needham area, Stowmarket area, Elmswell area, Thurston area & Marks Tey area. Mr. Bruff (Land Agent) to deal with this.
- Woodbridge Line. Contractor's sleepers being pickled in ECRy plant at Ipswich. Mr. Bruff to act.
- Thetford Cattle pens. Cost est. at £450. Two at site of existing pen £50-0-0. Norfolk Ry. Company to pay £50 for two additional only.
- James Godden ex fireman injured on 12th April 1856. Final donation of £5-0-0.
- Whittlesea [Whittlesey] Bridge. £200 to Messrs Bennett & Sons on account of renewal.
- Works. EURy Co. Sudbury Tramway needs repairs. On private land but ECRy maintains (?) Mr. Bruff.
- Royston Mr. Fordham's Sidings, he will pay cost of alterations. Terms agreed.
- Harwich. Siding for Mr. Chapman at £100, Agreed.
- Grain Rate Sudbury to Burton 22/6 per ton; Slates Rate Bangor to Chatteris 20/- per ton; Bottles Rate Castleford to Ely 26/8 per ton; Grain Rate Higham to Burton 21/8 per ton; (?) Special Rate Codnor Park to Cambridge 1st class 26/8, 2nd class 31/8, 3rd class 40/-, 4th class 52/6, 5th class 70/-; Mr. Mann 12 tons Waste Paper London to Lynn 11/8 per ton.
- Ipswich Station. Gas reqd. for Sack Room Office alterations.
- LNWRy. Through Goods rates. ECRy seeking increase to 1½d per ton. LNWRy to consider Peterborough Station. LNWRy truck transfers with very small loads, reloading into ECRy trucks. Main line is used causing delays. Road delivery suggested. Capt. Huish (LNWRy) replied suggesting a new shed in a more suitable position.
- East Suffolk Line, rate for contractor's materials to be Lowestoft to Halesworth 4/2 per ton. Loading and offloading at 5/10 per ton
- Cambridge, Brick Fields sidings. Rate of 2d per ton for shunting plus Cambridge rate.
- Covent Garden baskets. Empties collection ½d each.
- Lowestoft. Mr. Westaway has no agreement to carry out all ship repairs.
- Whittlesea [Whittlesey] Sidings. Messrs. Johnson & Headdy's coal wharf at station causing obstruction to grain traffic. New siding is required.
- Messrs. Horsley of Beccles, Carriage Builders, complaining of Carriage Rate to London. £2-15-9 reduced to £2-12-0 for 4-wheeler and £3-18-0 for two 2-wheelers.

- Grain Rate to Leeds and Wakefield ex Lynn and Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Increase of 10d per ton requested from (?). Mr. Seymour Clarke refused.
- Goods Guard Dowe to continue working after Insp. Chaplin's recommendation of dismissal on age. Committee interviewed Dowe and agreed to continue his employment.
- Yarmouth station. A wagon loaded with sacks of wheat refused by Mr. McCulley on 12th August stood 2 months and 13 sackloads were stolen. Mr. Roche, stationmaster, cautioned.
- Claim upheld for £30 in delay of potatoes at Manea. Mr. Edgar, stationmaster, dismissed.
- Witham Goods, extra horse requested for busy period, it was agreed. March, horse no. 275 injured. Shunter Sharman not to handle the horses.
- Bury, Goods traffic for September decrease due to high rates by rail to London. Mr. Moseley claimed a local bankruptcy was the cause.
- Crime. Porter Calthorpe, Finningham, gaoled for 3 months (hard labour) for stealing sugar. Dismissed.
- Roydon. Truck axle broken through overloading ?
- Black Bank station. Longer platform in goods shed required.
- Additional staff required. Sudbury - one lad; Swaffham - one man; Brentwood - one man; Bishops Stortford - one man; Shelford - one man; Black Bank - one lad; Waterbeach - temp; Dunham - temp; Hilgay Fen - temp.
- Through Rates, London to Denmark. North of Europe Co.: ECRy proportion 10/- per ton or 25% above that rate. No sea risk liability to ECRy.
- Cucumber Claim. Sent to Burnley from Swavesey instead of to Barnsley. Laws awarded £13-2-10.
- Manchester Traffic & LNWRy agents at Norwich, Cambridge, Bury, Ipswich & Colchester. Goods being sent via LNWRy, Peterborough. ECRy agreement with GNRy being ignored; GNRy advised.
- Claims. Week ending 10th October were £75-13-9.
- Coal Rates. 1/- per ton for 7 miles to 14 miles, then 1/6 per ton.
- Gas, Peterborough. 422,700 feet decrease on last year, a saving of £80.
- Kelvedon. Weighing machine. Messrs Pooley to repair.
- Ordnance Factory station. War Dept to pay 2/6 per annum for main under the railway and 3/6 per thousand feet for Gas.
- Loughton line Season ticket holders to Fenchurch Street. ECRy to pay LBRy [*Blackwall Railway*] 10/6 for each such ticket issued and pro rata on fractions.
- Ely Board of Health. Level crossing on river side not boarded up (Horses!), water seepage on Lower Road, Railway Dock still to be infilled. For Mr. Bruff.
- Whittlesford. Brake van of 9.15 am train left behind due to broken coupling chain the brakes being screwed "on". Guard fined 2 days pay.
- Colchester. Signalman Fitch discharged for allowing 2 engines on to the main line without signal protection.
- Romford. 4th October, Night Inspector Martin drunk on duty. Dismissed.
- Burnt Mill. Signalman Preece discharged for stealing oil. Stationmaster commended.
- Woolwich station. Booking Hall screen to be raised to the ceiling.
- Gas, Lea Bridge. No supply due to closure of the South Essex Gas Co. Mr. Sinclair to deal with this matter.
- On 24th September the 5.45 pm up goods ex Cambridge was delayed 35 minutes at Bishops Stortford. The 1.50 pm up pass. train waiting for the Lowestoft portion which was late due to running down a cow and derailling coaches. A special train ex Cambridge conveyed all passengers to London.
- On the 9.15 am goods to Norwich the Loco ran out of water at Sawbridgeworth. Driver took loco only to Bishops Stortford for water. 37 minutes lost.
- Cambridge. Brake van and guard left behind on 29th September. Driver & fireman were fined one day's pay.
- Works. Auxiliary Signal required at Abbey Gates on Up Line, and also on Up Line to Barking Rd [*Canning Town*] station.
- Norwich Stationmaster. Duties:- Supervise three stations incl. Goods Depts, District Supervisor and in charge of the Accounts. It was agreed to appoint a Goods Supervisor for the District.
- Cambridge Stationmaster to receive £150 per annum from July 24th, 1856.
- Brick Lane (Mr. Farr) also to receive £150 per annum as Chief Clerk from same date. To provide security for £200.
- Lea Bridge. Footpath, public right of way across railway 250 yds. from station end of down platform to be blocked off.
- Parndon. Mr. Stark's level crossing (land on both sides of railway) and houses to be built on down side. Mr. Stark proposes a footpath from the estate to High St. overbridge. Permission granted, Mr. Stark to meet the costs.
- Cambridge matters. Goods clerk Skinner to receive 16/- per week. Coal Merchants Johnson and Headdy complain of poor accommodation.

- Ely. Refreshment rooms need repairing & alterations. Present tenant to quit & advertisement for new tenant at £100 per annum.
- Wells and Fakenham Line inspected and stations are suitable for business.
- Stratford Bridge, on 6th October collision. Guard Markin dismissed.
- Brentwood. Goods clerk, Mr. Parish to receive 12/- per week.
- Peterborough. LNWRy. Loading Bank to be fenced for 30 yards @ 2/6 per yard with a pair of gates. Carriage Dock adjoining the Hotel to have a night barrier £5. Staircase over the station out of use. Cloakroom to be extended. Parcels Office improvements. Telegraph Office to be moved for Inspector's use and other office changes made.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Telegraph Office to be whitewashed, two chairs provided and a flap made to keep out the public. Mr. Cooney's account to be settled weekly, also the Sutton Bridge traffic.
- Somersham. Chairman's visit found chairs without bottoms or backs, none at all in Ladies' Waiting Room. Stationmaster Torme cautioned, chairs to be provided.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Stationmaster to control station only incl. Goods. Captain Daniells to control Harbour and Fishmarket. Long letter (2 pages) from the Secretary to Capt. Daniells.
- Bishopsgate. Charwomen working on Sundays leaving offices unlocked. Mrs. James, the Housekeeper, to take over control of keys of all offices.

28th October 1857

Chairman: Horatio Love

- Brick Lane Works. Additions and alterations, all tenders declined even the lowest at £2234 of Mr. Hill.
- Cottages, Harwich Line. All tenders declined, fresh tenders to be invited.
- Long report. Stratford Works flood damage, Thurs 22nd October 1857. Also Waterbeach, Chesterton, Bishops Stortford, Ponders End, Woolwich, Hackney Wick rails submerged (5 feet water), traffic resumed on Oct 27th; Hackney Line 40-50 ft of ballast washed away; between Broxbourne & Roydon two bridges washed away, one of brick (one arch), this was on Friday morning 23rd, one third of a mile closed to all traffic. A small loco (no number given) and a few coaches were used between the gaps for passengers and luggage (Brought onto the stretch before the second bridge collapsed!). Men from Stratford and Peterborough repaired temporarily one bridge by 4.0 pm Saturday and on Sunday at 3.0 pm the other temporary bridge was completed. Swavesey Bridge suffered sinkage with traffic stopped until a temporary road is completed, probably on 27th, further inspection to be made. The Roydon bridges are to be rebuilt, Mr. Tracey to build one, ECRy the other, waterways to be larger and pile verticals in place of brick, Cost £250, Mr. Tracey £800. Bill of itemised costs is shown, Fir & Memel timber, wrought ironwork, carpenters: Chairman had visited the site praising Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Robertson & Mr. Moseley for their hard work on the task. Vote of thanks recorded in the Minutes, to go to Board of Directors on 28th October. Platelayer Johnson was awarded Two guineas for stopping all trains when the bridges collapsed.
- Downham station platform to be gas lit for safety.
- Norwich Goods warehouse improvements and also Station alterations required.
- Norwich area, new instructions (ref. 14th October). Stationmasters for Norwich Victoria & Trowse, Yard Inspector as assistant to Norwich Stationmaster and Stationmaster to be District Super. Only (Mr. Stevenson). Wage increases Mr. Kittle to 24/- weekly, Mr. Ewles to 19/- weekly, Mr. Arpe to 16/- weekly, Mr. Brist to 16/- weekly (All Norwich station)
- Bishopsgate horses. All horses, carriages & dogs to (*be*) invoiced through Parcels Dept. Mr. Snow, Parcels Clerk, to enforce excess baggage charges and any animal injuries to be reported to Mr. Moseley (The Manager)
- Gt. Northern Committee, Kings Cross on 20th October. Long statement. Clause one discussed. Grain Rates Lynn to Leeds, agreed as is to December 31st. Welwyn & Hertford Railway discussed, matter deferred (Traffic arrangements). Welwyn & Hertford Railway to hire MSLRy rolling stock, Mr. Love objected.
- MSLRy [*Manchester, Sheffield & Lincs*] deputation at Kings Cross. Passengers arriving by train at Peterborough travelling northwards should do so in the same coach. GNRy should also do the same for passengers travelling eastwards. GNRy and ECRy to share such workings. Fish Traffic Delay to the North, 2.45 pm at Peterborough one and three-quarters of an hour late. No decision made.
- Works, Ely station, the cattle pens & loading bay knee-deep in mud in bad weather! Mr. Sinclair to lay cinders and chalk bed.
- Leicester - Hitchin Traffic to Cambridge started.
- Swavesey. Horse for winter shunting to be hired at 5/- weekly.
- Stowmarket Navigation. Annual income from tolls £150, Annual costs £300 (Way and Works £280 of the costs).
- Cattle Special Rates Peterborough to Burnt Mill to be abolished.
- Weighing machines at Hythe req. for 25cwts and Bishops Stortford for 20 cwts.

- Rates. Wine, London to Lynn 18/4d per ton for 65 Hogsheads (Everett & Co) Agreed; Apples & Pears Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] & Lynn to Newcastle at 30/- per ton from 18/4d per ton; Fresh fish, salted herrings, 80/- per ton proposed for fresh fish & 47/6 per ton for herrings; Grain, Tivetshall - Chester 25/10 per ton, Tivetshall - Burton 21/8 per ton, Forncett - Burton also 21/8 per ton, Long Stanton - Penkridge 20/- per ton; Candlewick, Matlock Br. - Shelford 31/8 per ton; Shoddy manure Batley - Thetford 25/- per ton; Fish Yarmouth - Mansfield 70/- per ton fresh & 40/- per ton salted herrings; Oysters Bangor - Lowestoft (Export to Denmark) 40/- per ton.
- Victoria Dock Co. using ECRy sheets to cover stacked grain. Charge of £2-2-0 to be made.
- Rape seed, 15 quarters wrongly sent from Littleport. Stationmaster Mr. Reeson cautioned.
- Cattle traffic at Lynn. Men to receive overtime pay.
- Claim. Mr. Fraser, £25-9-0 for 4 weeks delayed delivery of goods to Ipswich from Leeds. Settled.
- Harston. Additional siding required. (For 12 wagons).
- Claim. Mr. Willis for £37 for horse killed in Spitalfields market. ECRy to defend case.
- Fakenham Goods shed in need of repairs and new stove required. Agreed.
- Littleport. Grain loading. Mr. Martin objects to closure of Cold Harbour siding after 11.0 am. Chairman to act.
- LNWRy. Liverpool traffic. Capt. Huish and Clearing procedure, he claims Euston should clear in addition to Bishopsgate. Matter resolved.
- Driver Clarke sentenced to 6 months prison with hard labour for passing signal at danger at Brick Lane thereby causing a collision, 17th October.
- Cattle killed on the line. Bullock at Lynn 16th October; Bullock at Ipswich 10th October; Sheep at Elmswell 14th October; Bullock at Ely area 9th October; Colt at Stansted 13th October. This last had been stolen and taken down the line to be abandoned as a train approached. Valued at £30.
- Man rescued from flood water near Fork Junction Stratford on 25th October & taken to the workhouse (!)
- Committees. Stationmasters attendance allowance 2/6 per day and night accommodation. 2/6 if stopping over, excluding all summonsed attendances.
- Flood damage. Roydon - Hertford Junc. on 23rd Oct., single line working. On Hertford line a 26 hour interruption ensued, omnibuses used for passengers. Loop Line, Swavesey on the 26th Oct., several hours interruption. Woolwich - Hackney Wick flooded. (see 28th Oct)
- Train Mileages. Proposed reductions; trains cancelled:- [*weekdays*] 6.20 pm London - Enfield; 5.30 pm Enfield - London; 9.00 am Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] - March; 9.55 am March - Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]; miles saved 207. Sundays: 9.50 am Cambridge - Norwich; 6.30 am Norwich - Cambridge; 7.20 am Peterborough - Ely; 10.40 am Ely - Peterborough; 10.05 am Cambridge - Bury; 8.25 am Bury - Cambridge; 9.55 am Cambridge - Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]; 7.30 am Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] - Cambridge; 3.10 pm Bury - Haughley; 4.00 pm Haughley - Bury; 6.30 pm London - Brentwood; 8.00 pm Brentwood - London; 9.00 pm Enfield - London; 10.15 pm London - Enfield; 2.50 pm Bishopsgate - Loughton; 4.30 pm Loughton - Bishopsgate; miles saved 439. Total miles saved 646.
- Bury, Loco No. 160 in slight collision with special coal train; driver fined one day's pay.
- Periodical Tickets. Messrs. Harvey and Hudson, Norwich again seeking reduction of 1st Class tickets for Mr. Hill and Mr. Harvey. Agreed at £100 for a 1st Class and £37-10-0 for a 2nd Class if both are taken out.
- Manchester Traffic re LNWRy. Acrimony continues via correspondence.
- Edmonton. Three wagons of coal dispute. Unlawful seizure using a crowbar to break padlocks. Stationmaster gave man into charge and is reprimanded by Committee for so doing! Case to go to Magistrates' Court.
- Stratford, Refreshment Rooms. Mrs. Berry (widow of tenant) seeking remit of rent from Michaelmas and £20 award. Rent remit only.
- Blackwall Railway. Loughton season tickets issued prior to September 1st to be accepted at Fenchurch Street as are Woolwich line season tickets.

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- Harwich. Cottages to be deferred to next Spring.
- Surplus Land, Higham. Strip at right-angles to the railway for Mr. Barclay in exchange for a parallel strip of land. Agreed.
- Yarmouth, River Bure work to be held over until next Spring.
- Wells & Fakenham Railway. Land required at Fakenham. Long article by Mr. R. Sinclair with valuations, costs of work amounting to £1272-0-1½d. This amount paid into the Union Bank by Mr. Till and Mr. Love (!)
- Weighing Machines - Messrs. Pooley's agreement. 2½ page report (Mr. Sinclair). £125 per annum mentioned October 1847 agreement, extra for repaired damage and all new machines via Pooley. Additional payment of £25 for the EURy

machines, and £15 for the EARy machines. Mr. Sinclair to produce new contract at £250 or less, if possible. Chairman to advise.

- **Works.** Stratford station, up Colchester platform extension too expensive; Hertford Loco Shed, Mr. Sinclair to build at cost of £550. Agreed. Devonshire Street Goods, extra sidings for Manure Traffic (outward) at £320, gunpowder shed to cost £50. Both items agreed; Rails, 4000 tons needed; Tottenham Bridge, brickwork & masonry £1983-17-11, balance due £983-17-11; Peterborough, Fletton Road footbridge to cost £80-0-0; Romford Factory, Loft in Chaff Room to cost £75. Both items agreed; Black Bank, extension of Goods Shed Platform £47% [*£47.0.0?*]; Woolwich, Booking Office screen extension, cost 15% [*£15.0.0?*]; Bramford Goods Shed, Siding and Crane to cost £400; Peterborough, to move cattle dock pens, cost £175, Agreed.
- **Work in hand completed:** Sudbury Ticket Office 10/6 [*10th June?*]; Bishopsgate, Woolwich Platform closed; Cock Lane [*?Boreham Cock between Chelmsford and Hatfield Peverel*] Bridge renewal 8/7 [*?8th July*]; Braintree, Remove Turntable 8/7 [*?8th July*]; Thorpe, 2 bridges renewed; Lowestoft, Waiting Room papered; Wendling, Wall repairs; Stratford, Telegraph Stores; Colchester, Goods Office repairs.
- Barges. Mr. Colby to buy two old barges at £14-0-0.
- Harwich, Boat Traffic overtime pay; Porter 1/- per night: Foreman 1/6 per night: Clerk 2/6 per night.
- Truck of Manure on fire at Enfield, cause unknown.
- Special Cattle Trains, extra power for 20 or more wagons
- LNWRy, Cattle Rates Liverpool - St Ives, ECRy to resist any reduction.
- Audley End, extension to Goods Shed, deferred.
- Ware, Coal Bays, Gripper & Co. need floor raising to keep out rainwater.
- Harling [*Harling Road*], Extra sidings required.
- **New Goods Rates:-** Grain Littleport - Newcastle 22/6 per ton, Pulham St. Mary - Burton 21/8 per ton; Slates, Chester - Chatteris & Ely 20/- per ton; Grain, Dullingham & Newmarket - Sheffield 20/- per ton. Ware - Manchester 25/- per ton; Soda Ipswich - Warrington 38/4 per ton; Cheese Derby - Witham 46/8 per ton; Salt Herrings Yarmouth - Burnmouth 40/- per ton by Goods and 60/- per ton by Passenger; Bricks special rates Between certain GNRy and ECRy stations, 1d per ton per mile and 1/6 per ton wharfage, lots of 3 tons or more; Foreign Grain & Oilcake Messrs Marriage Blackwall - Chelmsford 5/- per ton; Mr Whorlow of Sudbury 2 vans of Wine to London to pay for Gross Weight, Agreed; Agricultural Tiles same rate as for ordinary bricks; GNRy Cadge and Colman's Flour Peterborough to London preferred rate, ECRy object.
- Harston, Complaints of Mr T.H. Smith re Goods Yard and short platforms. Deferred.
- Mistle, Coal Sidings required. Claims for w/e October 7th £102-7-7 Gross (98-10-9 Nett)
- Yarmouth Station. Four Fish Merchants complaining on Mr. Roche's (Stationmaster) refusing fish for despatch. Chairman visited Yarmouth and found Mr. Roche most unco-operative. Inspector Chaplin to take over the fish traffic immediately; Ice House, Mr. Coates, the tenant, in difficulties, ECRy to take over permanently.
- Potatoes, Mr. Truman's wrongly delivered. Mr. Watson to be summonsed.
- Brick Lane, a Parcels Office to be installed.
- October 27th Peterborough, a slight collision between ECRy shunting loco' and GNRy pilot loco'. Signalman Walker cautioned; October 29th Six Mile Bottom, 4.25 pm mixed train from Haughley irregularity. Mr. Sinclair has dismissed the driver and fireman.
- Gas Supplies. Downham Gas Co's offer of supply; installing £26-10-0 and 5/- per 1000 cu.ft., meter 3/6 per annum. Offer accepted.
- Various operating incidents including Signalman Greenfield, Witham found asleep on duty.
- Mr. Bravo's claim for £800 (injuries) damages. On 23rd July at Barking Road [*Canning Town*] Station whilst boarding train. ECRy to defend the case; Mr Levy's claim re his ticket from Ilford to London. Stationmaster refused the half-sovereign, tested it severely then accepted it, asking for Mr Levy's address. Mr. Levy missed the last train and claims £24. ECRy to defend case.
- Claims settled w/e October 7th £175-2-0 nett.
- Travelling without ticket with intent to defraud, £1 and 17/7 costs, Mr. Hodgson, Cambridge.
- Reference minute of 28th October regarding a colt stolen at Stanstead [*Stansted*], man was charged and sentenced to three years imprisonment. Also minute in same meeting, Mr. J.Woodward of Huntingdon, coal merchants at Edmonton convicted for wilful damage. [*crime*]
- Ipswich Landing Stage, Mr. Dorling unlawfully using for pleasure trips. Mr. Ashley to investigate matter.
- Norwich Victoria Station. All trains via Ipswich and the Thorpe Station to call at Victoria from 1st December 1857. Ticket platform on down side to be provided and a short siding on EURy up and down lines at the junction.
- Marks Tey Junction, a signal required for trains from Sudbury; also speed reduction notice to be larger.
- Great Yarmouth, Fish merchants complaining of poor facilities and accommodation.

- Woodford Service, complaints that first morning train does not reach London until 9.05 am. Superintendent to contact Blackwall Ry.
- Hertford and Welwyn [*Railway*] Co. Through rates between Ware and Digswell Junction. Matter postponed.
- Chairman's visit to Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Turntable and water crane required at Yarmouth; waiting room at Somerleyton, walls damp to be re-papered; Fishmarket shop Lowestoft, tenant to quit, also four urinals required.
- Norwich, Chief Goods Clerk to be Mr. Toynbee.
- Ipswich, new Refreshment Rooms and a new tenant.
- Royston Gas Co. offering a supply at 7/- per 1000 cu.ft. Matter of negotiation.
- Coal dues, Messrs. Brett & Co., Harwich seeking £9-19-0 paid to the Corporation.
- Brampton, weighing machine required for 10 cwts.
- Wells & Fakenham Ry, Chairman's visit report, 4th November. Walsingham south, auxiliary signal required to be moved by 800 yards; no passing loop provided; Goods Station too short and a projecting roof is needed; a 5 ton crane is needed; a road for carts is needed; Two auxiliary signals at public roads not required; Wells, Goods Station too small; engine shed should be separated from Goods Shed; second lamp at station entrance is necessary and Booking Office improvements required; Electric telegraph is required over the line. Copy of report to go to Wells & Fakenham Ry Co.

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- **Mr. Sinclair's Report:** Brick Lane, alterations, three tenders £1594, £1597 and £1948. Deferred to 1858; Tottenham, Cattle pens, paving work to cost £350; Norwich [*Norwich Thorpe*] new siding from Carrow Bridge to opposite the Locomotive Works at £180; Elmham [*North Elmham*], Waiting Room, ECRy to carry out the work; Newmarket, Refreshment Room, alterations, C. Bennett at £60; Ipswich, Refreshment Room alterations, F. Betts at £37-15-0; Norwich [*Norwich Thorpe*], Booking Office and Waiting Room alterations to cost £85, Agreed: Foot[?] from up to down platform to cost £35, Agreed; Bishopsgate Arch for storage of old books and papers of Goods Dept. to cost £100. Agreed, no more; Hythe Goods Shed, paid to Ambrose Candler £100 on account; Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke Bridge, paid to Messrs. Bennett £150 on account of work done.
- Old Axles, Fifty at 10/- per cwt. To Mr. Morris
- Incident, Forest Gate Junc. On 12th November, Tilbury train on wrong line, Signalman Aves cautioned and fined one day's pay.
- Cattle Casualties. Westgate, near Bentley 5th November, 2 pigs killed; Barking Road [*Canning Town*] 9th November, 1 pig killed; Trowse station 14th November, a bullock killed; Forest Gate Junc. 22nd November, bullock killed.
- Crank axle broken on 19th November at Lea Bridge on 8.00 am up Hertford train. 35 minutes delay; Somerleyton Swing Bridge, truck no. 268 draw-bar failure and derailments; Devonshire Street, truck off lines, overloaded, delays to passenger trains; Various cases of neglect and staff irregularities.
- Trowse Branch, Gatekeepers' cottages required; Upper Trowse Junction [*Trowse Upper Junction*], an additional signal required; auxiliary signal on branch also required and a Ticket Platform. Ref. Mr. Sinclair.
- Claims, Mr. Levy's half-sovereign affair; claim withdrawn.
- Manager's Report, claim by Mr. Stevens for delayed delivery of hay-making machinery. ECRy to defend.
- Casual staff at Audley End and Huntingdon. Agreed.
- Prosecutions for Larceny at Bures and False Pretences (all of goods) at Cambridge. ECRy to prosecute.
- Braintree Goods Shed, Gas lamp required.
- Ilford Sidings, also at Romford, Brentwood & Ingatestone. Mr. Sinclair to cost additional sidings.
- Braintree Cartage to Mr. Johnson at 90% of receipts.
- Salt Van (Mr. Corbett's) collapse at Hethersett. Owner refusing to pay £25-5-0 costs. ECRy to demand monies.
- Goods mileages down by 2500 weekly, and also traffic decrease of 1648 tons in potatoes to London during last two weeks. (Potato disease blamed).
- Bishopsgate, two temporary sheds required for Christmas parcels as usual.
- Brick Lane, chaff-cutting machine redundant, Mr. Sinclair to remove same.
- Company coal, 33 hopper trucks for Messrs. Prior to use for Company coal.
- Newmarket Stationmaster, Mr. Mingay, dismissed for assaulting staff and neglect. Also to be prosecuted.
- Secretary's Report. Smithfield Cattle Show, excursions to be arranged as usual by Mr. Robertson.
- Ipswich Landing Stage, forms part of the Plant purchased from the EURy Co. thus becoming the property of the ECRy Co. Present position alongside the wharf is in doubt. Mr. Ashley (Solicitor ECRy) to go to Ipswich and report back later.

- Deputation of corn merchants. Suggestions made:- Ten days free storage after rail transit, rent on eleventh day and thereafter to be 1½d per quarter per week in ECRy sacks and ½d in owners' sacks; three days be allowed free after transit and from fourth day and onwards rent to be 1½d per quarter per week in ECRy sacks and ½d in owners' sacks; five days free storage at receiving stations before transit, on the sixth day and thereafter a rent of ½d per quarter [*?in ECRy sacks*] and ¼d in owners' sacks. Chairman pointed out the fall-off in recent traffic to 30th June, a loss ensuing of £4197 or £81 per week. No change, approved later.
- Parliamentary trains via Cambridge and Colchester to join at Norwich to improve service to Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Start 1st December.

27th November 1857

Special Meeting

- Reinstatement of staff. Mr. Brown, Woodford station; Mr. Osborne, Lea Bridge station.
- Wells and Fakenham Ry. Co. [*WFRy*] Board of Trade authorising the opening of the line with one loco. in steam on December 1st for passenger traffic. ECRy to provide locomotive and carriages as required.
- Brick Lane Goods Shed improvements. Mr. Simpson contract at £1594 accepted.
- Locomotive Works requirements; 25 sets Oak scantlings for carriages, 100 sets for wagons, 6 sets for carriage trucks; 22 sets of carriage ironwork; 100 sets of wagon ironwork; 100 sets cast iron axle-boxes; 100 sets wheels and axles. Item 1 to 4 (G. Marshall) at 3/3½d per cu.ft.; item 5 (J. Ashbury) at 18/6d per cwt.; item 6 (Railway Foundry Co.) at £4-5-0 per set; item 7 (Sandford & Owen) at £28-10-0 per set.

7th December 1857

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- Burnt Mill signalman cautioned regarding his work.
- Peterborough 27th November; trucks damaged, signalman fined 3 days pay, shunter was cautioned; Norwich Victoria 23rd November, carriage door damaged, also at Brentwood on 27th November. (Typical of many varied incidents)
- On 23rd November the Porters' Room at Barking Road [*Canning Town*] station was burgled. Some clothing stolen; Mr. Stuart, Stationmaster, was cautioned to be of more care.
- Mr. Mingay, latterly Stationmaster at Newmarket, convicted for assault on staff, fined 40/- [*£2*] and 20/- [*£1*] costs.
- Witham Junction. Donkey killed on 23rd November.
- Newport Station House; Stationmaster's complaints. Chairman to inspect on next visit.
- Petition from inhabitants of Winchmore Hill area for an omnibus to Edmonton. Suggested fares:- 1st Class Single 1/4d ECRy 10d, Return 2/- ECRy 1/2d; 2nd Class Single 1/- ECRy 6d, Return 1/9d ECRy 11d. Superintendent to arrange.
- Christmas Traffic; 1st and 2nd Class Return Tickets from 24th-31st December.
- Coke Contract. Application by Northumberland & Durham Coal Co. to draw and weigh the coke at Blackwall Wharf to ECRy's Junction.
- Swaffham Gaol not returning sheets and sacks after repair and demanding higher prices. For Chairman.
- Newmarket Ry Co. Old Post Chaise and part of a gig lying at Barrow Bridge [*?*] Station; offer made.
- Trowse Station. Cattle pens, two more lamps needed.
- Lowestoft Steam Tug. £65 revenue from towages.
- Casual labour hired by Stationmasters. They must refer to the Manager before hiring, wording of a circular minuted.
- Lowestoft Harbour, a claim for £36 damage to a collier being towed by ECRy tug. Case to be defended.
- Newmarket - Bury Vans supplied by Messrs. Hazeldine & Matts. Claim for £83-7-8d (Used during opposition with EURy Co.)
- Yarmouth Ice House, some repairs needed before winter ice is stored and Mr. J. Lamb to be in charge, 16/- per week.
- LNWRy Manchester and Liverpool traffic clearance. First via GNRy (Bishopsgate), second via LNWRy (Euston).
- Goods Train delays, 3rd and 4th December at London. Chairman had now obviated future trouble.
- Floods at West Ham and Barking Levels. Mr. Sinclair to visit and report on damage.
- Chelmsford Station Yard. Local Board of Health require ECRy to drain the area and erect posts at 1 yard spacing. Gas lamps to be erected, one by Local Board of Health and one by ECRy. Committee disagree.
- Sunday work to be discouraged as far as possible.
- Passenger Returns for Norwich Thorpe and Norwich Victoria Stations to be forwarded weekly to Audit & Accounts Office.
- Lowestoft, Mr. Wortley to go to Wells at £100 p.a. and free house.

- Rails required. Tenders 4000 tons to be opened on Friday next.

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- Rails. Prices quoted from £9-10-0 per ton down to £6-2-6 per ton. Contract to J. Hodgson & Co. at £7-4-6 per ton. Copy of a letter sent to J. Hodgson stating terms of contract such as name of manufacturer, guarantees and inspection.
- Floods at West Ham. The estimated cost of repairs at High Meads Level £146-16-0.
- Excursion mileages 13th June to 11th October was 19480¾.
- Petition from inhabitants of Bow asking for a station. Committee decided against.
- Troop movements. A special rate cancelled and ordinary rate to prevail.

23rd December 1857

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- St Margarets Station. Signaller asleep on duty, 7th December. Fined 1 day's pay.
- Suicide. Mr. Saunders on the 11.15 am down Woolwich train by poison.
- Various cases of neglect etc. for disciplinary action.
- Special Coal Train on 20th December near Bishops Stortford broken coupling causing breakaway of 5 trucks and brake van.
- River Lark Navigation. EURy lease expires on January 1st 1859. The rent is £500 p.a. Chairman to consider a renewal.
- Witham Lamp Room floor in need of repairs. Also Kelvedon. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Station Stores inventory to be kept of lamps, furniture and other movable items.
- Gas consumption, stopcocks required at some stations.
- Loco Superintendent's Report. Cambridge Telegraph Office, work required to cost £5-10-0; Brick Lane, Shipping Desk to cost £25, ref. Mr. Sinclair; Marks Tey, Signal alterations to cost £30; Lakenheath, drainage etc. including moles on railway banks £10 to the Commissioners of the area; Pooley's Weighing Machines Agreement £250 per annum for all ECRy machines; Norwich Granary work by Mr. Hood due £400-0-0; Roydon Bridge, Mr. Tracey paid £400 for work done; Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke Bridge, Messrs. Bennett paid £150 on account of work done.
- Timber Purchase, Messrs. Brocklebank & Rolt (Rotherhithe) a cargo of 440 loads at 26 feet at 67/6d per load.
- Waltham, 6 ton crane required, ex Brick Lane proposed.
- Oakington, extra siding room required for 5 trucks.
- Mistley, set of points required.
- Coal Traffic inwards in November [*1857 compared with 1856*] GNRy 50419 tons - 54287 tons; LNWRy 41530 tons - 43766 tons; ECRy 7522 tons - 9891 tons; GWRy 4629 tons - 4901 tons; LSWRy 986 tons - 102 tons.
- Weighing Machines on the Halesworth Line, repairs by whom?
- Cartage Agreements. Cambridge, Mr. Swann; Wisbeach [*Wisbech*], Mr. Cooney; Lynn, Mr. Mace; Ipswich, Mr. Wheeler.
- Manure Special rates; Messrs. Finch, Blackwall to all stations 11/6d per ton to be renewed agreement.
- LNWRy; clearance of the Manchester, Liverpool traffic, letter from Captain Huish (LNWRy) of conciliation.
- Claims for two weeks ending £194-17-6d gross.
- LNWRy Peterborough; Mr. Johnstone dismissed, Mr. Fletcher rebuked re speaking to LNWRy upon matters of ECRy. Mr. Watt also rebuked for indiscretions of a similar nature to the GNRy.
- Victoria Dock Company. Ref. Minute 22nd December. Sir Morton Peto, Mr. Brassey and Mr. Capper in attendance. Proposed station at Docks Junction for all trains. (Long article on this minute); Goods traffic, normal rates one third of through rate Docks to Camden Town or the GNRy. Same rates from Docks as Pepper Warehouses. Rates to Minorities 1/9d per ton or £2 per trip. All from 1st January 1858.
- Dereham, Train delays, Superintendent to act. Cloak Room and Parcels Office required.
- Haddiscoe tolls to be collected by the porter at Navigation House.
- Lowestoft, Mr. Jones to be Chief Goods Clerk. Norwich Parcels Office, Mr. Toynbee to be in charge.
- Ipswich, Stationmaster's Office to be moved to Goods Warehouse and Inspector's Office erected, he dealing with passenger enquiries.
- Rails, Messrs. Hodgson not satisfactory in their answers to proposed terms. Contract for 4000 tons to Messrs. W. Forman & Co. at £6-15-0d agreed.

6th January 1858

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- Moulton. Level Crossing. Gates broken on 1st January. Gatesman Howell cautioned.
- Shelford. Collision at the junction on 28th December. Two goods trains, points incorrectly set. Signaller removed, alterations to be made.
- Bishopsgate Booking Office. Mr. Corder dismissed for absence (unauthorized).

- Tyre breakage on driving wheel of locomotive on Cambridge goods train on 30th December. (No number).
- Elmham. Two sheep run over on 23rd December. 24/- paid.
- Wells & Fakenham line. Passes to contractor's agent and two permanent way inspectors.
- Passenger's luggage. Articles barred from 1st January: furniture; drapery goods; wine and spirits in cask or in hamper; wine or spirits in stone or glass bottles (loose); ale, porter or beer in cask or hamper, hardware in hampers, meat in hampers, firkins of butter and perambulators.
- Walthamstow Omnibuses. Mr. Wragg seeking proportion of the through fares (day tickets) Lea Bridge and Walthamstow, to be increased to 1/1½, 1st class and 10½d, 2nd class. It was agreed.
- Train arrival times at Colchester, Ipswich, Norwich and Hertford to be recorded.
- Injury claims totalling £23.11.6 agreed (details given p.5). Property claims for 18 days to 31st December £84.4.6 agreed.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report.

- Beggars Bridge, Peterborough. Contract to Mr. A Tracey at £4270 allowing £174 for old material. Norwich Thorpe. Alterations & lamp room. Contract to Mr. R Hood at £103.4.0 agreed.
 - Bradfield Hut. Removed by Eastern Union Railway claiming ownership.
 - Bishops Stortford. Weighing machine, 20 cwt. Messrs. Pooley to supply.
 - Audley End. Goods Shed to be enlarged, cost £100.
 - Board of Trade. Communication between Guard and Driver. ECRy's Manager's statement (p.7, 8).
Question One. The answer is, no communication exists on the ECRy.
Question Two (of method used). Answer, none used.
Question Three (if none, give reasons for none). Answer; no satisfactory system exists. Directors will adopt any recommended method if reliable.
 - Kelvedon and Maldon. Manure pits suggested.
 - Ipswich Dock Wharf. Fencing in need of repair.
 - Chelmsford. Parcels office to have windows barred.
 - Continental Steamer "London" withdrawn for repairs. (Rotterdam service).
 - Goods Inspector's duties:-
Supply of trucks, sacks, sheets, ropes and chains to stations in their districts,
Report all delays to the Manager,
Check all wagons for clearance,
Travel on goods trains,
Search for missing goods,
Supervise the Saturday cattle trains.
- Appointments:- Cambridge - Inspector Norton; London - Inspector Chapman; Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] - Inspector Southgate; Norwich - Inspector Bolton; Lynn - Inspector Banks; and Ipswich - Inspector G. Bolton.
- Exchange passes renewed:- Mr. Watkins - MS&LRy; Mr. C. Smith - MS&LRy; Captain O'Brien - NERyCo; Mr. Christison - NERyCo; Mr. Johnstone - Caledonian Railway Co.
 - Yarmouth Ice House. Ice purchased £14.17.6. Cheque for £50 to be sent to Mr Roche for further purchases.
 - LNWRy. Manchester traffic. Further correspondence.
 - Peterborough. Coal wharfage charges doubled to 1/- per ton.
 - Organ - London to Manningtree by passenger train. Charge of £10 upheld.
 - Mr Eyre's maltings at Wells, brewery at Lynn. Suggesting 6/- per ton for beer to Wells by rail instead of by sea. Agreed.
 - Bramford Lime Works. (Mr. Garrett of Leiston and others). Concessions discussed.
 - Yarmouth - London. Rate to be increased by 6d [*per*] ton.
 - Blackwall to Norfolk Railway, Eastern Union Railway and East Anglia Railway. Rate for foreign oil cake ex Blackwall 12/6 [*per*] ton.
 - Chelmsford. Two cattle lairs from Ingatestone.
 - Wheat to Leeds instead of Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Mr. Reed claims £8.12.0. Sent from Newmarket.
 - Tea. Half chest missing from Brick Lane. Mr. Dawes claim £6.13.1. Delay in claiming, Mr Nettleship to investigate.
 - Claims to 2nd January, £93.15.7
 - Customs House [*Custom House*]. Petition from local inhabitants re the last Down train ex Fenchurch Street as being too early. Noted.
 - Ipswich Landing Stage. Ref. Minute 25th November 1857. Long statement on "rights". Legal opinion given that ECRy can stop Mr. Dorling from using the "dummy" or barge for landing passengers. Resolved to serve notice on said Mr. Dorling.

- Pickford & Co. complaining of higher rates charged to Norwich than for other customers. ECRy refute the complaint and will defend.
- LNWRy, Peterborough, a complaint against Stationmaster, in writing to Lord Chandos direct regarding the conduct of an LNWRy official. Mr. Watt to be removed from Peterborough to another station, his salary not to exceed £150.
- Pear Tree Hill Station. To be separate from Wisbeach [*Wisbech*].
- Claims in two years. Loss and Damage - 1856 was £4267.13.2 and 1857 was £2482.18.6.
- Norwich. Carrier, Mr. Jarvis late of the ECRy using the Company's name without permission. To be requested to remove same.
- Messrs. Prior repairing wagons at Bishopsgate on ECRy's lines. To cease immediately by order.
- Oil lamps at Dunham Station without chimneys causing damage to office paintwork. All stationmasters to prevent such occurrences as wasteful.

Works.

- Harlow. Turntable required on Down side. Mr. Sinclair to install and also gratings to keep out the rats.
- Bishops Stortford. Additional siding required to run parallel with existing siding to 10 yards beyond the goods warehouse on eastern side.
- Harlow. Fowl nuisance on company's property. Agent to visit and investigate.
- Audley End Station. Alterations mainly for goods.
- Cambridge. Spoil to be removed & old dock at Ely to be in-filled. Ouse Bridge: Stationmaster's house required at £40 - £50 cost.
- Wells & Fakenham line. Meeting at Wells with the Works Committee. Difficulty re engine shed at Wells, cost of ticket platform and signals. Secretary to write on this matter.
- Dereham Station, some alterations. Stationmaster's office to be moved to goods warehouse. Office on platform to be a waiting room. Stable in warehouse to go into the yard and a covered road built to the shed. Norfolk Co. to pay.
- Manea Bridge. Timber theft, prosecutions pending.
- Manure Cartage, ex. Brick Lane. Contract to J. Tingey £200 at Enfield.
- Coal traffic 1856-1857. Increase of 6446 tons 17cwts valued at £7571.5.11

14th January 1858

Special Meeting. Chairman: Horatio Love.

- GPO Mail Service. A letter from Inspector-General. Proposals for the day mail on ECRy.
 1. London to Yarmouth via Colchester departing Bishopsgate at 9.15 am. stopping all stations for "on" and "off" loading arriving Yarmouth at 2.45 pm. A cost to the GPO of 8d per mile for one year certain subject to revision as required or requested.
 2. Mail on trains, 4d per mile. 9.30 am ex Yarmouth via Cambridge due at Bishopsgate 3.40 pm. 060 [*sic*] am ex Norwich via Ipswich due Bishopsgate 12.15 pm. 10.57 am. Ex Bishopsgate via Cambridge to arrive at Norwich 4.25 pm.
 3. Branch Lines, with guards custody, 2nd class fare except Newmarket-Cambridge line where special rates exist.
 4. 9.25 am. Cambridge to London & 1.10 Ipswich to London also with the Guards at 2nd class fare. All to commence on February 1st.
 5. London to Yarmouth Down Mail to be via Ipswich arrangements to be sent to GPO later.

ECRy's letter in reply.

1. The 9.15 am. Down Mail will not call at Mark's Tey.
 2. Sudbury Mail. No charge from Witham or Kelvedon by the 11.27 am. ex London.
- Cambridge. Mr. Sayle's siding extension at his cost.
 - Brick Lane. Alterations at north east corner of warehouses to release wagons easier.
 - Bishopsgate. Refreshment rooms. Tenant's lease expires on Midsummer Day. Changes to be made then.
 - Manea Bridge Station. Platelayer Ford discharged for timber theft. See item at previous meeting.
 - Occurrence at Maldon on 5th January. A soldier's musket discharge accidentally into carriage seat. War Office to be notified and asked to prevent such occurrences.
 - Convictions:- W. Wagg drunk on Narborough Station on 26th December last. A foreign sailor in a truck at Diss Station and J. Dawson for picking a lady's pocket at Stratford Station.
 - Haughley delays (p.29, 30). No more bookings beyond Bury from Cambridge and intermediate stations by trains concerned.

20th January 1858

Chairman: Horatio Love

- Snaresbrook. Gas supply to be laid on at £50.0.0
- Locomotives. Rothwell & Co requesting cheque for £2000 on account of goods locomotives being erected. Resolved, no payments in advance. (p.32)
- Claim by Sir Felix Booth & Co. for return of rent charge of £32.17.4 for barley at Blackwall (12 months). ECRy to defend the case.
- Accounts paid for work:

W. Bell, Shelford Station	£33.5.0
W. Bell, Whittlesford Station	£11.0.0
W. Piper, Bishopsgate	£768.6.9
W. Piper, entrance yard work	<i>[no separate figure given]</i>
W. Piper, coal store	£25.0.0
W. Piper, 4 new shops	£476.1.6
A. Cauler, Hythe goods	£128.2.0
W. Wright, Tottenham cattle road	£363.2.6
- Claim by Mr. Smith for a horse that died in cattle truck. Company to defend the case.
- Various other claims minuted. (p.33)
- Coal traffic, into London. December 1856 and 1857.

1857	1856
GNR 45806	46179
LNW 41861	41925
ECR 8210	9622
GWR 2399	3528
SER 573	768

A general decrease.

- “Blossoms Inn”. SWRy, (tenants) requesting repairs to roof, platform, & outside lamp. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Claim. Burgess & Key for £30 for wrong delivery of a reaping machine: Negotiations. Mr. Forster for wheat delayed at Peterborough for 5 days: Porter Gray fined 1 day’s pay. Sacks, improper use by Mr. Griggs: he to donate 21/- to the Provident Fund.
- Ipswich Docks, a policeman to be appointed to check the grain consignments.
- Grain rates - GNRy. Llyn *[sic]* & Wisbeach *[Wisbech]* to Leeds & Wakefield. ECRy to get an increase of 1/- per ton ex Wisbeach *[Wisbech]* and 6d per ton ex Llynn *[sic]*. Accepted.
- Malt rates - Wells to Lynn (Mr. Ayres) 5/- per ton.
- Claims made for 2 weeks ending 20th January, £36.8.7
- Cartage for 6 months ending 31st December 1856 and 1857.

1857	Receipts	£17897	Costs	£9676
1856	Receipts	£17862	Costs	£11580

Superintendent's Report.

- Special goods 2.15 pm. ex Stratford late at Bishops Stortford delaying the 5.00 pm. ex Bishopsgate. Driver Hoare of goods train fined one day’s pay being without his watch. (p.36)
- Various incidents minuted. (p.37) Guard Loose killed at Lynn.
- Private carriage use. Charge raised to 1st class. Servants to pay 2nd class.
- Locomotive failure at Abbey Gates on Blackwall coal train on 15th January delaying Woolwich passenger train. (p.38)
- Fire in telegraph office, Bishopsgate on 19th January. “Devils” (?) used instead of stoves. Fire places on ground floors to be supervised by Police Superintendent re chimney sweeping, fire lighting and extinguishing.
- Staff changes. Mr. Watt of Peterborough to go to Yarmouth and Mr. Roche to go to Peterborough.
- The late Thomas Petit who was killed at Ipswich, a gift of £10 to the widow.
- Outdoor Assistant/Superintendent on Eastern Union Co.’s property surplus. Piece of pasture land near Mistley let by EURy. for grazing. Mr. Sinclair to erect fencing.
- Bradfield Station. No water closets. EURy to provide as soon as possible.
- Company’s Bye-Laws to be displayed on all stations with toll rates, signed by the Company Secretary.
- Braintree. Stable required. Old line shed to be removed.

Chairman's Visits.

- Marks Tey, - Goods shed doors to be repaired to fasten. Ipswich, - refreshment room, lamps to be raised one foot & a lamp in the urinal required. Dereham, - refreshment room required. EARy to take trucks left over to Wymondham, the Dereham to Lynn loco mentioned as suitable.
- Norwich Victoria.
 - Signboard to be altered to show "Wharf" or "Depot", not "Yard".
 - Stable loft extension.
 - Air sliding-panel vents.
 - Corn store larger bins.
 - North end floor to be repaired.
 - Larger windows, plaster ceiling, opening door to stable, cattle pens to be repaired.
 - Goods warehouse platform underneath to be cleared and boarded up. Three gas lamps by the cattle pens. Coal sacks to be removed.
 - Central gate to be locked and a gateman for the yard to be appointed. Tenants Rent?
- Lowestoft. Signalman Cullington to go to Halesworth.
- Beccles. Mr. Ward to do signalman's work & portering & water pumping.
- Wells Harbour branch open, horse shunting at 6d per ton for grain and 4d per ton for coal.
- Lowestoft Coke wharf. Land used by carts. Notice re trespass to be erected. Mr. Fuller removing ECRy's posts. Land agent to act. (p.43)
- Haddiscoe. Two porters to occupy station house and sale of beers to cease.
- Lynn. Parcels barrier to be erected. Cost £5 maximum.
- Ouse Bridge. Foreman platelayer Fountain discharged for theft of timber.
- Lynn. Goods warehouse cellar let to Messrs Laws & Co. at £3 per annum for storage of porter.
- Wages. Lad Eagleton at Fakenham, 10/- per week. Lad Andrews at Harling 12/- per week. Junior Clark J. G. Dow at Lynn Harbour increased to 8/- weekly.
- Sunday Parcels Service. Complaint by Magistrates re delivery during Divine Service resolved. From 23rd January no more deliveries but the office will be open 8.00 am to 10.30 am and 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm for collection by consignees.
- Lynn. Goods guard Loose's funeral expense £5.0.0
- Bishopsgate. Refreshment rooms let to Mr. Bale at £400 per annum with 3 months notice from 30th June 1858. Gas to be supplied but not coal. Rates and taxes to be paid by Mr. Bale. Approved.
- Halesworth - Haddiscoe. Weighing machine charged to Halesworth Company.
- Bishopsgate. Board Room gallery to be erected for access to offices at Eastern End to end nuisance of staff walking through the Board Room. (p.45)
- March Station. Complaints from inhabitants re level crossing nuisance to local traffic. Resolved to move the water crane on Up side and add an extra water crane on the Ely side of the road for goods locomotives.

3rd February 1858

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report

- Dereham. Reference minute of 20th January. District Supervisor, Mr. Stevenson, to ensure that trucks are forwarded as required.
- Goods locomotives not to be overloaded. (no loads quoted HEJ)
- Lynn footbridge, station yard. Repairs and extension to cost £870. Chairman to inspect.
- Accounts paid: Messrs Kennard for work Tottenham Bridge £894.10.0. Bennett Bros. for work Whittlesea [Whittlesey] Bridge £200 on account. Simpson, Brick Lane goods shed & offices £350 on account. Tracey, Roydon bridge £348.1.11. Final payment.

Superintendent's Report - operating incidents:

- Romford on 23rd January. Slight collision between Down 10.30 pm Norwich goods and an Up Special. Driver Collinson fined one day's pay.
- Park Station on 14th January. Light engine No 223 ran past signals. Conflicting evidence. All concerned were cautioned.
- Sawbridgworth on 24th January. Trucks derailed. Signalman Brennan fined a day's pay.
- Mile End. Stationmaster Boswell dismissed for neglect.
- Various dismissals for drunkenness, theft and neglect. (p.50)
- Ugley. Gatekeeper's child killed on 20th January on Down main line. Other accidents also reported included the death of Goods Guard Cobbett at Haddiscoe on 23rd January being crushed by buffers in shunting work. Widow to receive 10/- weekly for a few weeks plus funeral expenses.

- “Cardinal Wolsey” steamer aground on Ipswich-Harwich run on 23rd January. Re-floated.
- North Woolwich Pier. Tie-rod breakage on 25th January.
- Incident. 4.35 pm train London - Braintree de-railed near Witham. Mr. Sinclair to report on cause.
- Brentwood. On 13th January the 2.00 am Bury meat train arrived with 24 trucks. Ten shunted off and remainder ran down the bank on the main line to Romford due to brake failure. Guard Nash dismissed for neglect and abusive language at Ipswich. (p.52)
- Omnibuses. Winchmore Hill. Reduction in fare of 3d to 1/6 to meet competition.
- Troops. Conveyance at full fare from 18th March.
- Occasional ticket checks at Bishopsgate and other places on the line to prevent fraud.
- Exhibitions. Chester Agricultural Show. All unsold goods returned free.
- Ipswich Parcels. Operated by proprietor of the “Crown and Anchor” Hotel. ECRy to operate this fast service.
- Eccles Station. Goods shed roof leaking. To be repaired.
- Lowestoft Fish Market. Bye-laws not enforced. Secretary to deal with this matter.
- Cranes at Stratford. 5 of 2 ton and 1 of 5 ton. The 5 ton to Waltham and the others to Harling, Dullingham, Ingatestone, Wymondham and Thurston.
- Claims for 2 weeks ending 30th January amounted to £100.7.2.

Secretary's Report

- Electric Telegraph Co. wishing to operate Hythe as a station allowing clerk 10/- weekly for dealing with messages. Agreed on trial basis.
- LNWRy. Peterborough Station. Mr. Watts, reference minute of 21st January. Matter postponed.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Station, riverside steps, ECRy. Chairman to inspect on next visit.
- Cart horses. Decided that in future District Superintendents to examine horses in their district (including shunting horses) and report to the Manager on condition.
- Brick Lane. Mr. Hurst, receiving clerk's deficiency of £29.11.2 to be paid. Petty creditors and question of prosecution.
- Old permanent way materials not to be sold without the permission of Directors.

Chairman's Stations visit:

- Norwich on 23rd January: Staff - Lad Todd 6/- weekly; Boy Phillips, goods counting house, 5/- weekly from 1st January 1858; Henry Wenn as carman at 16/- weekly; [*wages*] Thuxton - Goods traffic to cease due to small amounts; Haddiscoe - cattle pens from Eccles (no traffic); Ipswich - Mr. Archer's coal office to be moved nearer to Stoke Bridge to allow a new shipping dock to be built; Stoke Wharf and Mr. Fison's grain movements - Secretary to enquire of any EURy agreements with Mr. Fison.
- Water closet to be erected on Ipswich station. Ticket collector McCracken cautioned regarding neglect.
- Ipswich Dock. Goods clerk J. Bird to be in charge at £90 per annum responsible for all accounts. (p.60) Parcels Clerk Block £5/6 deficiency in accounts at Ipswich - stationmaster held responsible. More Staff required!! Mr. Dutton, assistant/outdoor/supervisor and Inspector Goody to move from Brentwood to Ipswich. Mr. Dutton to receive £10.0.0 for services as assistant/outdoor/supervisor.
- Manningtree Station. Stove to be fitted in small Down side waiting room. Mr. Bardwell to go to Bishopsgate booking office.
- Hythe. Old office to be removed and shipping box from Brick Lane to be supplied.
- Kelvedon. East end waiting room Down side to be decorated and door fixed. Room on west side to be a 1st. class waiting room with four chairs & carpeted floor. Lamp room to be moved.
- Branch Line Guards. 25/- to 27/- weekly more than necessary! Move them to main line work and bring in younger men at lower rate.

16th February 1858

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report.

- Romford Collision, 6th February. 11.00 pm London to Brentwood passenger train ran into rear of 10.30 pm Norwich goods standing on Down main line at the goods shed. Four people slightly injured. Captain Tyler appointed by the Board of Trade to conduct the inquiry. Goods warehouse to be moved to a place nearer the station and other alterations including a through siding on the Up side to be made. For Joint Committee.
- Staff. Signalman Smith of Ilford dismissed for neglect. Guard Rose fined a day's pay for irregularities at Sawbridgeworth at the coal pits 5th February.
- 2nd class passengers in 1st class coaches to pay 1st class fares regardless of season tickets held.
- Discharged prisoners. ECRy. refuse to honour any travelling warrants.

- Stratford on 8th February. Fireman Watson fell from locomotive and was killed. Cambridge, Mr. Dawson claiming for injuries sustained when alighting from a train.

Manager's Report

- Roydon. Stationmaster to employ boy at 1/3d weekly. Sacks: Two people in illegal possession, one fined the other to pay into Provident fund.
- Ingatestone. Stables require paved floor. Mr. Sinclair.
- Gunpowder traffic. To cease forthwith. All trade notified to this effect. (p.66)
- Parcels. Pickford & Co. seeking small parcel/tonnage rate. Committee adheres to the law laid down recently in the Court of Common Pleas.
- Claim. Guard Hopkins for £43.6.0 injured September 1857. Also one of £9.8.0 from Mr. Best for medical services. Chairman to investigate.
- Claims, 2 weeks to 13th February amounting to £188.7.4
- Works accounts paid. Bennett, refreshment rooms, Newmarket, £68.5.6, & Betts, refreshment rooms, Ipswich, £50.14.0
- Old stores. (Locomotive Works) 8/9 tons brass tubes to Muntz & Co. @ 9¼d per pound. New tubes at 12½d per pound.
- Lowestoft, reference minute 20th January, removal of posts by a Mr. Fuller who claims Landlord's orders. ECRy demand replacement with summons if not so replaced.
- Harston. Horse & carriage dock required by Mr. Pemberton.
- Mistley. Siding requested by Mr. R. Tree at wharf to his granary (some 50ft).
- Works, March. Level crossing. Again protests at delays and asking for the water shunt lines to go! Resolved, no action to be taken.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*]. Stationmaster acting as coal agent for T.Coote. Chairman to see Mr. Watts (stationmaster).
- Chelmsford. Goods office on platform a nuisance and an alternative site proposed.
- Braintree Station criticised for slovenliness! Broken windows in goods warehouse, poor state of the horses and vacant land unused. (Land agent to investigate). Boy Deville to have 1/- weekly increase to 6/- per week.
- Lowestoft. Booking & parcels office to be in halves, a ledge outside and a counter inside.
- Lynn station. Posts and rails to be erected in front of booking office entrance to mark ECRy boundary also at passenger's entrance to arrival platform. Company's house to be let if possible.
- Norwich. Booking office to be tidied up (old fireplace, etc.). Additional signs, bookstall to be moved nearer booking office.
- Thorpe. Barrier to open to allow passengers to leave. J. Day to be Stableman. Giles to go to Passenger Department. Goods Clerk Clifton's wages to be 18/- week (2/- increase). Goods Clerk Stock's wages to be 15/- week (2/- increase).
- Ingatestone. Office is to be tidied & Mr. Skipper to return to Marks Tey.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Goods clerk Holland to have a station and a youth replace him. Office alterations include an enquiry office with a separate office for Mr. Clooney, carting agent. (p.72)
- Ratcatcher to be employed for general use on ECRy.
- Harwich. Stationmaster to be moved due to small amount of traffic. Booking clerk to be in charge.
- Stationmasters must not keep poultry, pigs or other animals to be of nuisance.
- Ingatestone. Passengers' foot crossing, Up to Down platforms, requires planking.

3rd March 1858

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report

- Colchester. Additional stables required.
- Audley End stables. Brick floor required as well as hay loft and fodder rack.
- Aldeby Station. Man required for Saturday afternoons. Approved.
- Wells & Fakenham line. 8 tons material at ordinary rate for conveyance.
- Coal traffic. Mr. Coote requesting loan of two hopper wagons to replace damaged wagons at Somersham.
- Various incidents minuted. (p.75)
- Harwich. Wooden stable required for shunting horse.
- Sudbury - Cornard siding. Complaint on ECRy not placing trucks. Chairman to investigate.
- Lowestoft harbour to be advertised in "Shipping Gazette" as refuge harbour.
- LNWRy to have use of old room for guards, Peterborough.

- Steam tug, Lowestoft, again aiding a vessel in distress, monies to Tug Fund.
- Grain warehouses. Blackwall storage extended to 14 days free of charge.
- Corn bins required at:- Newmarket, Shelford, Kelvedon, Maldon stations.
- Various claims minuted. (p.77)
- Blackwall, Horse cartage required.
- Dutch-Rhenish Railways. Mr. Forbes enquiring re through rates. Chairman to see Mr. Forbes.
- Directive - All shunters & drivers (horse) to be under the Goods Department's control.

Superintendent's Report.

- Somersham on 9th February. Two coal wagons (Ref. Mr. Coote) off the end of the coal pit siding falling into the yard.
- Sudbury on 23rd January a mixed train ex Marks Tey ran into Cornard Siding. Similar incidents minuted.
- Shipwrecked mariners. Travel on ECRy trains free. LSWR, LNWR & GNR charge ½d per mile. This charge by 3rd class now to be made.
- East India Co.'s Warley Depot. Troops moving to Tilbury, special rates to be retained from Brentwood.
- Fines imposed upon staff involving Company's financial loss to be credited to Loss & Damage Account. Other fines to the Provident Society. New Casualty Fund to receive £12.13.0 fines from last half year.
- Forest Gate Station burgled on the night of 13th February. Some tickets and 5/4d cash stolen, Stationmaster cautioned.
- Harlow on 15th February. Broken axle on NE [*North Eastern Railway?*] coal truck No. 199 delayed mail train and damaged ECRy's brake van.
- Various accidents minuted. (p.82)
- Mistley Tramway on 5th February. Trucks off the line. A proper buffer stop to be sited.
- Stratford Central Junction on 26th February. North London locomotive derailed causing delays.
- Oakington Station. Additional siding to cost £40.
- March, Mr. Smith's land. Rails now taken up. (apparently some earlier dispute - HEJ)
- Chelmsford. Goods office extension to cost £50, approved. Cattle pens, two extra not to be erected due to difficulties.
- Braintree, wooden stable for shunting horse to cost £20.0.0.
- Bow & Barking Branch to be joined to North Woolwich Branch. ECRy to inspect later.
- Blackwall. Cottages in need of repairs. For Mr. Sinclair. (p.84)

Secretary's Report.

- Discharged prisoners. Reference minute of 16th February. Committee adheres to previous decision.
- American Consul seeking a visit to Stratford Works by Mr. H. M. Burr of Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Railroad. Declined.
- Police report on the apprehension of Mr. Handley ex-Stationmaster, Huntingdon, for embezzlement of ECRy funds. Stolen overcoats. Pawnbrokers fees (redemption) paid £26.7.8, the Walker case. (p.86)
- Various small works minuted.
- Eastern Union Co.'s notice boards to be effaced.
- Sudbury. Mr. Allen's siding no longer in use.
- Norwich. Gatekeeper's cottage required, Trowse Junction. Also a signalman's cottage. To the Joint Committee.
- Witham. Ticket platform on the Down side, Mr. Sinclair.
- Ely. Stationmaster Balchin to be moved for dealing in pigs and general neglect.
- Ticket checks on Down trains between London and Ipswich.
- Book stalls. Messrs Smith Holmes & Co. in breach of contract by use of placards. Change of contract suggested.
- Harwich House Tickets to London, Mr. Mann using to intermediate stations.
- Ipswich. Three houses ex-EU Company. Are they property of ECRy? For land agent.
- Braintree. Ground crossing for passengers, power to close same as a danger?
- Un-claimed luggage to be sent to Bishopsgate.

17th March 1858

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report.

- Mutford Lock. Repaired.
- Wymondham. Number of entrances/exits due to number of roads. No change possible.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*]. Johnson's siding extension by 130 yards at £160.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Weighbridge too short. 14ft weighbridge to cost £70 for 2 tons weigh.
- Yarmouth. New turntable & water crane to cost £1200. Matter deferred.

- Enfield. Additional lamp. Platform to be widened later.
- Cambridge & Ely. Cost of removing mound of earth from Cambridge and filling in old dock at Ely £327.10.0. For the Joint committee.
- Witham accident caused by the use of wooden trenails for chair fastening to sleepers. Iron spikes now being used.
- Eccles. Cattle pens of no use for Haddiscoe. New pens to cost £30 each. Joint Committee.
- Romford - New siding £372. Station improvements £2300. Plans to the Joint Committee.
- Lowestoft - Beccles and Halesworth - Haddiscoe lines, condition of permanent way. ESRy to receive report on the latter line, requesting repairs.
- Accounts due for work done. Bennett & Sons, Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke bridge £364.6.6.
- Setch Bridge renewal. W. Hill at £1907.0.0
- Bishopsgate Shops. Six to be built by W. Piper £11750.0.
- Elsenham Bank bridge. Bennett & Sons, Lynn £540.0.0.
- Chairs. [*rail*] 300 tons. Contract to Ransome & Sims, Ipswich at £4.17.6 per ton.
- Pile Shoes. Mr. Sinclair to purchase at best terms possible.
- Dovercourt. Level crossing. Mr. Patrick offering to use of an arch instead, agreed.
- Buckenham. Snow-drift on 2nd March. Two locomotives and 7 trucks damaged. Cost £250/£300. (p.94)
- Marks Tey - Chappel. The 3pm Sudbury goods train on 10th March collided with runaway truck of flour from Chappel Station. Stationmaster and porter at Chappel dismissed.
- Ilford on 3rd march. 4.30 pm Down Ipswich express delayed by broken tyre on tender wheel.
- Gale on 8th March. Four telegraph posts blown down across the track at Waterbeach.
- 4th March. The 4.55 pm passenger train from Peterborough delayed by goods locomotive No. 236 bursting a tube, driver being slightly scalded. (Location not given, HEJ).
- 3rd March, the 8.25 Up Ipswich express delayed by tyre of a carriage breaking. (Again, no location given, HEJ).
- Army Officers fares. 2d per mile "on" or "off" duty to continue unchanged. (p.96)
- Several convictions minuted.
- GPO. Larger Sorting Vans requested, built for their use with higher roofs. London to Ipswich trains. Existing vans to go to Ely and Yarmouth trains.
- Forncett. Snow drift, four trucks derailed on 2nd March. Up line closed for several hours.
- Colchester. Cab stand. Mr. Salter complaining of competition. ECRy unable to assist unless Mr. Salter cares to pay for his stand.
- Bow and Barking line. Nine trains each way; one locomotive in use, Bishopsgate to T&SRy [*Tilbury and Southend*] at Barking, from 2nd April.
- 2nd/3rd March - Heavy snow.

Manager's Report.

- Forncett Station. Burgled on 2nd March, 3 American cheeses stolen, district police notified.
- Blackwall. River bed unsafe for barges at low water. Mr. Sinclair to lay chalk down?
- Fire Insurance. Policy for £50000 on goods from Blackwall to be reduced to £25000. Brick Lane risks, Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Cattle rates. LNWRy low rates not taking traffic.
- Coal rates. Manager submitted new tariff. To the chairman for consideration.
- Various claims minuted. (p.101)
- Ipswich. Cattle pens to be repaired. Histon goods shed doors repaired (gale damage, HEJ) also at Marks Tey, Braintree and Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*].
- Cherry Hinton Lime Works. Messrs Colman & Co.'s royalty payment made to ECRy. £28.9.0
- Blackwall. Extra work pay. $\frac{3}{4}$ of one day payment.
- Cartage Report. (p.103) ECRy.
 - Romford, Colchester, St. Ives, Hertford, Baldock, Ely, Peterborough, Dereham, Hythe, Norwich Victoria, Brick Lane and Norwich: - Mainly by ECRy, hiring at times.
 - Yarmouth: - Contractor.
 - Braintree and Wisbech [*Wisbech*]: - By local contractor who pays 10% to the ECRy.
 - Kelvedon & Woodbridge: - Half-yearly accounts - cross-country conveyance.
 - Bishops Stortford, Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] and Harlestone [*Harlestone?*]: - Contractors cross-country, charges included in through parcels rates, deducted from traffic receipts.
 - Chelmsford: - Contractor who pays 20% to the ECRy.
 - Ipswich: - Contractor 2/- per ton paid weekly.

Huntingdon, Swaffham: - By ECRy to General fund.

Lynn: - Contractor who pays 10% to ECRy.

Cambridge: - Contractor who pays 5% deducted from the charges made.

- Bookstalls. Smith, Holmes & Co advertising on lower panels of carriage doors and Harlestone [*Harleston?*] Branch particularly. Superintendent to act.
- Harlestone [*Harleston?*] Goods office. Book rack and shelving required.

Chairman's Report. (p.105)

- Cash from stations. Cash box at Fakenham left at Stratford all night on 28th February. New Orders:- Stationmaster to send an advice note notifying train used for despatch and a clerk from Cashier's Department to give a receipt to the guard on delivery. Mr. Sproul's task.
- Victoria Dock. Terminal charges, loading and unloading. GNRy to pay 2/6 per ton of which Victoria Dock Co. to receive 1/3d. Pepper Warehouse same rates.
- LNWRy relinquishing their agencies at Ipswich and Colchester.
- Bishops Stortford. Sidings for ECRy and Mr. Taylor still not started.
- Audley End. Goods office required. Horses well tended at this station!
- Cambridge. Goods accounts poorly kept - counting house required at east end of the grain elevator. District Auditor to visit and report. Sack room to be moved from the grain shed. Centre road between the two goods sheds to be boarded over as a platform. Lockup to be built at north end together with a sack room. Moveable bridge to be built in warehouse and platform No. 1 to be widened.
- Accidents at stations. More outdoor supervision.
- Chelmsford Assizes. Brown v. ECRy. Claim by Brown for rent owing, £50, on a house at Blackwall. Brown did not reside there but let it although he was a rent-free tenant. Also spent £3-200 [*sic*] on improvements without Board's sanction. Brown was an ECRy employee at Brick Lane! No court decision minuted.
- Various staff disciplinary cases minuted such as the removal from Yarmouth of fixtures and fittings by a Mr. Roche who was ordered to replace same. (p.108)
- Norwich Fire-Engine in need of repair. Mr. Sinclair to repair and Bishopsgate was mentioned as having no fire equipment whatsoever.
- Conveyance charges for freight at Yarmouth. Manager to suggest alterations.
- Norwich. Alterations and improvements. Covered way parcels office to 3rd class waiting room. Urinal at north end of waiting shed (outside). Urinal on west side of arrival platform. Barrier to have wicket gates.
- Ely. Refreshment rooms. Mr. Edlin tenant at £100 per annum rent. Alterations to be made: Ladies' waiting room and the telegraph office to be the new refreshment rooms. Existing refreshment rooms to be a gentlemen's waiting room and a ladies' waiting room. Door between to be blocked. Walls to be papered and ceilings whitened and pointing done. Stationmaster's office to be moved to the goods warehouse. Warehouse office to have access to the enquiry office and a counter installed for the public.

25th March 1858

Special Meeting. Chairman: Horatio Love with J. Goodson and J. Bagshaw M.P. in attendance.

- Harwich-Rotterdam Traffic. Report on meeting with Messrs. Fenton and Moss of the Dutch Rhenish Ry with Mr. Forbes, DRRy Traffic Manager, on the subject of steam boats, rates and special services. Revenue to be split three ways:- Steamboat Co., DRRy and ECRy on a mileage basis. No sea risk chargeable to the two railway companies. At times special trains would be required at Harwich. Annual additional expense of same to be deducted from the goods receipts. ECRy to have 5/7ths, and DRRy and Steamboat Co each 1/7th.
- Bow and Barking Extension. To be open on 1st April. Tilbury Co. have requested 9 trains daily each way but 6 were to be provided.
- Easter Holidays. Superintendent produced Bill of Arrangements, Chairman to approve.
- Woolwich Garden traffic. Fares approved. 1st class 1s 6d. to Gardens Co., 6d. 2nd class 1s. to Gardens Co., 4½d. Ferry 6d., ECRy., 1½d, Gardens Co., 4½d.
- Newmarket Races, The Craven Meetings 5th - 9th April. Train arrangements.
- Increased services - Lynn to Dereham and Swaffham to London.
- Mails. GPO seeking a service on the 9.00am Lowestoft to Reedham with GPO guard. Agreed at a fare of one 2nd class passenger.
- £400 paid to Mr. Simpson for work done at Brick Lane warehouse.

31st March 1858

Chairman: Horatio Love. Committee: J. Bagshaw M.P., J. Goodson, L. Simpson, S. Anderson & Ralph Waters.

Mr. Sinclair's Report. (p.113)

- Harling. Cost of a 15-wagon siding £160
- Bishops Stortford. Mr. Taylor's siding £207.10.0. If he purchased existing siding and 20 poles of land required for the extension the cost would be £284.1.0. Chairman to meet Mr. Taylor.
- Cambridge Mound. Cost of removal haulage, £165.5.0. For the Chairman.
- Lynn. Driver Plant and Fireman Dunbabbinn "drunk in charge". Both dismissed.
- £1000 paid to Messrs. Tracey for work on Beggars Bridge.

Superintendent's Report.

- Hertford & Welwyn Railway. ECRy to continue to operate.
- Coast Guards. Fares at Government rate via Government warrant.
- Bookstalls. Morris & Co. Stratford applying for the Loughton Branch. Land agent to prepare tender. (p.115)
- Fatality. Brick Lane on 16th March. Driver Dear run over. £5 to widow and offer of employment as charwoman at Bishopsgate at 6/- weekly and one year rent free in Company house.
- Derailment of locomotive at Sawbridgworth on the 25th March, 5.40 pm goods.
- Hilgay. Auxiliary signal required.
- Ely. Ticket platform required at carriage shed, Up side.
- Lynn Harbour. Level crossing gates run through on 22nd March. Gatem [*sic - gateman?*] cautioned.
- Various staff complaints. (p.117)
- Broxbourne. Refreshment rooms. Mr. Griffin offering to erect and pay £10 per annum rent. Offer was declined.
- Claim by Mrs. Dawson for injuries at Cambridge on 21st October 1857. Plaintiff awarded £2000 by court.
- Claim by Mr. Browning of Hertford for £3 damage to a hamper of plants on transit from Chelmsford. Plaintiff unsuited (lost case).
- Woolwich Garden traffic. Fares for bandsmen, 7/6d monthly first class, 5/- 2nd class. Not to exceed 24 in number.

Manager's Report. (p.118)

- Romford Lime Works let to Mr. Mason (Messrs Prior Coal agent Ipswich)
- Tobacco parcels of less than ½ cwt. to go by passenger train to prevent pilfering!
- Norfolk and Eastern Counties Coal Co. swing bridge at Blackwall damaged by Messrs. Prior's barge "Charity" at flood tide, breaking away from moorings. Messrs. Prior.
- Sudbury. Mr. Allen's siding. Agreed, Mr. Allen to pay cost.
- Gunpowder traffic. A Mr. Byford's proposal very vaguely worded but on February 16th it was minuted that all traffic on the ECRy cease. ECRy. offer to assist with the return (empty?) of van and horses (by rail?).
- Enfield. Mr. Wick's coal store kept empty purposely. Warned to use it properly or give up tenancy.
- Claim by Penniston for lost bottles £2.5.0. ECRy. To defend court case. Various claims minuted.
- Peterborough. Buffer stops in need of repair.
- Bishopsgate Station. Woolwich side platform used for Goldsmith's beers also needs repairs.
- Newmarket. Cattle pens to be moved. Mr. Sinclair.
- Ipswich. Crane platform, Griffins wharf, repairs.
- Cowbridge. Malt traffic via GNRy for Mr. Palmer at Hertford. ECRy. Would have to pay Hertford & Welwyn Ry. 4d per ton for the use of Cowbridge station. Agreed to pursue the matter.
- Harwich. Fish merchants complaining at lack of facilities. Chairman to visit.
- Brick Lane, potato warehousing. Extension of free time from 2 to 4 days.
- Ipswich. Messrs. Burton, grocers attended re present rates and a 12 month continuance of same. Agreed. (p.121)
- Midland Railway. The Manchester traffic and agreements of 1855 and 1856. No action to be taken.
- Great Northern Railway. Goods to Southend from Leeds via Welwyn and not Peterborough. Manager to remind GNRy. of terms of the agreement.
- LNWRy. Grain traffic from Blackwall to Peterborough. Manager to contact LNWRy. on this matter as above.
- Ipswich. Siding for Mr. Packard, a short loop, at the docks. For Chairman.
- Claim by Mr. Sexton for one empty barrel (value 2/3d). Refuses barrel offered and has taken out a summons!
- Newmarket Races. Truck horse required at the station. Approved.
- Claims 2 weeks to 27th March. £109.3.11. To Audit Department
- Books submitted:- Brick Lane, Police, Delays, Blackwall, Staff Incidents, and Staff Alterations.

Secretary's Report.

- Halesworth and Haddiscoe. Reference 17th March, a letter from East Suffolk co. regarding Mr. Sinclair's report on the permanent way. Mr. Sinclair stated that traffic must cease for the work to be done. Agreed but with the least amount of inconvenience.
- War Office, Captain Inglis, Whitehall, re the laying of a 4 inch water main at Ordnance Factory level crossing. Agreed. Annual rent of 2/6d suggested.
- Ipswich. Stationmaster reprimanded for sending a copy of the new coal rates to Messrs. Ransomes.
- Mr. Roche of Yarmouth denying removal of fittings but committee reiterate demand for return of fittings.
- Finningham. Lamp room to be moved to the yard.
- Wrabness. Siding to be removed between station and platform.
- Steamboats "Alma" and "Cardinal Wolsey" in near collision at Griffins Wharf, Ipswich, on 20th March. Secretary to write to EURy. regarding the status of the ECRy at Griffins Wharf.
- Finningham. Coal and lime shed for Mr. Brown (the late stationmaster) not to be erected without Director's sanction.

Land Agent's Report.

- Cambridge Station yard. Omnibuses and cabs. Proposed scale of charges. Omnibuses, 5/6d weekly; Cabs, flies, 2/6d weekly. Gate to be erected at far end. Brentwood station yard. Omnibuses, Mr. Moule of the "White Hart" to pay £15 per annum for omnibus and a fly. Colchester Station yard. Mr. Salter of the "Cups" Hotel now agrees to pay £50 per annum rental for omnibuses and flies. ECRy to protect him.
- Estate Tickets, concessions:-
North Woolwich and Ferry - 15th August 1859. Romford - 3rd November 1859. Park - 20th April 1859. Enfield - 25th March 1859. Waltham - 8th October 1858. Broxbourne - 12th June 1858.
Resolved that absolute date of expiry be as follows (p.126):-
North Woolwich and Ferry - 14th August (to cease). Romford - 2nd November 1859. Park - 19th April 1859.
Enfield - 24th March 1859. Waltham - 7th October 1858. Broxbourne - 23rd June 1858.
All concessions then to cease.

Chairman's Report.

- Mistley. Mr. Free seeking extension of goods shed. Siding also a short siding at end of Quay Tramway. Agreed at £30 maximum.
- Haddiscoe ferry house to be a Public and a new cottage built for ferry porter. Tenant of house refuses to move out. Legal notice of quit to be given.
- Ipswich. Enquiry office to be moved to north east corner of goods shed to remove the danger of the public crossing the line. Entrance door to face the station yard. (p.127)
- Lowestoft. Chief goods clerk to receive an increase of £10 per annum. (2¼d weekly?). Box in market for fish invoices, clerk on Sunday work to receive ½ days pay extra. Telegraph clerk required.
- Baldock. Coal booths to be repaired, weigh bridge to be installed. Wooden stable at east end required next to permanent way shed.
- Gas. Royston Company to be requested to quote for a supply at 6/- per 1000 cu. ft. Loading dock brickwork in need of repairs, cross-over required and waiting room also needs repairs.
- Meldreth. Siding to be extended.
- Shepreth. A coal booth required also at Baldock station.
- Foxton. Roadway required to by-pass goods shed. Land is the property of a College. Booking office to be enlarged. (p.129)
- Harston. Road through goods shed to become a platform with additional siding. Mr. Smith's flour rate to be 8/- a ton from 9/6d per ton.
- Cambridge. Ladies' waiting room. Gentlemen's 2nd class to be converted with water closets.
- Longstanton. Goods shed road to become a platform.
- Huntingdon. Road in goods shed to be used to extend goods platform; Wooden stable to be erected, engine not to be kept in goods shed and Mr. Jocelyn to occupy the station house.
- Chatteris Dock. Grain shed. Sparrow nuisance to be stopped, old sacks to be cleared out and a shed with fireplace to be erected for the overnight bargemen.
- Thuxton. Goods yard to be cleaned up for traffic.
- Wymondham. Down platform moveable barrier at east and west ends as ticket stops. Stables to be moved to the east end of the goods shed and shipping office to be glazed.
- Norwich Thorpe. Old slaughter house to be let.
- Roads Trustees. Seal of the ECRy to be attached to Power of Attorney to enable Mr. Hedley of Cambridge to vote on behalf of the ECRy Co regarding the state of the roads in Impington area adjoining Histon station.
- St Ives. £5 gratuity to relieving clerk Cole for his expenses while acting as relieving clerk.

14th April 1858

Horatio Love - Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Blackwall. River bed. Authorities concerned to be consulted for approval.
- GPO coach alterations required. Raise roofs 10 inches, fittings also required, four coaches at cost of £120 total.
- Cambridge. Ladies Waiting Rooms alterations to cost £145 but Mr. Sinclair proposed not using Gentlemen's 2nd Class Waiting Room, saving £85. This was approved.
- Chairs. (Permanent Way) 300 tons required. Ransome & Sims at £4.17.6 per ton proposed.
- Bow - Barking Branch. (page 136) Long statement regarding 1854 Agreement and the London, Tilbury & Southend Railway (Extension Branches Act 1856) and queries on rate fixing. Distance in miles from Tilbury line not known. Distance in miles along the Tilbury line to Forest Gate Junction. (ECRy) Distance along Blackwall line from the new junction to Bow junction. Does the 1854 Agreement cover the working of Local trains over the B&B [*Bow & Barking?*] branch between Fenchurch Street and Barking and whether the same rates apply per mile run as for the rest of the Tilbury line trains. Resolved Mr. Maynard (ECRy solicitor) to advise ECRy of the rates. Mr. Kennell to ascertain the mileages and Mr. Sinclair to base accounts on the 1854 Agreement pro.tem.
- Peterborough, Coal Supply. Prior & Shaw contract. 12/- per ton contractor wagons. (Locomotive coal, page 137) Next 12 months, Messrs. Prior & Coote have tendered at 11/9 per ton (Best Portland Hards). Both accepted. Coke supply. 200 tons weekly for 12 months. Messrs Prior from North Bitchburn & Etherley at 21/7½d per ton.
- LNWRy now withdrawn agencies at Cambridge and Bury.
- Works. Brick Lane, some Granary repairs; Baldock Goods Shed glass blown out in gale. Brundall and Buckenham, lock-ups required.
- North of Europe Co. at Lowestoft, vessel moorings charges due £104.16.5
- Yarmouth, icehouse. Scale of charges approved.
- Sexton's Barrel Claim. (31st March 1858) ECRy won the case and Mr. Sexton now sentenced to three months imprisonment for shoplifting!
- Bakers claim for £85.12.6 flour lost in Chappel collision on 10th March [*1858?*]. ECRy has sold recovered flour for £45.12.0, thus losing £40.8.0. [*sic*]
- Liverpool. Fish Cargo sent to Birmingham in error. Sold by LNWRy, but several claims are pending.
- Coal Traffic. City of London.

GNRy	_____ 51700 tons	(40560)	1858	
LNWRy	_____ 42246 tons	(35619)	1858	
ECRy	_____ 7435 tons	(8804)	1858	
GWRy	_____ 6070 tons	(4769)	1858	
SWRy	_____ 2033 tons	-	1858	
SERY	_____ 1916 tons	-	1858	
LBSCRy	_____ 282 tons	-	1858	

Bracketed figures are for 1857.

- Grain Rates, fens area, reduced to 10/- per ton.
- Essex Agricultural Show. No venue or date given, but usual rates etc. were agreed.
- Potatoes. Nine sacks wrongly delivered to Mr. Watson. This case goes back to 11th November 1857. ECRy won the case.
- Bookstalls contract. Smith, Holmes & Co. sending parcels free to stations without a bookstall. Proceedings pending for the ECRy.
- Gunpowder. Packed in with goods by Messrs. Catchpool of Colchester. Apology received from that company.
- Lowestoft Harbour. French Vice-Consul applying for half harbour dues for French fishing boats. Declined.
- Cartage, Harlestone [*Harleston?*] & Bungay. Contractor in neglect, ECRy to take over.
- "Blossom's Inn", SWRy Co. tenancy expires in June 1858. Rent of £300 to be increased.
- Romford Lime Works. ECRy equipment to be sold.
- Claims, ending 10th April totalled £97.19.1 gross.

Secretary's Report:

- Coke Contracts. Mr. Shaw in default, passed contract to Mr. Fawcay (West Hartlepool) but Committee will not accept this, and Mr. Shaw must continue to supply.
- Season Tickets. (page 140) Mr. Ransome of Ipswich paid £60 for 12 months, Ipswich to London. His claim for a rebate was refused as "not in the terms".
- Newmarket Agricultural Show. July 1858. Superintendent to arrange usual facilities.
- Halesworth & Haddiscoe. Notice of temporary closure for permanent way work to be given for 31st May, road coaches to work the traffic. ECRy to subsidise, if necessary.

- Colchester Asylum. 23rd January 1850 arrangement for Officers to travel to London at half-fare. Secretary to ascertain reasons for this concession.
- LNWRy. Cheap fares to Peterborough stopped on 5th April.
- Cambridge. (page 147) Refreshment Rooms, Mr. Edlin (tenant) is charging 1d. for a glass of water. Committee disapprove.
- Injury Claims £108.19.0. Lost Property £26.15.6.
- Victoria Dock Company. Siding required at Victoria Dock Junction.
- Rye House. Wall required to back platform.
- Hadleigh Branch. Auxiliary signals required to be operated from Bentley Junction.
- Bishopsgate. 2nd Class Waiting-Room to be decorated. New hearthrug & Kamtulycon [*sic*] provided. (What was this? HEJ) [*Kamptulicon was a type of floor cloth, made from india rubber, gutta percha and cork, mounted on canvas BJJ*]
- Cambridge station yard. Previous decisions of 31st March 1858 (Land Agent's Report, Part 1) upheld.
- Bishopsgate. Deputy Stationmaster, Mr. Coveney, to be Stationmaster at £150 per annum.
- Timetable. Display frames required for all stations. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Norwich Market Day. Fares from Harlestone [*Harleston?*] and intermediately. Fare and one quarter. (Single + ¼ ? HEJ) An extra train to run on Saturdays.

Chairman's Report:

- East Suffolk Company. Halesworth. A goods counting house required in warehouse, also an Enquiry Office & a Ladies Waiting-Room.
- Waveney Swing Bridge. Too narrow for the traffic (rail or river?) and the iron supports should be 12" wide on each side. For ESRy Co.
- Norwich. (page 151) Various minor matters, stables etc. minuted.
- Chelmsford. Gas lighting for the stables.
- Yarmouth. Goods counting house to be extended on west side. Entrance for public to Enquiry Office with counter south end of shed for fish loading with three doors on west side. North end of platform to be extended to second iron column right hand side and roof covering made. Copying press to be installed. River to be dredged. Office alterations to one large room. (page 152) Various alterations minuted. Shipping box with desk on the quay. Corporation to be approached for permission.
- Norwich Thorpe. New furniture required. Mr. Robertson.
- Marks Tey. Waiting-Room cocoa-nut [*sic*] matting; Ladies Room, two rugs & chairs required. A lock-up 10' square at west end of station near Waiting Rooms required.
- Bishopsgate. Through crossing on arrival side at end of shed to be moved back and shortened to give more room between the points. Siding on down line 3 from main line to be used for carriages during summer season. Handrail up the centre of Woolwich steps to be added and a gaslight fixed at the bottom.
- Stratford. Board for the display of fares to Bishopsgate & Fenchurch Street to be erected. Water Lane to have two gas lamps; on the "down" end of each platform.
- Loughton Branch. All station platforms to have ramps at the ends down to ballast level.
- Barking Road. Handrail to stairs. Gas lamp at the ends of the platforms and a barrier at the end of the "up" side.
- Norwich. Mr. Morgan, a brewer, seeking to join a drain into the ECRy's drain.
- Custom House, Victoria Dock foot crossing. Mr. Waterson asking for a cart crossing.
- Gas supply at Brandon for residents, not possible. (ECRy)
- Eastern Union Railway Co. Finningham (Refer 31st March 1858) lime & coal shed. Mr. Cobbold had given Mr. Brown permission to erect a shed on the ECRy's land!! Mr. Cobbold quite insistent on Mr. Brown's rights. (EURy Co. land) Not permitted! Also dispute over the land required for the Stationmaster's house, again Mr. Cobbold!
- Cherry Hinton Lime Works. If the kilns are removed elsewhere then the ECRy to lengthen the siding.
- Bishopsgate, Woolwich side Refreshment Rooms. Mr Bale, tenant, at £20 per annum.
- Ordnance Factory Station. 11.30 p.m. train to call from 1st May and access for loading & unloading carts to be made.

Monday 19th April 1858

East Suffolk Committee Horatio Love - Chairman

Business: Draft Agreement for operations; (pages 157 - 159) two further meetings on 22nd April and Monday 26th April. No details given in any form of the Agreement. (HEJ)

28th April 1858

Horatio Love - Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Mistley. Goods shed siding to cost £55. Committee sanction £30 only for shorter siding.
- Harston. 25 truck siding to cost £375. Committee agree to £100 only for shorter siding.
- Haddiscoe. (page 161) New siding for spoil bank at New Cut Junction to receive spoil from Yar. [*Yarmouth?*] line.
- Sudbury. Mr. Allen's siding, one mile in length, cost £1948. Mr. Allen to pay half at start and half on completion.
- Newmarket cattle-pens. Cost of replacement £50.
- Thurston. Station platforms in dangerous condition. The piles are rotten. Cost £120.
- Lowestoft. Wharf with No. 2 coal hoist dangerous. Cost of repairs, £100.0.0.
- Manea, skew bridge. Renewal. Contract to Tracey at £1781 agreed.
- Tottenham old bridge. 14 tons of scrap iron to Mr. Beardmore at £50.0.0.
- Broxbourne. Old cast iron girders at £50 to Water Lane also for Mr. Beardmore.
- Victoria Docks, old sleepers. 2000 at £2 per hundred sold to Mr. Capper. "Blackwall", old Lowestoft barge, used in repair of Woolwich Pier, to be sold for £15.0.0.
- Accounts paid. Messrs. Forman & Co. for new rails £5000. Sir W. Burnett for hydraulic gear £115.0.0.

Manager's Report:

- Special train Wells to Fakenham for installation of telegraph cost £2.16.6 (page 163)
- Bramford Lime Works. Shunting by Mr. Mason at 16/- weekly, agreed.
- Devonshire Street. New weighbridge to be installed.
- Claim by Messrs Prior for coal lost at Brundall collision. ECRy has sold some for £10.9.0 and used the rest. Claim agreed at £19.5.9.
- London & Hertford Goods Traffic (via GNRy). Proposal for revenue sharing forwarded to the Railway Clearing House.
- Bramford Lime Works siding. Crossover to down main line required.
- LNWRy Co. notifying end of Pickford's agency for them at Norwich (on 24th). Also again pressing for the grain traffic ex-Peterborough to Victoria Dock, Blackwell & Barking Road. Refused.
- Claim by Mr. Barnard for injuries to a horse at Newmarket. ECRy's solicitor advises payment as their liability to £50.0.0.
- General goods claims to £80.15.5 paid.
- Christ's Hospital, Hertford. Half-fare concession to continue.
- Stratford. Fireman moved engine out of coke bay, without Signalman's permission. Loss of one week's pay.
- Fakenham. Driver Smith refused to take out 29 trucks causing one hours delay. Fined one weeks pay.
- Sundry convictions, some not proven and a bullock killed at St. Ives on the 12th.
- Bishopsgate cabstand. Mr. Stapleton to have a fly in the yard to meet trains.
- Winchmore Hill Omnibuses. Agreed equal share of all 1st Class through fares.
- Incident on 11.10 p.m. down Eastern Union Goods at Marks Tey on 23rd April. Locomotive tube burst. Driver and Fireman scalded.

Secretary's Report:

- Board of Trade. Cheap Trains, 3rd Class carriages must be improved.
- Royston gas asking £20 for the main supply pipe. £10 to be offered.
- New River Company cutting off the supply to Broxbourne station, subject to increased rental of £3 per annum plus meter charge of 15% on costs. Agreed to comply.
- Barking Extension. Report of meeting with the Tilbury Co. [*LTSRy*] (not shewn) and Mr. Sinclair to provide the first locomotive A/C [*account?*] as per the Act & Agreement.
- LNWRy state that the turntable & water-crane at Peterborough need repairs. Question of liability was raised.
- Colchester Asylum, the fare concessions withdrawn.
- Chappel residents seeking reinstatement of Mr. Brown, late Stationmaster. Refused.
- Braintree Stationmaster dismissed for cash irregularities.
- Claim by Colonel Napier. Landslips at Chitts Hill Farm, (his property) Lexden, [*Colchester*]. A dispute on the line of route. ECRy's agent to meet the Colonel's agent, onsite.

Chairman's Report:

- Norwich Staff (wages) [*increase?*]
 - Foreman Neave 2/- to 23/- per week.
 - Lad Wright _ 2/- to 6/- per week.

Clerk Evans _ 2/- to 12/- per week.

Ticket Collector Hayden 2/- to 23/- per week.

- Bulford station in an untidy state. Staff changed.
- Trowse station. (Norfolk Co.) [NRy] Piece of land required lying between main line & branch. Property of ECRy and not for sale as surplus land.
- Victoria station. [Norwich?] Roadway in goods shed to be lowered, also track-beds to be made with macadamised stone.
- Dereham. Seat for the Refreshment Room; Lamp Room to be converted to a Porter's Room; a new Lamp Room to be built near water tank. 10-ton coal bin to be provided, end of down line. (page 174) Various other small changes to be made.
- Wells & Fakenham line. Platform at Fakenham to be lengthened by 20 yards. Walsingham has no water. This to be laid on immediately.
- Bures Stationmaster to receive increase of £8 to £60 per annum.
- Braintree. Siding for the coal incline and new fencing.
- Woodford Branch. Low Leyton - 26 yards fencing. Leytonstone - fencing required. Snaresbrook - light at end of road; wicket-gate at top of steps to the road & extension of "down" platform. George Lane - a water supply and "down" platform alterations. Woodford - fencing & gate; both platforms extended. Buckhurst Hill - water supply & fencing; "down" platform extension. Loughton - rustic fencing, to end of wall at turntable; also on west side of Outer Yard. Both platforms to be extended, coke stage removed and Waiting Rooms decorated. Coal pits at stations as required. Mr. Sinclair to cost a coal & goods yard at Loughton.
- Gatehouses. Extra room to be provided. Hertford mentioned as necessary.
- Hertford & Welwyn Ry. Requesting season tickets available by the GNRy or the ECRy. Committee against such a proposal.
- Gosling's Apparatus for communication between Driver and Guard, 12 coach train at cost of £25 each, Mr. Sinclair.
- Whittlesea [Whittlesey] gas supply. Mr. Sinclair to enquire.
- Passes ((Free) to Mr. J. Garrod & Mr. Dalton, Directors of the Stour Valley Railway. (Marks Tey to Sudbury only.)
- Witham. Manure pit to be made of old bricks or sleepers.
- Broxbourne Goods Warehouse, Foreman Porter Wright to give £100 security to ECRy for permission to receive money. ECRy to pay premium.
- Complaints against cab drivers. Superintendent to enquire.
- Lynn. (page 178) Room of stables as a lock-up & other alterations. Wisbeach [Wisbech] similar.
- Marks Tey. Platforms in need of repairs.
- Romford. Waiting Rooms to be recanvassed, repapered and blinds fitted to the windows. Repairs to Toilets, & Booking Office to be decorated.
- Sudbury. Goods Office to be built on east side of Warehouse, rustic fence erected from entrance gate to Booking Office; platform lengthened. Stationmaster to receive £120 per annum.

12th May 1858

Horatio Love - Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Mistley extra siding. (see 20th April [sic] [1858?]) not possible as ECRy does not own the land.
- Timetable Frames, 3/6 each. 100 to be made for principal stations.
- Loughton. Coal & goods depot to cost £382. To Joint Committee.
- Accounts due for work done: Rothwell & Co. Locomotive engines £2500. W. Hill, renewal of Setch bridge £600. Messrs. Forman & Co. on account 4000 tons of new rails, £4000. Bennett & Son, renewal of Elsenham Bank Bridge, £350. All to be paid.
- Old engine (tank) (No details, HEJ) Sold to Messrs. Olgilvie [sic] £400.

Superintendent's Report:

- Wisbeach. [Wisbech] Booking Clerk dismissed.
- Lynn Harbour Junction. Branch semaphore signal required.
- Ipswich - Harwich Steam Boats, monthly seasons at 7/- to be available? Deferred.
- Day Returns to Norwich via Bury not to be available on return via Colchester.
- Sundry convictions for pocket-picking, stone throwing, trespass, assault and fare-dodging. No sentences quoted.
- Fatal accident to the Reverend Brooks, walking on the line between Prickwillow & Ely on 27th April [1858?]. Also to Mr. Boothby, a grocer, at Mile End station on ? He fell on the stairs, was sent to hospital, discharged himself and died

later. Carriage-cleaner J. Scanlon at Bishopsgate on the 10th. (No details) and Signalman Brailsford at Ponders End on the 9th.

- Walking on the Line. Gossett Hill Esq. Of Dorrington House, near Harlow, former ECRy Chairman, holds a permit for himself, family & servants, to walk the line at Harlow. All permits to be withdrawn. Stationmaster's to enforce this order.
- Carriage Attendant, Mr. Lovitt, of Bishopsgate, was removed for breach of regulations. He then resigned, and then sought reinstatement. Made Inspector at Mile End.
- Halesworth - Haddiscoe line. A coach to run to & from Haddiscoe to meet two trains each way. Mr. Newman to collect fares and pay £10 weekly to ECRy. If over £15 per week, the subsidy will be reduced.
- North London [NLRy] & LTSRy. Traffic, via Stepney. Four trains per hour to meet the LTSRy trains. ECRy's interests as follows:

NLRy stations - Tilbury - Barking

1st Class

Company ___	Single	Day
NLRy _____	3d . 33	5d . 50
ECRy _____	1d . 90	3d . 167
Blackwall___	1d . 90	3d . 167
LTSRy_____	10d . 90	18d . 166
Through fares	18d . 00	30d . 000

2nd Class

Company ___	Single	Day
NLRy _____	2d . 200	3d . 66
ECRy _____	1d . 267	2d . 11
Blackwall___	1d . 267	2d . 11
LTSRy_____	7d . 266	12d . 12
Through fares	12d . 000	20d . 00

NLRy stations - Southend & intermediately

1st Class

Company ___	Single	Day
NLRy _____	5d . 775	9d . 625
ECRy _____	3d . 325	5d . 542
Blackwall___	3d . 325	5d . 542
LTSRy_____	29d . 575	49d . 291
Through fares	42d . 000	70d . 000

2nd Class

Company ___	Single	Day
NLRy _____	4d . 125	6d . 875
ECRy _____	2d . 375	3d . 958
Blackwall___	2d . 375	3d . 958
LTSRy_____	21d . 125	35d . 209
Through fares	30d . 000	50d . 000

Manager's Report:

- Various staff misdemeanours. (page 186)
- Toll Notices. Revised list required for the Norfolk line.
- Victoria Docks. A Clerk's hut is required.
- Loading Gauges. Cost £3.4.0 each for new issue. 47 to be repaired, £2 each. Resolved: 30 new issues, Manager to place them; and repair others as required.
- Swaffham. Goods shed roof needs repairs.
- Yarmouth. A twelve-truck fish shed is required; the platform needs repairs and covering at the north end.
- Claims, various. (page 188) Randall for £94.10.0 settled. Malt wrongly delivered & sold for £90, contractor also paying £2.5.0, leaving a loss of £2.5.0. (page 189) Corbett for £35 damage to a salt truck, November last. Wagon lying at Stratford. Mr. Sinclair to examine & report. General goods claims £91.9.6.
- Cattle Traffic. LNWRy enquiring re. movement over North London Ry. [NLRy] instead of off-loading at Tottenham. Resolved: No change.
- Coal Traffic to London.

GNRy _____	39572 tons	47248
LNWRy _____	32639 tons	35668
ECRy _____	7696 tons	6536

GWRy _____	6380 tons	3798
HWRy _____	404 tons	-
LTSRy _____	137 tons	-
_____	(1858)	(1857)

- Norwich Agricultural Show. 18th June. Usual rates and concessions to apply.
- Stratford parcels. ECRy changing from Raven to a Mr. Hobart, recommended.
- Thorpe station granary. [*Norwich, or Thorpe-le-Soken?*] Messrs. Delaine & Magnay occupying one whole room. Land agent to fix the rent.
- Halesworth - Haddiscoe line. Mr. Sawyer to cart the goods at £10 weekly. Also with Mr. Barkway to cart the Beccles goods at 4d per cwt. whilst the line is closed for trackwork.
- Harwich. Mr. Wythe's ballast wagons on the quay from 16-10-1857 to 6-4-1858, to be charged 1/6 per week for each wagon.
- Mr. Button, Goods Clerk at Brick Lane to be Stationmaster at Buckenham.

Secretary's Report:

- Colchester Asylum. Letter from the Secretary, re. ordinary fares and in appreciation of past concessions.
- Dr Reilly's claim for medical attention to some platelayers, recently hurt. Mr. Sinclair to report.

Chairman's Report:

- West Ham Board of Health seeking to lay a temporary drain into the sewer at Maryland Point Bridge, to pass water only. Agreed on the usual conditions.
- Romford Coal Stalls in need of repair. To be removed and a chalk bed laid under the coal shoots. [*sic*]
- Brentwood. Old District Superintendent's Room to be the Ladies Waiting Room with four chairs and oak-colour wainscoting.
- Cambridge. Mr. Sayle's men making a short-cut, to his yard. via the station yard. To be stopped!
- Lakenheath. Booking Office improvements. Toilet to be a Lamp Room and a new toilet at west end of station.
- Harling Road. Six chairs & a hearthrug for Ladies Waiting Room. Goods shed platform extended. Office decorated. Mr. Sinclair to report on the siding accommodation.
- Colchester Goods Office. Alterations authorised.
- Lowestoft stores shed to be let at approximately £40 per annum. Fence to be erected at the south to the Passenger Shed.
- Yarmouth, staff wages:
 - Hall _____ to 21/- weekly.
 - Smith _____ to 17/- weekly.
 - Cotton to _____ 17/- weekly.
 - Lavington _____ to 25/- weekly.
 - Hargreaves _____ to 21/- weekly.
- Read & Jeffreys to be Icemen & Fishloaders at 16/- per week. Foul weather jackets & overalls to be issued to Mr. Moseley's list.
- Reedham. Toilets to be improved.
- Ipswich. Mr. Packard's siding now urgent. (page 195) Ipswich Docks Co.'s permission required for commencement.
- Bishopsgate summer traffic. Six Porters needed on departure side. Agreed, but to be permanent staff.
- Stratford cottages. Some alterations required.
- Norwich. Fakenham special train delayed 1¼ hours due to Locomotive & Coaching Departments lack of communications. Mr. Sinclair to take action.
- Market Tickets. (page 197) To be issued from Diss, Needham & Newmarket to Bury at single and one half fare.
- River Lark Navigation. Lease expires on 1st January 1859. £500 per annum. For Manager.
- Diss. Various sundry works, smoking chimney, decorating.
- Hethersett Bank. A pilot engine is required. Station House to be a telegraph station; the E.T. Co. [*Electric Telegraph Co.?*] to supply. (page 198)
- Buckenham. Station House & Booking Office need repairs & decorating.

21st & 22nd May 1858

Directors Visit Down the Line - Report

Via Romford, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Witham, Colchester, Manningtree and Harwich. With Mr. Owen, Mr. Robertson & Mr. Sinclair in attendance.

- Chelmsford. Public using the station yard as a short cut. Bar or gate to be erected at both ends, with notice boards.
- Wrabness. Two cottages required at level crossing.

- Harwich. Pier tramway deferred, the pier being in need of repairs. The land rights with the Corporation were discussed, the last payment having been made in May 1856, (£19540 out of £30000) since when the Corporation had asked for nothing! Secretary to report later on the matter to the Directors.
- (Very interesting piece. Long statement.) Ipswich. (By boat from Harwich to Woodbridge) Inspection of the work on the Woodbridge extension, including the junction with the ESRy. Station sites inspected, but neither Mr. Jocelyn (Director), nor Mr. Cobbold Jnr. (?) knew the exact location. The Maltings was suggested. However, some men digging foundations possessed a plan, but the Directors were puzzled. Why should they visit the place to make a decision, if the site was already fixed? Apparently, the Eastern Union [EURy] Directors had chosen the site! The walls of the passenger station and the goods shed were already built! The Works Foreman pointed out the Eastern Union land, the plan showing several lines of rails & sidings & cattle pens, (partly built). One set of rails in the goods shed and carriage docks were also being laid. Mr. Sinclair knew nothing of all this. (It then appeared that Mr. Jocelyn was on the Boards of both companies, as Mr. Love complained of the “farce” of a visit, directly to Mr. Jocelyn.)
- (Friday) The party stayed in Ipswich overnight. On Saturday morning, together with Mr. Bidder, Mr. Cobbold Snr. M.P. and Mr. Jocelyn, the party went to the north portal of the tunnel to inspect the land held by the Corporation and the Eastern Union Railway. [EURy] The land on the town side down to the River Stort (Stour) is ECRy property. The land from the line to the bridge carrying the tramway over the River Stort (Stour) is also ECRy property. The tramway from the bridge to the bridge (New Road) is Corporation property, with an agreement with the EURy to lease them the land for 46 years. From New Road Bridge to the Town Bridge (at docks) is EURy land on a 75 years lease from the Corporation; and the New Road to the Corn Market and the New Bridge are EURy-built. Mr. Cobbold stated that a new station, north of the tunnel, would involve some Corporation land. The party then proceeded to Norwich via Stowmarket.
- Finningham. The site of Mr. Brown’s coal shed was fixed by agreement as close to the carriage dock.
- Norwich. Various improvements inspected.
- Yarmouth. Suggested sites for improvements inspected including the twelve-truck Fish Shed. The party then returned to London via the Eastern Union Railway [EURy] and Colchester.

26th May 1858

Horatio Love - Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Accounts due. For works done. Lynn office extensions, C. Bennett £59.9.0. A. Tracey, Beggars Bridge £1000.0.0. Rothwell of Bolton, Loco. Eng. [*Locomotive Engineer?*] £2000 (on account).

Superintendent's Report:

- Fatal accident to Horse Shunter Sparrow and the horse at Stowmarket on 22nd May. Special coal train, Peterborough to Ipswich, was telegraphed from Bury to Ipswich, but the shunter continued working. Seven children to be supported, pro tem, and funeral expenses paid. Resolved also that all goods trains stop at Stowmarket, and that all Stationmasters stop shunting when extra trains are due.
- Halesworth - Haddiscoe line was closed 19th May for trackwork.
- Several convictions were minuted as usual. (page 208)
- Dummy carriages. Empty space now limited to one compartment next to the engine.
- Woolwich & Victoria Docks service. Some trains to run via Bromley on the new branch to Barking.
- North London - Woodford. Through bookings via Victoria Park. NLRy fares added to the Stratford & Woodford fares. ECRy to receive 1d per passenger single and 1½d per passenger return.

Manager's Report:

- Sudbury. Goods yard gates to be repaired. Denver: cover to weighing machine required & East Winch a goods shed required. Huntingdon. Mr. Langton asking for a sawpit at £1.0.0 and promising to despatch the timber by rail. Agreed.
- Garrett’s implements. Brick Lane warehouse. Owing £12.4.1, but Garretts claim weather damage. Mr. Moseley to settle on best terms.
- Colonel Whitmore of Shornecliffe Camp claiming £51 for damage to goods at Hythe. Mr. Moseley to offer £10.0.0.
- Coal traffic at Lynn. Horse required to place wagons under Prior’s coal drop. Not in contract, to be charged. (page 212) Several claims to be settled before end of half-year.
- Goods Receiving Houses. Notices for sixty to be framed and displayed.
- Sheep pen repairs at Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*], Norwich Victoria.
- Lowestoft harbour. Fishing boats to clear nets before coming to the quays, and to leave the quays after discharging their catch. Six more salt sheds required. Mr. Sykes to place a machine on the south side of the Inner Harbour for tarring fishing nets. Bond Shed (disused), part to be used for Sailors Society meetings. “Jargen Raheef” towed to

London by Captain Daniells. ECRy to be paid £250 and costs, Admiralty Court Order. Captain Daniells to have a free pass for Lowestoft - Haddiscoe.

- Somersham. Barn, ECRy property. Messrs. Knights of Earith seeking to rent. Land Agent to fix rent.
- Lynn harbour. Messrs. Forge's boat with load of fish, first time, charges 30/-.
- Coal traffic at Ware. Messrs. Hunt & Wood require more accommodation.
- Victoria Dock. GNRy to collect terminal charge of 2/6 via ECRy. Agreed, an account for same to opened by Accounts Clerk.
- Sudbury. Mr. Allen's closed siding. Executors willing to use rail transit if siding is reopened. For Superintendent.
- Goods Claims £156.13.9.
- "Blossoms Inn", Milk Street. Revision of goods charges.
- Oats. Messrs. Bovill & Co. offering 500 Qtrs. at 23/9 per Qtr. Messrs Sturdy Bros. 850 Qtrs. at 23/9 per Qtr. Agreed to purchase 425 Qtrs. At 23/9 and 425 Qtrs. At 23/6. Vendor not minuted.

Chairman's Report:

- Coaching Stock. Required for the East Suffolk line, [ESRy] September next, and the Woodford line. The Woodford line is worked to Bishopsgate & Fenchurch Street using 60 carriages. Mr. Sinclair to contract for 40 Composite and 20 Third Class carriages.
- Messrs Brett & Co. asking for shareholders addresses for them to circularise the prospectus of a new steam-ship company for a Harwich - Rotterdam service. Refused.
- Ponders End. Signalman Brailsford's widow to receive 10/- weekly and funeral expenses paid.
- Finningham. Goods Shed doors in need of repair and interior to be whitewashed.
- Kelvedon. Signal lamps in poor condition.

3rd June 1858 Special Meeting

Norfolk Agricultural Association. Lord Sondes, Lord Walsingham & Lieutenant Colonel Ashley seeking advantageous concessions over the Royal Agricultural Society. Politely refused.

3rd, 4th & 5th June 1858 Directors' visit to the East Suffolk Lines.

Mr. Owen & Mr. Robertson in attendance. Mr. Sinclair joined the party at Lowestoft. (Long statement) 4.30 p.m. Express to Ipswich on Thursday 3rd thence to Woodbridge by road. Next morning (4th) followed the route of the East Suffolk line, inspecting station sites etc. Stopped at Milton where the line crosses the turnpike. Foreman stated that double track was to be laid with only one bridge unfinished, five miles north of Woodbridge. At seven miles from Woodbridge an embankment at Four Cross-roads. Ballast was being laid here. At Campsey Ash the station was partly built & rails down. At Snape are Messrs. Garrett & Sons works. Halesworth new station inspected. Some improvements suggested, including extension of goods shed platform. The party then proceeded to Lowestoft for the night. Evening trip, in a tug, to inspect repairs etc. in the harbour area. Next morning, 5th, the party boarded the tug again for inspection of coke ovens, graving dock and other properties. Three North of Europe Co's. steamboats still lying near the partly dismantled factory, men were breaking-up machinery! (Comments follow on the sorry state of affairs, as to who owns the land in the Lake Lothing area, not even the ECRy Directors.) A meadow to the north of the fish manure factory may be ECRy property, but nobody knows. An investigation is suggested regarding the whole area! Upon return, a train took the party to Norwich, stopping at Mutford Lock, to inspect the site of the junction with the East Suffolk line and several bridges under repair. At Norwich station, improvements were noted, especially to the goods station, including the offices. Granary improvements were noted with approval. Leaving Norwich, the party proceeded over the Dereham, Wells & Fakenham branches, stopping at Dereham and Fakenham. At Wells, two Directors (Mr. Southgate and Mr. Kearey) of the Wells - Fakenham Ry. accompanied the party to the quay, to look at the improvements. Return to London was via Wymondham, Brandon, Ely, (stop) & Cambridge (stop) arriving at 8.00 p.m. on the 5th June.

9th June 1858

Horatio Love - Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Elsenham. Mr. Bennett to construct a brick culvert.
- Old barges, Nos. 11 & 13, lying at Lowestoft, sold to Mr. Hobrough at £15 each. (pag 227)
- Carriage wheels, 60 sets at £34 per set from Lloyds, Foster & Co. who would take scrap iron at £4.10.0 per ton.
- Coal for pumping engines, hoist engines & steamboats. Staveley or South Yorkshire Nuts (PENG [*sic, in margin*]) 9/3 ton at 30/40 tons weekly. Staveley Hards or Cobbles 11/8 ton at 25/30 tons weekly for hoist engines and the same at 11/8 ton for 20/30 tons weekly, for steamboats. Cootes. Clay Cross Smalls (PENG) at 7/9 ton, 30/40 tons weekly.

Good steam coal 9/- ton at 25/30 tons weekly. (HENG) Graps Moor Hards 12/- ton at 20/30 tons weekly. Priors. Priors preferred to Cootes.

- Stratford Running Department. Mr. Sinclair not satisfied with Mr. Pudan (?), the Foreman, and asking for approval of change. Mr. John Bullock to take charge, at £2.15.0 per week. Committee approved.
- Accounts due. W. Forman for 4000 tons rails, on account £3000. Approved for payment.
- Works completed report. (Two pages) 47 bridges renewed - repaired, with 184 separate openings, 21 of which have been closed. Reedham & Somerleyton swing bridges almost completed (repairs) and Setch Bridge at Lynn has one track open for traffic. (Hills of London at £1907). Timber Viaduct at Ely is repaired.

Locomotive Superintendent's Report:

- Manea Bridge. 90 ft. trusses required, Mr. Tracey of March at £1781, well underway. Estrea, Beggars Bridge. Timber also contracted to Mr. Tracey at £4096, one line open, the other almost ready. St Ives branch, two bridges flood damage repaired. Ipswich, three-opening bridge over River Gipping on the Dock branch, entirely renewed. Sawbridgeworth, a seven-opening bridge over the River Stort renewed as a four-opening bridge. Elsenham, a seven-opening viaduct reduced to a one-opening of brick, Mr. Bennett of Lynn at £610. (Permanent Way) Eight miles of single track re-laid completely - Harlow, Bishops Stortford, Ilford, Newport, Audley End, Chesterford, Cambridge, Ely, Peterborough and Hethersett. Work required to be done: two skew bridges, Ely - Brandon approximately £3000. Ely Bridge approximately £1500. Reedham overline bridge renewal/repairs approximately £350. These to be done in the summer season as urgent. Committee - next meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

- Artificial leg worn out. Mr. Stone, London Booking Office, who lost a leg in the Company's work, needs a new artificial leg, £5.
- Park Estate. Concessionary tickets (Season) to continue for three years. £10.10.0 1st Class. £8.8.0 2nd Class from 19th April
- Occurrences. Platelayer Raven found dead on the line, near Kelvedon on the 26th May. Horsebox (empty) derailed on the 11.00 a.m. Up Norwich near Colchester on 26th May.
- Several convictions minuted.
- Yarmouth Pilots. Fares at Parliamentary rate on the Mail train by 2nd Class.
- Ipswich - Harwich steamboat service. First three days of Whitsun week, 1728 fares.
- Harwich - Landguard Fort. Troops carried at 6d each.
- Brampton & Claydon to be telegraph stations. E.T.Co. [*Electric Telegraph Co.?*] to supply equipment.
- Work to be done. Marks Tey Lamp room, a brick floor. Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Booking Office screen, wells to be deepened, carriage dock raised and Office repairs.

Manager's Report:

- Peterborough. 10 ton crane required on the wharf.
- Brandon. Weighing machine incorrect. ECRy fined 2/6d. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Grain, Fakenham - Goole via Wells, not Lynn. Mr. Moseley to endeavour to bring traffic back to Lynn.
- Coal Traffic to London.

GNRy	_____	52049 tons	52721 tons	
LNWRy	_____	45738 tons	48630 tons	
ECRy	_____	7174 tons	9864 tons	
GWRy	_____	5531 tons	4112 tons	
Br&SCRy	__	104 tons	-	[<i>LBSCRy?</i>]
Year	_____	(1858)	(1857)	
- Various sundry claims. (page 237)
- East Suffolk Railway. [*ESRy*] Mr. Peto applying for two old carriages for the workmen's travel use. Agreed at a suitable charge. Mr. Moseley.
- Fruit Traffic. Glut in Kent, this year. Rates to be reduced. Chairman & Manager.
- Goods claims £79.0.1. Old gig lying at Newmarket, Barrow Bridge, sold for £4.
- Halesworth - Haddiscoe closure. Two weeks hire of van, £20 to be paid.
- Hadleigh. Coal stalls in need of repairs and storm damage to Goods Shed roof.
- Hertford & Welwyn Ry. Wagon damaged due to there being no buffer-stops. HWRy to pay the repair costs.
- Romford, Ind Coope brewery. No charge made for shunting coal wagons. 6d per ton agreed rate of charge.
- East Anglian Co. [*EARy*] and grain traffic at Lynn. (Mr. Holditch) Siding to his granary from the tram an EACo. matter.

Chairman's Report:

- Woodford Line visit 1st June. Buckhurst Hill. Siding required by Estate Company. Down side behind Stationmaster's house. Could include a coal depot. Mr. Sinclair to cost & report.

- Loughton. (page 241) Refreshment Room required for “Trippers” field on east side of station, to be a games area (quoits, trap-ball etc.) with pavilion or marquee with refreshments. Field scheme approved. Goods Shed also required. Platform in sidings proposed for tripper trains. Agreed.
- Lowestoft. Management of passenger & goods traffic unsatisfactory. Mr. Norton, of Dereham, to take charge. Mr. Playford to go to Dereham, Mr. Kew to go to Hardingham, and Mr. Barker, Goods Clerk at Dereham, to go to Lowestoft. Cattle traffic, Tanning - Lowestoft, then rail to London. 6/- per head, excluding harbour dues.
- Cambridge Races, July. Facilities as may be required.
- Norwich & Spalding Ry. Spalding - Holbeach almost completed. Mr. T. Marshall of Tid Gate, Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] referring to the Act of Parliament clause on not opening part, before starting the construction of a line from Long Sutton to Wisbeach. Chairman, Manager & Superintendent to confer upon this matter.
- Bishopsgate shops. Mr. Bentley asking for a second shop to rent at £160 per annum. Refused, shop to become a Parcels & Inquiry Office.

23rd June 1858

Horatio Love - Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Fire precautions, Brick Lane Warehouses. Fire proof doors on every floor, water hydrants, cost £1100.
- Gosling's Emergency Communication System, Driver - Guard, declined.
- Peterborough, 10 ton crane to cost £250. Approved.
- Yarmouth alterations. (page 246) Station Offices, goods shed, Mr. Norfor at £128.0.0. Goods shed roof & platform extension, Mr. Norfor at £80.2.6. Sixteen-truck fish shed, Mr. Norfor at £352.10.0.
- Harwich Branch. Two cottages at Ramsey Farm. Mr. Betts at £297.0.0.
- Steamboat “Orion”, offer of £500 by Messrs. Bayley & Ridley declined.
- Stratford, Staff Outing, matter deferred pro.tem.
- Reedham overline bridge. Work to proceed at £300.
- Bridge renewals. Two skew bridges between Ely & Brandon to cost £3000. Ely bridge to cost £12-1500.

Superintendent's Report:

- Incident at Hertford on 16th June, when the 9.30 a.m. ex-London hit the buffer stops, at 5 m.p.h. (Long statement) One minor injury, several passengers shaken. Driver and Guard suspended for one week for breach of Company regulations. Comment: Apparently a ticket platform existed outside the station and the Stationmaster was permitting irregular shunting work, to allow the guard to leave the train and involving the signalman as a guard for shunting. (page 248, 249) District Superintendent was unaware of this procedure. Stationmaster was admonished, as was Mr. Sproul, the District Superintendent.
- Various minor accidents minuted, including the affair of an excursion train from Norwich to Wells. The Northern District Superintendent went on the train and accepted an offer, by return, in a Gentleman's Phaeton. (Fast gig?) The horse bolted, the reins broke and Mr. Stevenson (the Northern District Superintendent) jumped out causing light injuries to himself. Doing light duties, and assisted by Mr. Dutton & an inspector. A pig run over and killed at March crossing gate on 28th May. Mr. Watson's pork? Several convictions reported.
- 2nd Class Season Tickets. Holders travelling 1st Class to pay the difference.
- Woodford Stationmaster, Mr. Brown, to be moved elsewhere for abuse & language to passengers.
- Peterborough. A moveable barrier, 20 ft in length, with 8ft. ends to be made for the station.
- Telegraph bells at Angel Lane & Forest Gate in need of attention. Single needle type to be used.
- Cambridge Angling Club, refused permission for the 7.45 a.m. ex-Cambridge to stop at Stretham Drain and Waterbeach for members.

Manager's Report:

- Peterborough goods shed. Roof in need of repairs. Braintree, A fixed sheep shoot [*sic*] required at cattle stage.
- Irish Cattle imports. An occasional horse is included, at cattle rate. Approved.
- Braintree, surplus land. Tenant, Mr. Johnson, has let right-of-way to Mr. Ridley for £2.10.0 per annum. Solicitor to act.
- Downham. Weighing machine to be let into the floor. (For heavy loads of 13cwt to 1 ton) Agreed.
- Coal rates. Messrs Prior seeking alterations. Chairman & Manager to decide.
- Kennett ballast sidings to be closed despite Mr. Wall's application.
- LNWRy applying for a special Irish cattle train to run on Sundays from Peterborough to Trowse. 18 wagons, LNWRy to pay. Agreed.
- Halesworth Traffic. London via Harleston. Waveney Valley Co. to have mileage & terminals, Tivetshall to Harleston. ECRy to have mileage & terminals, London to Tivetshall. Harleston to Halesworth to road haulage contractors.
- Elsenham. A small weighing machine required.

- Blackwall swing-bridge. Damaged by a sailing barge, owned by Mr. Smith of Milton.
- Various small claims made (page 255) for damaged goods in transit.
- Goods claims. Settled for £106.2.0 gross, £94.18.0 nett.
- Sudbury level crossing occupational. Being used as access to the wharves, gates being left opened. Land Agent to check Company's rights.
- Hythe Wharf. Mr. Hawkins' notice of repossession at 31st December 1885. [sic]
- Cambridge cartage. Mr. Swann's contract to terminate due to non-co-operation re. the accounting of traffic.
- Hertford. Seven-foot screen for Booking Office; Ladies toilet to be altered. Lamp & Gent's toilets to be removed to north end of station and other small changes made.
- Braintree. Fencing to be repaired with chains & locks. Point locks to be installed. Crane to be altered. Revenue increase May 1858 against May 1857 - passenger £40.12.8. - parcels £5.7.8. - goods £76.7.0. Total (Braintree) £122.7.4.

7th July 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman. Committee:- James Goodson, John Bagshaw MP, Samuel Anderson,
James Packe, Ralph Walters and Lightly Simpson.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Sleeper stock 20,000. 40,000 to be purchased.
- Accounts. Paid for work done: W. Hill Setch Bridge on A/C £1000; A. Tracey Beggars Bridge on A/C £1000. Manea Bridge on A/C £5000
Bennett & Sons Final Payment Elsenham Bridge £244.
- Family Carriage. New design, one to be built.

Superintendent's Report:

- Various convictions noted.
- Loughton Terminus. Pleasure ground (Ref 9th June page 241). Seventeen applications received for the hire of the field. Is it to be leased or managed? Chairman to decide issue.
- Cornard Siding, Stationmaster at Sudbury to supervise. Key of the points to be in his custody, sunrise to sunset shunting only. Signal required.
- Additional morning train from Loughton between the 7.50 am and the 8.55 am Not agreed as un-necessary.
- Fatal accident to Platelayer Dover between Witham and Braintree whilst on a trolley and holding on to a train contrary to Rule 305 of General Regulations.
- Bishopsgate on 5th July. Mrs Whitmore knocked into the turntable deck by a porters barrow (Porter Pooley). Mr Sinclair to investigate.

Manager's Report:

- Ely stables need repairs.
- Chappel turntable to be cleaned of dirt etc. etc.
- Brick Lane. Back gate road requires gravelling.
- Mistley Wharf coal traffic horse worked by Mr Moy who now wishes to cease. He must pay the shunting costs if he ceases.
- Warehouse charges. Mr Butcher's 66 bags of rags at Norwich since Dec 1856. Law suit pending and if the dues are not paid ECRy will sell the bags.
- Lowestoft Steam Tug "Imperial" needs repairs. Mr Sinclair to report costs.
- Various Claims for damage.
- Goods Claims £83.0.10 Gross.
- Coal Traffic, Harling Mr T Colman's application. Chairman to visit and report.
- Kelvedon crane in need of repairs.
- Colchester goods shed insecure at night. Mr Sinclair to make secure.
- Continental steamer service. Mr Cobbold, Mr Brett and Mr Forbes pressing for an ECRy service. Envisaged Capital £20,000.
- Claim for horse jumping from truck near Pear Tree Hill. Court awarded Mr Munn £18.4.0 including costs. Mr Mould injured in 1855 at Newmarket has been receiving lieu wages, since stopped. Solicitor (Mr Munn's) to be informed of an interview with Mr Munn.
- Horses not to be carried in cattle trucks, another claim for loss as above £38. Court found for plaintiff.
- Sugar Four hogsheads. Dispute by consignees and a London claimant. ECRy Solicitor to settle matter
- Ipswich Docks. Mr Packard's siding agreed by the Dock Commissioners. Mr Sinclair to commence the work.
- Royston. Cartage work by Mr Stainford not satisfactory. Chairman to interview the contractor.

Secretary's Report:

- Wells Regatta. No monies but Yarmouth Regatta gets £20.0.0.
- Chairman's Visit down the Line. (No date given).
- Norwich Thorpe. Goods Clerks Chilvers, Evans & Elliston removed.
- Norwich Victoria Mr Toynbee (Accounts) relieved. Stationmaster removed and one person to be in overall charge.
- Lowestoft. Ice Account stock record to be kept. Stationmaster to be in charge of fish loading and shunting. Old shed at shipyard to be demolished and land let. Shed at graving dock to be made secure. Crane to be installed at £12 for Mr Johnson. Sir M Peto's request for lower cattle rates to London agreed at 6d per head reduction on 1857 rate.

19th July 1858

East Suffolk Committee. Horatio Love, Chairman.

- Draft Agreement altered beyond recognition. Clauses 1-20 were read in original and altered forms. Meeting adjourned. (p.275).

21st July 1858

Horatio Love Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Stratford. Mr Martin's approach roads and a piece of land of his cut off by the roads for sale at £2000. Land agent to report later
- Cast scrap iron, 1000 tons. Ransomes and Sims offer of £3 per ton at Ipswich in exchange for 1000 tons of chairs at £4.17.6 per ton was accepted.
- Ely Bridge renewal to J. Perry at £1072 inclusive.
- Bridge between Mildenhall and Lakenheath, renewal to A. Tracey £1127.
- Sleepers Contract to Messrs. Mason, Ramsden & Co to supply 20,000 blocks 8' 11" by 10" of 4.625" at 3/4d each delivered to Lowestoft free of Harbour charges (whilst off-loading).
- Boilers, locomotive. Three Vulcan Foundry at £765 each. All tenders quoted
- Carriages. 40 composite, 20 second class. Contract to Messrs. J. Wright & Sons Birmingham at £280 each Compo. and £174.10.0 for 2nd. class each.
- Accounts due. Work done. Mr Simpson, Goods Shed Newmarket £100.15.2. and Six Mile Bottom £114.8.8; Messrs. Forman & Co. Rails £146.2.6; Messrs. Rothwell & Co. Goods Locos. £985.14.3.
- Yarmouth Gas. G. L. & Coke Co. seeking permission to lay a large main over ECRy's bridge. Agreed at £0.2.6 per annum.
- Stratford on 24th June, Driver of the 4pm. up Norwich goods ignored a "Truck to Go On" signal. Fined by Mr Sinclair.
- Three convictions for assault on Company staff.
- The 5.30 pm London - Ipswich train to return to Colchester at 9.15 pm after the Up Norwich and Bury trains and Harwich Boat Train
- Steam Boat competition. London-Harwich-Ipswich. Weekly excursion tickets to be issued for return from London on the 5.30 pm train any weekday up to and including 7 days from issue.
- Summer Traffic. A boat to operate Ipswich-Harwich -Walton-on-the-Naze.

Mr. Dutton's Report:

- To be discontinued: detaching compo. coach from Up Parliamentary Train at Ipswich & attaching it to the Down 3.10 pm. Passengers to change to other carriages instead. (p.287).
- Mistley. Road fencing or a large gate with W/Gate required.
- Witham, excess fares now collected, £5 per week.
- Train delays Haughley. Cambridge trains running late and delaying Colchester trains. Chairman to investigate.
- Littleport. Platform to be widened, rail edge.

Manager's Report:

- Lynn Harbour [*Kings Lynn*]. Mr Herald to reside in the gatehouse.
- Break-Van [*Brake Van*] shortage. Mr. Sinclair to order 10 new Goods Brakes on Revenue Account.
- Tug "Imperial" repairs to cost £13, agreed to proceed.
- Chesterford. Crane needs repairs.
- Foxton. Hurdle cattle pen required. (p.283)
- Various Claims minuted
- Mr. Smith's Ledger Account to be closed, he to pay upon delivery because of his claims!
- Melford Carrier, Mr Whorlow's furniture London to Sudbury at 15/- per ton.
- Ipswich Cartage from 30th. September to be worked by ECRy.

- Coal dues. 1st October to 18th October 1858 not paid for Burnt Mill, considered as outside City boundary. Proved to be inside. ECRy to pay £10.
- Goods Claims. £76.17.7.
- North of Europe liquidation.. Mr Capper seeking cattle allowance for the use of North of Europe cattle sheds. ECRy not interested, referred to dealers.
- Blackwall grain warehouse. Messrs. Kidd & Podger, Isleworth have been paying £100 per annum but business has declined and a new rate is sought. Chairman.
- Stowmarket. Mr Crawley's 'privileges' to certain firms and accounts deficiencies. Dismissed. (p.286)
- Coal Traffic. Hartlepool Coal Co. and Mr Shaw's contract expiring August 1859. Claiming £230 overcharges but will accept £130 and free pass to London to settle and cancel the contract now. Refused.
- Horse & Carriage traffic for places in London at ? (not stated - HEJ) unaccompanied. Horses sent home by Ticket Porter, Carrs to Mr Stapleton. (Fly Proprietor) ECRy. Liability questioned. Mr Maynard Solicitor to check.
- Cattle Trucks must have a top rail fitted. Stratford to receive all trucks not fitted.

Chairman's Line Visit:

- Sawbridgeworth. Stationmaster's house, roof needs repairs. Toilets to be moved. Gate Keeper's house to be fenced with a gate for Signalman, a gate for Stationmaster's family.
- Newport. Stationmaster's house, improvements against damp. Rustic fencing, a gate and Lamp Room repairs.
- Cambridge. Goods inward warehouse, alterations required. Grain Warehouse No.3 Doorway to be blocked, counter for carmen at Counties House, buffers at end of Newmarket platform to allow toilet extensions and waiting room alterations.
- Fakenham. Yard fence to be repaired, platform to be extended, stable manure to be sold. (p.290)
- Narboro [*Narborough*], Mr Marriott applying for land to build a granary or for the ECRy to build and lease to him. Chairman to see Land Agent.
- Elmham, goods warehouse to be repaired.
- Histon. Offices to be repaired.
- Oakington, as for Histon.
- St Ives, fencing alterations.
- Somersham. Booking Office screen still not erected. House and grounds to be sold, a smaller house for the Stationmaster to be found.
- Stonea. Poor quality paint used on station woodwork.
- Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] Harbour, offices to be altered, counter, desk etc.
- Manea. Lamp room at the north end of the Up side. All desk and drawer locks to be well maintained everywhere.
- Diss station, lock up required.
- Woolwich. Stationmaster, donation of £7 for expenses during his recent illness (Mr Chapman.)
- Lowestoft Salvage fees, percentage to Captain Daniells. Decision deferred. North of Europe Co's property (Mr Capper) for disposal. For the Chairman.
- Staff Excursion 23rd. July. Chairman to arrange same.
- Norwich alterations. The railings separating Goods Yard and tow path to be repaired, also the various gates. Stable repairs and white- washing with a chaff bin installed. Outside path to be repaired and gutter pipes between Stables and Grain Warehouse to be repaired. Mr Lucas's stables to be ventilated and the stalls repaired and white washed. Four ton crane to be tested.
- Telegram fees being charged at some stations for delivery. Practice to cease.
- Loughton Line. Additional train requested. (Mr Sewell and others). Agreed to provide.

4th August 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Lowestoft. Additional salt houses (Six), Mr Hood at cost of £295.18.0 Resignation of Mr Hambly P-W Depot and Harbour Works. Matter was deferred

Manager's Report:

- Ware goods shed requires repairs.
- Ely goods shed requires repairs.
- Mr Capper re North of Europe Co. insisting that the ECRy pay cattle dues for use of sheds at Lowestoft. Resolved that no such dues be paid.
- Pig amongst empties at Brick Lane. Sold for £2.
- Sundry Claims minuted.

- Peterborough stables require repairs.
- Bishopsgate Coal storage. Messrs. Cory & Sons application for 52,000 tons annually, ex Victoria Docks. Devonshire St. suggested as alternative.
- Hythe Quay. Stationmaster suggests this be given up for use of Mr Moy's quay opposite.
- Norwich cartage. Receipts up by £412.0.0.
- LTSRy. New goods station at Mint Street (London & Blackwall). LTSRy trains operate to this goods station.. Mr McNamara to operate the cartage work.
- Chelmsford. Mr Ridley asking for siding at Braintree. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Colchester. Mr Hawkin's granary damaged by ECRy truck. To be repaired.
- Devonshire Street coal traffic ex Peterborough. A traverser required at viaduct end near canal and a shoot for the barges. Cost? Report.
- Grain rates Swaffham - Wells 6/8d per ton and Dereham - Lynn Harbour [*Kings Lynn*] 5/6d per ton. Too high. Messrs. Potter of Dereham suggests 5/- and 4/6d. Chairman and Manager to confer.
- Hertford & Welwyn Co. decided to run no goods trains after 26th July. ECRy's reply stated:- Using passenger trains would cause one day's delay. Offer to waive 20% for north of Peterborough traffic and work the traffic South of Peterborough to be worked via Welwyn. Awaiting reply.

Superintendent's Report:

- Steam Boat competition. Ipswich - Thames Haven. The "Orwell" in conjunction with trains from Fenchurch Street via LTSRy at low fares. Advertisement withdrawn regarding the rail fares.
- Various Staff misdemeanours.
- Various Cattle run over.
- Peterborough. Electric telegraph improvements at Junction Box and Station Crossing Box. Bell and Stop / Clear signal in each.
- Sundry convictions noted.
- Goods Claims 10th. April to 30th. June £36.
- Injury Claims same period £130.6.6.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Two telegraph instruments no longer used. ET Co to retrieve same.
- Chappel. Mr Moy's heap of manure to be removed.
- Broxbourne. Shunting horse fell into the ash pit on 22nd July, no damage. [*incident*] Cattle arch near Crossing is 2ft. deep in stagnant water, cattle being moved over the line instead. Secretary to check legal rights.
- Swainsthorpe. Stopping slow trains for the High Sheriff of Norfolk. Refused.
- Assault conviction on Mr J Adley cab driver pro. Mr Clarke assaulting Police Superintendent Kent at Bishopsgate. Mr Adley apparently of poor repute, a convicted burglar etc.!

Chairman's Visit down the Line Report:

- Broxbourne. Booking office to be railed off with 6ft. partition. General waiting room to be decorated. Porters room to have a new range boiler, oven and hearthstone. Lamp room to be ventilated and gas bracket alterations in all offices. Stationmaster's house alterations and decorations.
- Elsenham. Repairs to platform and footway.
- Cambridge. Boundary markers against Mr Sayle's property. The mound of earth and Messrs. Johnson and Headley's application for extension. Refer to Manager.
- East Anglian Co. asking for comparative traffic figures for two half years ending 30th June 1857 and 1858. (Apparently a decrease but Chairman said no fault of ECRy).
- Wells and Fakenham Rly. Agrees to repairs to well and pump at Walsingham at £21 and also a new clock. Complaints re working of telegraph not in conjunction with the E.T Co. Two notice boards for Wells Station. £4 reward given for information on stone throwing at trains.
- Attleborough. Granary in need of repairs.
- Harling Road. Cottage occupied by Mr Pattison is required by Signalman. The potato garden opposite the granary to be a coal store.
- Brandon. Goods warehouse to be tidied, empties cleared. Roadway to be repaired. Mr Wood's fencing to be repaired and access across the tracks made for him with gate
- Norwich. No 6 platform to be extended 50 yards south of turntable.
- Thetford. Booking Office and Ladies Waiting Room to be decorated.
- Witham. Wooden bridge floor to be repaired.
- Lost Property sold £400.
- Blackwall grain warehousing. Messrs. Kidd & Podger to pay £125 for one year with three months notice.

16th August 1858

East Suffolk Committee.

- Remaining clauses of the Agreement studied. The difference from the draft was so great that the ECRy Solicitor was to be consulted.

18th August 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Kelvedon Gas Co. offering supply at 7/- per 1000. Secretary to ask for 6/6d per 1000.
- Old axles and wheels. Mr Morris of Canterbury to purchase at £10 per ton axles and £6 per ton wheels.
- Accounts due. Mr Tracey, Beggar's Bridge £750, Manea Bridge £500.

Superintendent's Report:

- Signalling. Removal of single instrument from Forest Gate to new signal box and add Semaphore and Auxiliary on Colchester line at down end of Stratford Sidings.
- Through bookings by the Up Night Mail on Norwich to Lowestoft line to cease ending delays at Reedham.
- Brick Lane. A cross-over required and also at Bow Junction, Stratford side.
- 200 additional Timetable Frames required for country stations.
- Mr H. Jones Colchester asking for excursions to London at 27/6d. per seat. Declined.
- East Suffolk Hospital. Special trains requested from Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*], Ipswich and Colchester on the 27th. August. Agreed.
- Staff Annual Excursion ex Cambridge, Ely and Peterborough. Chairman to arrange.
- Incident on 4th August., Bow Junction. The 5.10 pm train ex Fenchurch Street de-railed, engine and three coaches causing three hours delay. (No details-HEJ).
- Loughton Branch. Telegraph system to cost £300. Instruments at Stratford, Woodford and Loughton.
- Bishopsgate. Waiting room alterations etc.
- Several convictions noted.
- Stationmasters' houses using gas to be stopped.

Manager's Report:

- Harwich. Mr Groom to stow his fish corvs (?) [*corf: a basket in which fish are kept alive in water. BHJ*] on quayside wasteland at £1 per annum.
- Victoria Dock traffic. Tonnage for week ending 8th August was 1470 at £190. ECRy share was £110.
- Ilford. Mr Simpson, straw paper maker asking for siding to his works. For Mr Sinclair.
- Royston. Loco. water pumping. Stationmaster has allowed two Porters and extra man 2/- weekly with beer. Can continue the 2/- but no beer!
- Rotterdam service by "Prince Albert" owned by Mr Broughton who offers an each way weekly service for £220 per month with no part charges. Declined.
- Various Claims settled.
- Goods Claims £107.18.2
- List of small repairs required. Doors, bolts etc.
- Loss or theft of a box, value £30 between Kelvedon and Coggeshall. Reason to believe that it has been made away with by ECRy carman. Kelvedon Stationmaster reprimanded for failing to report on the carman's character.
- Free Warehousing at country stations to be extended to five days, formerly three.
- Enfield Station. Platform to be extended to a spot south of the engine shed and the points removed from coaching siding and laid in the engine shed road. Carriage shed to be taken down, the roof used for the platform, the carriage shed line moved back to allow the platform to be extended 8 feet in width and gravelled with brick wall/parapet. Various small repairs/improvements

18th August 1858

East Suffolk Committee.

- ECRy Solicitor in attendance. Draft Agreement amended re Mr Day's alterations. Next meeting on 26th August.

26th August 1858

East Suffolk Committee.

- Remaining Clauses discussed, amendments made and sent to Mr Day (ESRy).

1st September 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Braintree. Mr Ridley's siding to cost £166. Agreed.
- Devonshire Street coal shoots to cost £817.
- Ilford. Mr Simpson's siding to cost £55. Agreed. Hay on slopes to be sold.
- Locomotive boiler tubes new for old (Brass). Tenders:- G F Muntz 7.5d per lb., 10.75d for old; C Green & Co 8d per lb. 17.5d for old; A Everett 7.5d and 11.5d.; J Wilkes 7.625d and 11.5d for old. For Mr Sinclair to decide.
- Accounts due Mr Norfolk [*Norfor?*], Yarmouth alterations £175.
- Attleborough. Small lock-up.
- Chelmsford. Goods office. Repairs required.
- Brick Lane. Granary gas burners required to replace stolen burners. Sundry claims. (p.328)
- Victoria Dock traffic. Week ending 29th August., 1238 tons at £225.

Superintendent's Report:

- Claim for wrongful arrest by Mr Pope Solicitor Bedford Row on behalf of a Mr Mould. Miss Green booked a ticket at Colchester on the 15th August then missed her purse with £10.8.0 therein. She claimed that Mr Mould or one of his two accomplices took the purse in the booking office. Town police obtained Mould at Ipswich. No ECRy request for arrest was made.
- Sudbury. Auxiliary signal required.
- Incident at Audley End on 15th August. Collision damage to three trucks. Two drivers and a guard dismissed. Approved.
- Dereham. Fire on 18th August in East Anglian Loco. Shed. Little damage incurred.
- Bramford lime works. Trains using the cross over road from siding to Down main line to be better protected by moving the up Auxiliary signal to a point 800 yards from the cross over and a new Auxiliary signal be placed 800 yards to protect Up trains. Mr Sinclair.
- Steam Boats "Orwell", three times weekly each way. Co's extension to London Bridge. Up Parliamentary train to continue on from Brentwood to London
- Driver Hawkins killed on the 28th August falling from locomotive near Romford. £5 to widow.
- Omnibus Driver Osborne rammed Edmonton level crossing gates knocking down the signalman. A lamp is required.
- Chappel station. Horse and Carriage Dock blocked by coal dump of Mr Appleby. Stationmaster to order removal of coal.
- Horses, Sudbury shunter, sore shoulders, needs treatment
- Baldock stables, filthy.
- March. Chestnut horse with sore lip, needs treatment. Mr Whitehurst to report.

Chairman's Visit down the Line:

- Yarmouth quay. Shipping desk still wanting. Secretary to write to Mr Cory the Town Clerk regarding same. Porters room to be battened and stained oak colour, varnished. A table and some chairs to be provided, door to be painted and lettered "Guards and Porters Room". The word "Telegraph" to be removed from Parcels Office door and "Private" placed thereon.. The words "Cloak Room" to go on door inside Telegraph Room and a counter thrown across.
- Norwich Victoria. Large crane to be moved to Warehouse between 2nd and 3rd pillar and also repaired. Stationmaster's salary to be increased by £10 per annum.. A new night watchman required.
- Haddiscoe Bridge House. Land agent to gain possession from Mr Horborough.
- Lowestoft station. Cloak Room required
- Haughley Junction train delays. Passengers to Yarmouth and Lowestoft affected.

15th September 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Bishopsgate Station, the alterations to Ladies Waiting Room to cost £13.10.0
- Lowestoft. Stationmaster's Office, alterations for a Cloak Room to cost £35. Chairman's visit.
- Devonshire Street coal shoots traverser to cost £817.0.0.
- Norwich Victoria. Water supply by meter to cost £49 was agreed by Committee.

Superintendent's Report:

- Deleted Minute as follows:- Collision on 12th September at Tottenham station between an Excursion Train and Special Goods Train to Peterborough. No serious injuries, Foreman Porter Madams and Signalman Harvey both reprimanded. (Note: Excursion to Rye House. No reason stated for deletion)

- Incident on 3rd September on Thurston - Elmswell stretch. Foreman Platelayer removed a section of line without protection of signals. Foreman Platelayer dismissed, two Platelayers fined two day's pay. Approved.
- Incident on 23rd August Light Engine No.201 passed Ingatestone station without head or tail lights. Driver fined by Mr Sinclair (p.387)
- Various Staff misdemeanours minuted.
- Pigs killed. On 27th August two pigs (Mr Bolton's) were killed at Romford as Mr Bolton forced the fencing to cross the line.
- On 6th September at Wimblington station a pig belonging to Mr Thompson was run over and killed.
- On 7th September a pig jumped from a rail truck at Colchester and was run over and killed.
- Casualty. Fireman Pegg uncoupling locomotive at Bishopsgate on 8th September and was crushed between buffers.
- Casualty. On 4th September Driver Holness got underneath his locomotive that was in trouble and told the Fireman to reverse whereby he was struck by a lever and severely injured yet not dangerously.
- Underline bridge fire Harling Road - Eccles Road on 3rd September. Fire discovered and extinguished by two men workers of Mr Willingham (p.339).
- Fatal Accident. Mr Grunning alighting from a train near Low Leyton on 5th September.
- Various sundry convictions noted.
- Deleted Minute as follows:- Mr Pryor of Truman, Hanbury and Buxton on 1st September travelled with his family to Yarmouth unaware of the Family Ticket arrangement. Claiming a refund. Refused (Note:- Why delete?)
- Train telegraph. London to Broxbourne and London to Brentwood, Mr Robertson to advise cost and necessity.

Mr. Sproul's Report:

- Audley End Disgusting state of Stable, Goods Shed and Station on 9th September visit.
- Burnt Mill Lamp Room and lamps also in a dirty state.
- Bishops Stortford. An Intermediate signal needed between Down Auxiliary and Semaphore to protect trains in the Yard.
- Huntingdon. Bridges planking dangerous to passengers.
- Newmarket. Platform supports require repair.

Manager's Report:

- Colchester Camp. General Lindsey asking for a cheap rate for soldier's shirts going to Weedon. Refused.
- Waveney Valley Co. Buffers for Harleston Goods Shed required
- Stowmarket. Mr Webb to have a coal space on usual terms.
- Ingatestone. Parcels delivery. Mr Garrod to operate to town three times daily at 2d per parcel ex passenger train but customer to pay ex goods train. Mountnessing, Stock and Margaretting once daily at 3d per parcel, customer to pay. Blackmore and Billericay 4d per parcel, customer to pay. Maximum weight of 56 lbs.
- Goods Claims. Mr Wood for £11.16.0, value of five peds [*baskets*] of herrings lost in transit from Lowestoft to Manchester. Mr Moseley to settle.
- Tilbury Line goods traffic via Mint Street. Abstracts to be obtained to check ECRy receipts.
- Yaxham Station to hire shunting horse at 3/- weekly.
- Harlestone [*Harleston?*] Goods Shed crane in need of repairs
- Under various claims another deleted minute as follows :- The Manager reported that he had reduced Mr Shaw's claim for overcharges from £235 to £172.
- Goods Claims. Four weeks ending 11th September, £123.8.9.
- Coal Traffic, Mr Shaw and East Anglian Co. to have a Ledger Account.
- Hythe gas meter, out of order.
- Coal Traffic into London. Figures not shown.
- Through rates. Parcels North London stations to Broxbourne to Brentwood and Loughton. Mr Moseley to prepare a list.
- Tilbury Line Cattle traffic to Stratford going via Barking branch. ECRy Secretary to write to LTSRy.
- Coprolite Traffic rate now at 21cwts. to the ton.
- Claims. Four summons received by ECRy. Mr Ashley to defend same.
- Hay loads must be sheeted.
- Tottenham collision. Minuted previously and erased, generally similar in content. See Superintendent's Report 15th September.

Secretary's Report:

- Wells & Fakenham Ry. Mr Hutt Secretary notifying telegraph arrangements for commercial messages as requested. Stationmasters instructed to co-operate, accounts to go to Mr Hutt (WFRy)

- Continental Mail Service. Harwich to Rotterdam. Leeds Chamber of Commerce, via Mr C Smithers, interested. Matter deferred.
- Rails offered by Messrs. Austin & Co. 1000 tons of double headed. (Reversible). Declined.
- Station gas, Stationmasters offering to pay for a supply.

Chairman's Report:

- Lowestoft. Fencing at Station and back of Commercial Rd., required with gates for tramway and carts. Goods Shed roof to be repaired. (p.349).
- Fish for Mr Forge ex Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] refuses to pay £54.5.3 and claims East Anglian Company have the money. ECRy to claim the sum from them.
- Stratford. Refreshment room required. Mr Sinclair.

29th September 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Devonshire Street. Coal shoots. One drop only, to cost £500. Approved.
- Colchester Old Station House to be converted at £70 into two houses for porters
- Lowestoft slipway. Repairs to cost £120.0.0.
- St Ives - Bluntisham underline bridge abutments collapsed. Repairs to cost £200. Approved.
- Brick Lane. Water for hydraulics. A well to be sunk £50/60 cost.
- Water tank at Diss to go to Tivetshall. Cost of £100.
- Marks Tey. Gas works situated beneath wooden over-line bridge. New hut for the furnace to be built and empty shed for the holder. £25.
- Earl of Albemarle's Agent asking for two level crossings near Harston. Refused
- Lowestoft. Mr R Brown appointed Inspector of Harbour Works at £3.3.0 weekly and £20 house allowance.
- Harling Road, no sidings exist for goods traffic causing danger when shunting. Siding to cost £380.
- Accounts due, Mr Hill for Setch Bridge £250.11.9.
- Loco. boiler tubes, brass. Messrs, Muntz's terms were declined. Messrs. Green & Co. accepted as tendered.

Manager's Report:

- Stowmarket & Ware. Extra horse at each during grain harvest. Agreed. Also extra porters at Thetford and Sudbury for cattle and grain.
- Waltham Goods Shed. Gas lighting required. Mr Sinclair.
- Harlestone [*Harleston?*], Station Yard. Sale of timber by Mr Gibbons of Ipswich agreed. £2 charge.
- Somersham. Stationmaster and hire of gig to St Ives to telegraph for assistance re broken down locomotive. 6/-
- Peterborough. Cattle pens. Two gas lamps needed. Agreed.
- Goods to Liverpool, now claimed by GNRy. This was agreed at 20% receipts. (p.357)
- Various sundry Claims noted.
- Lowestoft steam tug "Imperial's" tow to London of the "Jargon Rahleff" in distress off Lowestoft. £245, 5% to Captain Daniells and 5% to each crew member. Captain Daniell's salary to be increased to £200 per annum.
- Claim by Messrs. Wallis & Co. Ipswich for £13.17.0 for lost clover seed. Upheld by Court. Second claim for £14.6.6 (also lost seed) in abeyance for Judge's consideration.
- South Western Ry asking for 50 sheep trucks for Andover Fair traffic to ECRy. Agreed, if SWRy pay for hire.
- Beggars Bridge, a request for a Goods Station from Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] farmers. Refused.
- Blackwall Ry Co. re traffic to Minorities in fish. Too little at present.
- Eastrea Station. Request for re-opening as a Goods Station by Mr Sturton of Peterborough. Refused.
- Turnips ex Grays to Brick Lane diverted to Minorities. LTSRy to explain this.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Mr Cooney's contract to end on December 31st.
- Goods Claims £88.0.3.

Superintendent's Report:

- Electric Telegraph, Bures and Chappel stations. (p.361).
- Mr Roche Stationmaster Peterborough to have three months leave with pay due to ill health. Mr Ketchner to control passenger traffic with increase to £100 per annum and Mr Eveleigh to control goods traffic.
- Lea Bridge suicide. Mr Dunn under a train on the 12th and fatal accident to Lad/Porter Leadbetter at Edmonton under train on 20th September 1858.
- Pigs and turkeys, Harston on 18th September. The 11.05am train killed one pig and injured another. Same day the 5.00pm train from Harlestone [*Harleston?*] killed one turkey and injured one. Also on the 18th the 7.15am train Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] to Ely killed one pig.

- Cow killed at Mutford on the 12th. East Suffolk Ry to settle claim of £12 (Mr Rowe).
- Pigs again at Bures on the 26th September, twelve on the line, one killed. Bad fencing.
- Various Staff offences minuted such as :- Guard Morris was intoxicated on the 22nd September and unable to take the 11.30pm ex London. Apparently he was landlord of a public house at Ware. Morris attended the meeting and was dismissed. The Stationmaster at Ware was reprimanded for not informing the Company of Morris's tenancy of a public house.
- Signalman Fuller of Stratford guilty of travelling without a pass or ticket to Tottenham and later with two persons also without tickets to Edmonton and on the 11th being absent without leave, was dismissed.
- Several convictions noted, assault, no tickets etc.
- Hertford and Welwyn line. GNRy's three months end on the 30th September, when ECRy will operate to December 31st 1858.
- Reedham. Two extra lamps required, one on water tank, the other under bridge and a lock-up.

Secretary's Report:

- Colne Valley and Halstead Ry. In reply to letter of the 16th inst. it was resolved:- Junction at Chappel Mr Sinclair to co-operate with Engineer of CVHRy. Proposed extension of CVHRy to Cambridge in opposition to a proposed line from Ilford to Dunmow, the ECRy shall act as they see necessary. Working of CVHRy by the ECRy, at the cost of such operations.
- Coal trade. Mr Shaw of Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] seeking 100 ton stands at Shelford, Newport, Whittlesford, Chesterford, Audley End, Elsenham, Stanstead and Bishops Stortford. Manager to report back.

Chairman's Report. Line Visits:

- Kelvedon. Sundry repairs to dung pit, crane, fencing and station decorations.
- Colchester. Goods Shed, alterations still to be done.
- Yarmouth. Ice House to be repaired at once.
- Lowestoft Flower Show. All visual facilities agreed. Grant of £20 to the Amusement Committee for expenses.
- Norwich Loco. Shops, a smaller signal box required.
- Thetford. Complaints on closed level crossing gates when goods trains stand there. Gates to be mounted towards London. Two more cattle pens required.
- Lowestoft Parcels. ECRy to deliver, horse to work at other times for Permanent Way Department.
- Brandon. Goods Shed floor to be extended and walls repaired.
- Steam Tugs to be under supervision of Mr Sinclair (except hulls) and the men involved, also Graving Dock engine (Stationary).
- Water Lane. Cart road to be platformed. South side doors of Goods Warehouse to be closed up and rail doors to be smaller to admit a truck 15ft in height from rail.
- Cambridge cartage. Goods Office in Petty Cury at £40 per annum (Dr Bawngarten). Clerk to live in upper floor. Platform and small weighing machine to be installed, place to be decorated and lettered "Eastern Counties Railway. Receiving House for Goods". Receiving arrangements at "The Lion" and "The Bull" to continue. Notices of Mr Swann's termination to be printed and distributed.
- Bishops Stortford. Mr Firman's granary, rent in question. Nine acres of land let to Mr Heath who has sub-let at a profit. Land Agent to see. Cab using Station Yard without permission. Superintendent to provide a complete list of all station cab arrangements.
- Baldock. Manure pit to be made at south side of Goods Shed with old sleepers.
- Royston. Land opposite the Goods Shed to be coal grounds. Platform repaired. Second class waiting room to have wainscotting to 4ft height.
- Shelford Old House, the outbuildings and land near the bridge to be sold.
- Fulbourne. A warehouse required. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Newmarket. Platform to be repaired and underneath in-filled. Mr Miller's granary siding to be extended three truck lengths, and a 6ft rustic fence erected. Mr Miller to have a shed on ECRy land.
- Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*]. Mr Lee's siding to be moved to the station.
- Barrow and Westley. Level crossings for Mr Fane who will make them his cost. Mr Sinclair to report back.
- Ridley's coal drops. On Eastern Union land at right angles to line of siding. Mr Sinclair to inspect for repairs and Mr Gibson to check the legal aspect of the land having been sold.
- Cherry Hinton, Lime Works. Mr Colman requests more sidings. Secretary to state terms.
- Wells. Lamp Room fire. Room to be moved to the north side of the water tank wall.
- Walsingham. Cistern leaking.
- Fakenham. Goods Shed platform to be extended.
- Peterborough. Goods Shed. Additional offices to be made by alterations. The tenant of the Refreshment Rooms seeking a lower rent.

- Ely. Fraudulent tickets from London. Inspector Kent to pursue this matter.
- Thetford. Station accounts of Mr Paynter show a deficiency that he must make good. He blamed a porter.
- Norwich. Refreshment Room tariffs inconspicuous as are Cab Fare lists. Mr Robertson to act on matter.
- Hadleigh Stationmaster not residing in the Company house. To be told to move to the house.
- Hitchin and Baldock. Surplus land, who takes the rents, GNRy or the ECRy?
- Cambridge Station. Messrs. Moyes & Son "Bull" and "Red Lion" Hotels and Mr Turner "Eagle Hotel" wish to supply flies to the station at £100 per annum. Agreed on a fixed tariff of charges. Messrs. Bell & Son seeking to build a granary on ECRy land. Chairman to decide.

13th October 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Stowmarket. Messrs. Thomas Practice and Co. seeking to lay pipes beneath the railway. Agreed, £1 per annum.
- Victoria Docks Co. also seeking permission for an East London Water Company main to be laid in the Docks under the railway line. £1 p.a.
- Accounts due to be paid: W. Piper, shops, Bishopsgate, £1,000. F. Betts, two cottages, Harwich branch, £125.0.0d. Bennett and Sons, Elsenham Approach Bridge, £116.5.6d. A. Tracey, Beggars Bridge renewal, tarring and painting, £752.18.5d and £129.15.0d.
- Steam tug, Lowestoft. (page 384) Mr. Sinclair to report on a replacement.
- Wrabness sidings inadequate, Mr. Sinclair to report on situation.

Manager's Report:

- Kelvedon crane now beyond repair. Crane from Kennet to be transferred.
- Stratford Goods Shed; one road to be boarded up to increase grain storage. Spare crane to go to Chappel.
- Mr. Shaw's coal claim of £235. ECRy admits £172, less 50% working charges £86 which is due from East Anglian.
- Fish traffic ex Lynn. East Anglian Co. still owe the ECRy. £54.5.3d as their share of revenue.
- Chatteris Dock traffic not very profitable as yet.
- Accident at Blackwall to porter Watts on 19th August whilst working a crane. Left arm amputated. Claim resisted and Watts to pay medical fees.
- Repair work, Hadleigh goods shed doors. Ipswich Docks Tramway holes etc. Diss Stable windows, floor. Chelmsford Goods Office stove. Littleport Goods Shed doors.
- Coal traffic to London:

LNWR	36,764 tons	38,536 tons
GNR	33,184	37,002
ECR	7,018	6,062
LSWR	604	604
LBSCR	148	148
LTSR	48	48
Year	1858	1857
- Timber sale at Newmarket (Mr. Gibbons, Ipswich) agreed £2 fee.
- Sundry claims noted. (page 388)
- Ramsey cartage. Mr Lant to Whittlesea not paying in company's percentage regularly. Contract to go to Mr. Watts.
- Haddiscoe Bridge House, stationmaster now in charge of the bridge.
- Mr. Shaw's coal depots, list agreed (sheet 12 part 3) [?] all coals to come from Lynn.
- Goods Breaks [*brake vans*] Ten more required for general usage.
- Fish traffic to Minories; a second train to run after Monday next.
- St Ives; Messrs. Potto Brown's granary, wagon sheet damage. Chairman and Mr. Sinclair to inspect and report back.
- Goods claims 2 weeks, to £44.7s.
- GPO Braintree Day Mails ex Witham and return to Witham in charge of guard at second class return fare.
- Incident on 4th October at Bromley Junction when three carriages and break-van left the metals on the 9.05a.m. ex Woolwich. Signalman moved the points too soon. Resolved that he be dismissed.
- Several staff accidents reported and sundry convictions for assault and 'no ticket'.
- Incident on 1st October at Brick Lane when the Up 6.25a.m. ex Yarmouth passed the middle signal between Brick Lane and Bishopsgate at "danger", colliding with the 10.50a.m. Woolwich train which was being shunted out of the 'Arcade'. Pointsman Currie diverted the Woolwich stock down the main line instead of crossing and a buffer-to-buffer collision ensued. Driver Smith suspended 10 days, £1 award to pointsman Currie.

- Incident 26th September when 11.25 a.m. passenger train from Peterborough ran over six piglets near Chittisham [*Chettisham*]. Five killed, one injured.
- Incident 25th September when 6.00p.m. goods ex Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] hit Wimblington Crossing Gates. Gatekeeper to be moved!
- Walking the line. Colonel Bloomfield of Swaffham on 27th September between Norwich and Trowse. To be warned of future trespass and a summons.
- Steam Boat "Telegraph" ended season's trips London to Ipswich on 5th October.
- Occurrence on 30th September; special passenger train from Cambridge to Newmarket and an Up goods train ex Bury were on the single line between Six Mile Bottom and Cambridge. No collision took place fortunately. Signalman Forsdyke (or stationmaster?) forgot the second special and gave "line clear" to Cambridge then despatched the goods!
- Collision at Six Mile Bottom on 9th October at approximately 11.40p.m.; a special goods ex Newmarket hit a special train of empty horse boxes ex Newmarket. Acting guard Titmarsh killed and porter Dickenson seriously injured. Cambridge Locomotive Superintendent Mr. Thomas Kitson attended the inquiry. Driver Ward suspended. Inquest verdict: accidental death.
- Cambridge Telegraph. No boy employed for deliveries, the clerk doing this work with periods of 15 minutes absence. Boy to be employed (no wage stated) in future.
- Fish and goods wagons no longer to be attached to the Up Night Mail trains (no reason given).

Secretary's Report:

- Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Co., requesting cost of working the Company's Joint station at Peterborough for comparative study.
- Newmarket. Messrs. Miller and Son requesting a Goods Warehouse site. Agreed under ECRy supervision.
- Wells and Fakenham Company. Secretary informing of a new lamp room at Wells, north side of water-tank wall.
- Tilbury and Southend Railway. Cattle traffic to Stratford via Barking Branch and vote for turnips [*sic*], Grays to Brick Lane dispute. Matter to Joint Committee, now to the lessees.
- Yarmouth stationmaster resigns. Accepted.
- East Anglian Company. Mr. Moseley (ECRy solicitor) to send a member of his staff to investigate the traffic and a record to be kept.
- Level crossings at Barrow and Westley for a Mr. Lee. Mr. Sinclair to estimate costs.
- Chairman's visits over the lines etc... Ingatestone fencing required. Platform to the carriage dock. Gate with lock.
- Braintree Yard; centre siding to be extended by 80 yards to the north. Joint Committee approval.
- Romford, 6 ft rustic fence by footpath on north slope from Barrack Road bridge and station entrance. Joint Committee approval.
- Enfield Branch. Gateman's hut at the gate, Water Lane station.
- Brick Lane. Platform at Western entrance to be boarded 2 ft in height at South end. Policeman's box in corner and Office in potato shed repaired.
- All police on the Company's property, London and country, to be under the Superintendent and on his pay sheet.
- Bishopsgate. Boarded fence required at carpenters' yard. Broken glass on wall tops. Gate across steps to cab rank. Ticket-printing shop windows to have iron bars and strong lock to the door. Rubbish from the new shops to go.
- Colchester. Foundations settling. Mr. Sinclair to look at same and repair station roof.
- Thetford station. Accounts, Mr. Poynter's false entries. To repay the amount and go to Brick Lane.
- New land purchased from Woods and Forests to be watched day and night.
- Dovercourt, winter staff. Mr. Robertson to effect reduction.
- Hadleigh. Stationmaster letting rooms to Goods Porter. This to cease but because of stationmaster's illness he is to have one month's leave. Temporary stationmaster to be appointed.
- Swavesey. Coal shed burned out on 11th October. Arson cause, to be investigated.
- Bishopsgate new shops. Tenders for hire to Chairman.
- Mr. Marshfield Mason's plan to extend ECRy property near Finsbury Market. No decision.
- East Suffolk agreement 21st October. Amendments made as marked in the draft.

27th October 1858

Chairman Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Ridley coal drops now unfit for use. Mr. Gibson to report on same.
- Lowestoft tugs. "Pursuit" and "Imperial" both unserviceable. The "Pursuit" beyond repair and "Imperial" requiring new boilers, £600 - £800. Replacement for 'Pursuit' could cost £3,500. Captain Daniels supported the scheme which was approved subject to Joint Committee approval. Captain Daniels to go to Newcastle to seek out a suitable vessel.
- Wrabness siding, extension for three more wagons, £25.

- Waltham Goods shed Gas £3.15.0d. Approved.
- Driver Ward (Six Mile Bottom collision, 9th October) to be discharged.

Manager's Report:

- Waterbeach, Waltham and Long Stanton [*Longstanton*], extra staff during harvest time (grain).
- Horse-box roofs inside to be padded.
- Romford. Sir Digby Neave asking for old rails to extend his siding near the Factory, he to supply sleepers and ballast.
- Harston station improvements delayed by lack of sidings. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Waveney Valley Company. Pulham Market, cattle pen required.
- Harleston. Mr. Smith's maltings a gate requested
- Various claims, including the late delivery of meat to the London markets on the 9th ex Bury (train 5 hours late) due to engine failure!
- Sack Accounts to go to the Audit Department and the clerks employed also to go to that department.
- Bramford requires Goods Warehouse and sidings. To Joint Committee.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*]. Reed's sidings, overloading of wagons. Stationmaster to stop this practice.
- Chatteris Dock traffic. Grain not being diverted.
- Pickfords parcel traffic. Labelling via "Pickfords" and surcharging. ECRy solicitors to be instructed.
- Claims against Goods Department. £66.3.4d gross, £56.17.0d nett.
- Ballast at Lowestoft, 2,000 tons offered at 10d per ton. Suggested price 8d per ton.
- Pickfords at Cambridge requesting price allowance for their cartage, 2s.0d per ton ex London and 1s.0d per ton ex Cambridge.
- Victoria Dock traffic. Request for the Mint Street train to run via Bromley (by Bow) instead of via Stratford.
- Royston cross-over requested.
- East Anglian Company. Mr. Hey's (ECRy) report on situation (no details).

Superintendent's Report:

- Telegraph messages (commercial); average of £57.1.5d per station for year ending 30th June. Brentwood, Maldon Romford and Braintree used porters for deliveries. This is to cease, the Electric Telegraph Company must deliver! Good tips to porters then lost (HEJ).
- Newmarket; through siding to Cambridge line needs a turnout at the Cambridge end, points set and locked to shunt. Mr. Sinclair's attention and also to report on state of platform.
- Steamers. The "Orwell" ended the London to Ipswich season on 22nd October.
- Sundry prosecutions minuted.
- Six Mile Bottom sidings on Newmarket side to be lengthened to level crossing, to allow trains to clear level crossing when awaiting to proceed. Cambridge side siding to be extended by 150 yards with points closed to main line.
- Clock Inspector's report for 3 weeks to 21st October received.
- Halesworth and Haddiscoe line. Subsidy of £10 weekly to horse-coach owner to be discontinued.
- Occurrence on 22nd October. Six bullocks (Mr. Hill the owner) on the line at Shenfield. All killed by two trains. Some complaints on communication regarding this incident.
- London to Ipswich express trains, 5 minutes additional time allowance for stop at Marks Tey.
- Norwich, pilot engine, in steam 5.00p.m. to 10.00a.m. to be kept in steam for the ex Norwich trains to Ely leaving at 7.55p.m., 8.40p.m. and 9.20p.m. (does this make sense?)
- Goods Guards shortage. Mr. Stevenson complaining, Chairman and Manager to confer.
- Fulbourne station. Pigs and poultry kept, offices dirty; stationmaster to receive a reprimand.
- Dullingham; stationmaster to be moved as being unsuitable.
- Goods trains, Peterborough to Ipswich running late. The Superintendent to investigate. Excessive speeds down Brentwood incline, station signal to be set at "caution" through the night hours.
- Dead Buffer wagons not to used on Mail trains. Guard complaints re. Beer Wagons from Manningtree.
- Brentwood cattle pens collapsing from stacked coal leaning on them. Repairs ordered and the removal of the coal.
- Ipswich - London steamers; passengers carried to and from London by the "Orwell":
 week ending 17th October: 146
 week ending 24th October: 49

Secretary's Report:

- Claim - Singleton's child knocked down at Woolwich. Case to be defended.
- Stowmarket. Messrs. Prentice and Co. refusing to pay £1 for the laying of pipes under the rails. Rental of 5s.0d per annum instead.
- Claim for £31.17.7d by agent of Sir H. Stracey's election for overcharge of rail fares.
- Walthamstow; United Building Land and Investment Company asking for reduced fares for their tenants. Refused.

- Ilford stationmaster before the Committee for irregularities. Mr. Pope to be moved elsewhere.
- Mr. Williams, Audit Department, to be stationmaster, St Margarets. Salary £65 per annum plus house.
- Yarmouth station; Mr. Watt, stationmaster to be relieved due to unsatisfactory attitude and another person to take over.
- List of passes granted.

Land Agent's Report:

- St Ives. Road improvements, town to the station. £100 requested towards cost of improvements but ECRy are the owners. Scheme rejected.
- Rates - Fletton parish - increased assessments to be contested by solicitors. Messrs. Crowder, Maynard and Co. Ltd.
- Chelmsford. Vacant arches to be enclosed, tenants to pay £5 per annum and to do the work.
- Bishops Stortford granary. Rent of 7½% on half the cost is queried. Mr. Gibson to check the agreement.
- Peterborough. Refreshment rooms, Messrs. Pike and Co. asking for rent reduction. Refused.

Chairman's Report:

- Coal. Mr Fordham of Royston seeking a depot at Cambridge. For directors.
- Downham Market. Stationmaster to receive salary increase, £75 to £80 per annum.
- Norwich station, alterations and improvements. Security of passengers' luggage and access to the platforms. Town meeting, all being resolved with free access for friends and relatives of departing passengers.
- Hertford station, lamp room required. Agreed, but separate from station building.
- Coal, Mr. Coote, lost by fire. Chairman's next visit, he to inspect. Mr. Coote, Cambridge, asking for increased accommodation; chairman's next visit. Mr. Fordham, Royston, also at Cambridge, Chairman had visited and agreed for Messrs. Comming and Hazard to "put down coal" at Royston.
- Coal traffic. Devonshire Street/Regent's Canal, Messrs. Priors seeking the traffic. Mr. Moseley (for ECRy) to make his report on the same.
- Telegraph, Ipswich station to Ipswich Docks, cost £70.
- Bishopsgate, Parcels Office, staff working a 15 hour day including Sundays. Mr. Snow, Chief Clerk has worked 17 consecutive Sundays. Agreed to institute relief working. Gratuities to Mr. Snow, £5, Mr. Brooker, £2 and youth Reece 10s for the extra hours worked. Also youth C. May and G. Franklyn to be appointed.
- Norwich station master, a payment of £10 for moving house and other services.
- Coal traffic, Mr. Coote to receive £20 and a 2nd class ticket for 6 months for his agents to use for mobile supervision.

10th November 1858

Horatio Love, Chairman

Manager's Report:

- Sundry claims such as Mr. Ward's pigs (delay and injury) in transit Trowse to Peterborough. Company lost the case with costs. Mr. Ward has two other cases pending against ECRy, and Mr. J. Taylor proposes to apply for a move to London for hearing by "Certtorart" [*sic*]. Committee decided to use the services of Mr. H. Ashley in future at Norwich Court.
- Grain Season. Extra staff for Hythe, Shelford, Hadleigh and St Margarets.
- Lowestoft; pickled herring storage at 1d per ton weekly on piece of spare land.
- Waterbeach; short siding required for coprolite traffic.
- Coal Traffic, comparisons

LNWR	39,200tons	-7,605tons
GNR	38,204	-17,618
ECRy	7,464	+185
GWR	4,875	-2,064
SWR	654	-14,273
SER	659	+659
H.L.Dunst	760	+760
MR	189	+189

Coals coming into London

- Works - Hythe Station yard resulting from the loss of Hythe Quay. Sinclair to report.
- Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. Heybridge siding to be repaired under 1848 Agreement. Secretary to check the agreement.
- Wells, shunting by Mr. Richardson. Increased pay to 30s.0d weekly due to increased tonnage.
- Claims, various (pp. 440-441).
- Coal traffic, Royston. Company to weigh all coal at 1d per ton, lad to be employed at 8s.0d weekly.

- Bookstall contracts. Court decision re. Smith, Holmes and Co. in 1856 awards £500 to ECRy for parcels delivered not for bookstall sales.
- Blackwall Lower Wharf; 10 ton crane required.
- Stratford; additional cattle pens required. For Mr. Sinclair.

Superintendent's Report:

- Train mileage reduced by 857¼ per week from 1st inst.
- Staff offences. Lamp taken by a Mr. Gardiner. To be dismissed.
- Dovercourt Station. Traffic receipts tabled in full, 6 months ending 31st December 1857. Local and through traffic. Number of passengers 4,567, revenue totalling £974.6.2d with £297.9.7d to the Harwich branch. Also traffic as above in parcels, horses, carriages, dogs for same period. Bookings at Dovercourt station are detailed for November and December 1857 and January and February 1858.
- Tottenham collision on 12th September 1858. Two claims, Mr. F. Phillips and Mr. J. Taylor for injuries sustained.
- Occupational crossings - many without locks. Mr. Sinclair to supply locks where necessary.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Goods locomotives, order for twenty, all contractors listed. 100 wagons to be built, Committee suggests that Company builds these wagons.

Secretary's Report:

- Pickford and Co. re parcels. Scale of charges approved.
- Dispute re house [*season?*] ticket, Ingatestone, of a Mr. Smith, claim for £5.8.0d for two months. Case to be defended.

Land Agent's Report:

- Bishopsgate cab stand. Agreement with Mr. Clarke to terminate in 12 months time.
- Ilford. The White House. Messrs. Simpson, paper makers, seeking to purchase property. Mr. Gibson to negotiate.
- Foxton; a new road and land required. Trinity College willing to let to ECRy Co.
- Late trains. The 9.30a.m. ex Yarmouth losing time and to be watched!
- Pickford and Co. acting as agents for LNWRy Cambridge. Secretary to contact LNWRy.
- Cambridge. Mr. Swann still using Company name on his vans. Police Superintendent to check and report.
- Griffins Wharf for sale. Company invited to purchase from Messrs. Prentice and Hewitt.
- Wymondham station accounts, deficiency of £21.18.4d. Mr. Ward (ex stationmaster) to be asked to pay this amount.
- Payments. Mr. Perry for Ely Bridge work £500.0.0d, Mr. Norfar [*Norfor?*], fish sheds at Yarmouth, £200.0.0d.

Special Committees (Reports):

- 11th November 1858. East Suffolk Agreement, Sir Morton Peto in attendance. Draft agreement approved for the Solicitor.
- 17th November 1858. East Suffolk Agreement, statement in full is shown.
- 18th November 1858. New projects to be submitted to Parliament:
 - London, Dunmow, Clare and Bury St Edmunds Railway.
 - Colne Valley and Halstead Railway extension to Audley End.
 - Tendring Hundred Railway.
 - Ware, Hadham and Buntingford Railway.
 - Wells and Fakenham Railway.
 - Bedford, Potton and Cambridge Railway.
 - Bedford, Sandy and Cambridge Railway.
 - Hertford, Luton and Dunstable Railway.
 - Loughton and Epping Railway.
 - Victoria Docks extension.
 - Middle Level drainage
 - Nene Valley drainage and Navigation improvement.
 - Railway Clearing-House improvements.
- Colne Valley; extensions and legal correspondence with the Colne Valley and Halstead Railway solicitors re any possible participation.

24th November 1858

Chairman, Horatio Love

- Blackwall, crane to cost £250, agreed provisionally.
- Stratford cattle pens to cost £240, agreed provisionally.
- Colne Valley and Halstead Railway. Report (long) by Mr. Sinclair with some dispute on Colne Valley and Halstead Railway's rights and loss of ECRy land to Colne Valley and Halstead Railway. Also on contractor entering ECRy's land

and subsequent eviction and destruction of work on Mr. Sinclair's orders. This work was done in order to get a locomotive onto the Colne Valley and Halstead Railway works.

- Dovercourt. Mr. Patrick's Wharf and quay. He is seeking to erect a brick wall. Secretary to check legal position.
- Manningtree station, timber supports collapsing. Ballast infilling to cost £50.
- Brick Lane water supply, estimated cost £1,110; Aird and Co. to carry out the work.
- Payments. Mr. Davey for Sudbury Goods Office, £59.5.0d.

Manager's Report:

- Grain season. Extra staff required at Newmarket, Chatteris Dock, Broxbourne stations.
- Various claims met such as: 3 vans of fish ex Harwich late arrival in London on the 22nd ultimo (£22.5.6d). Case to be defended. (Pages 465-468).
- Brick Lane. A tank required for Granary Engine water.
- Royston approach road in need of repairs.
- St Ives; Messrs Brown's Mills causing delay due to small siding. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Peterborough cattle traffic. LNWRy rates were much lower as were the GNRy. Awaiting a reply.
- Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation; siding alterations requested by Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Co.
- Lowestoft tug "Andriette" salvage tow, sale of vessel fetched £310 less expenses.
- Midland and Great Northern Companies' freight rates ex Sheffield to ECRy's stations approved.
- Wagon height gauges for Blackwall line, Stratford loop line and also near the old sheet factory. Agreed.
- Marks Tey; manure pit required. Yarmouth; shipping clerk's box required. Royston; stable required.
- Sundry repairs listed.
- Blackwall warehouse; Messrs. Nicholls of Colchester seeking same for beer storage. Mr. Gibson to arrange rental.
- Stowmarket; vitriol works. Messrs. Prentice and Co., 300 yards from the station, have been paying 6d per wagon for horse shunting. They now contest this charge under the agreement made (Eastern Union Company). To be checked by Land Agent.
- Samples - Victoria Dock to Fenchurch Street charged at 10s.0d per ton, minimum of 6s.0d.
- Fakenham; 2 ton crane required for wine casks.
- Yarmouth Ice House in need of repairs.
- Bury; cartage agent Mr. Hayward's new agreement. 1st class 1s 8d, 2nd and 3rd class 2s 0d, 4th class 2s 6d, 5th class 5s 0d, small parcels 2d each to weight charge.
- Shunting horses for the grain season, one each required at St Ives, Bishops Stortford, Ware, Cambridge, Stowmarket and Sawbridgeworth, with two at Ipswich.
- Hertford and Welwyn Company. No goods trains for some months. Traffic has increased and the Hertford and Welwyn Company will run trains if the ECRy provide the locomotives. For the Chairman.
- Smithfield Show; rates for stock by passenger train - oxen in horse box, 4d per mile; 2 stall at 7d and 3 stall at 9d per mile. Crated sheep and pigs 9d per mile. Goods trains, usual rates.

Superintendent's Report:

- Christmas train fares. 1st and 2nd class returns by all passenger trains issued on the 24th December etc. to be available for return to 31st December. Sunday service on Christmas Day. Smithfield Show passenger tickets issued on 7th/8th/9th December available for return up to 11th December.
- Colchester Down auxiliary signal required near station to protect cattle-line shunting at the London end. Agreed.
- Snaresbrook; small pig run over and killed on the 8th November, also one at Bow level crossing (Huntingdon) on the 5th November.
- Waltham on 10th November, a goods guard, Montgomery, injured while attaching truck. March, Driver Hoare killed by fall from engine and run over by trucks on 22nd November. £5 to his widow.
- Fare swindle by clerk Rouse at Stratford using an outdated Cambridge ticket for lady passenger on 29th November, Chairman to deal with the matter.
- Clock Inspector's report for 4 weeks to 18th November.
- The 9.30 a.m. ex Yarmouth, Superintendent's report on timekeeping. Lakenheath - Ely stretch with three bridge renewals taking place and single-line working in operation.
- Collision at Harling Road; the 6.50 a.m. cattle train ex Stratford to Norwich ran past auxiliary and station semaphores at danger, hitting the 1.0 a.m. goods train ex Ely to Norwich approximately 200 yards on Norwich side of station. Both lines blocked, several trucks severely damaged. Driver Hendrick dismissed, fireman fined one days pay.
- Foot Warmers. To supply all 1st class about 250 warmers would be required at 15s- 20s each. Boilers required, seven at £10 - £15 each at London, Lynn, Cambridge, Norwich Thorpe, Norwich Victoria, Ipswich and Wisbeach [*Wisbech*].
- Shelford. Stationmaster killed on 22nd November. Widow of Mr. Barker to be assisted.
- Mistley; tramway stopblocks at station need repairs.

Secretary's Report:

- Royal National Lifeboat Institution, charge for moving 2½ ton boat and carriage to Yarmouth to be 3 guineas.
- Lowestoft, new tug named "Powerful" registered at Newcastle-upon-Tyne purchased. Registration now Lowestoft.
- Bishopsgate station - double windows for reception room and ante-room adjacent.

Land Agent's Report:

- Brentwood, 1 rood 18 poles land purchased at £60 plus costs, Brook Street cutting, prone to slipping on to the line. Approved.
- House repairs needed; Mile End stationmaster's house. House repairs, Audley End station cottages and Royston stationmaster's house.

Chairman's Report:

- Oldbury Wagon Company; using ECRy siding and land at Peterborough. Mr. Gibson to issue a "quit" notice and a rental demand for past usage.
- Midland Railway require additional sidings at Peterborough Coal Wharf and a wide roadway. Mr. Sinclair to report on same. 10 ton crane ordered on 23rd June to be fixed at Peterborough. Station roads at Peterborough require repairing. Crippled wagon sidings needed to go between no. 9 siding and new cattle siding, 2 road. Clerks' wages increased: Rolph, 8s to 10s weekly and Pitts 20s to 23s weekly.
- Cambridge traffic; decrease noted ex Peterborough and the St Ives line, due to fares charged (GNRy lower). Superintendent to report.
- Telegraph - Edmonton - Enfield; some delays at Edmonton and a single needle instrument to be installed there.
- Bishopsgate; refreshment rooms, unauthorised work carried out. Rules to be enforced, i.e. Committee sanction.
- Repair works, Brick Lane Counting House, Bishopsgate Lost Property Office and Accountant Office and small items in same.
- Brick Lane cartage office to be moved nearer to the gate. Also several alterations at Brick Lane - boundary walls of fields to be secured.
- Woolwich Branch traffic, 3 months ending 31st August excluding the ferry service, full details given, passengers and receipts including Pleasure Gardens and proportions made. Totals for 1857, passengers 69,847, receipts £3,841.14.4d; 1858, passengers 113,761, receipts £4,984.18.0d.

8th December 1858

Chairman, Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- 20 goods locomotives, quotes from £1,970 each to £2,750 each. Mr. Sinclair to advise later.
- Brick Lane water tank to be removed, at cost of £40. Hythe Wharf closure; additional accommodation to cost about £106.0.0d. Waterbeach, coprolite siding to cost £170. Agreed. Royston stable, cost £28.

Manager's Report:

- St Ives; parcels ex London, Mr Hewitt (carrier) to receive 1d per parcel.
- Repair work, sundry items at Royston, Huntingdon, Norwich Victoria, Enfield, Hythe, March, Lynn, Stowmarket, Royston and Framsham [*Fransham?*].
- Various claims reported for damage, delay and loss. (pages 491, 492, 493) From tea to pigs to linen etc.
- Ramsey, cartage account settled by Mr. Lant. To be allowed 1d each on empties.
- Lynn, cattle traffic; cattle being walked from Algarkirk to Lynn for the market. Manager to report.
- Brentwood; Mr. Prior using cattle pen as a coal dump. This is to be moved and a coal booth made for Mr. Prior.
- Ship salvage. Russian ship towed to London, £80 received; tug "Powerful", Captain Daniels.

Superintendent's Report:

- Bookstalls contract; Messrs. Smith, Holmes and Co. to pay for any ECRy service received.
- Flag station - Boreham or Hatfield (Pevenil) [*Hatfield Pevenil*], not sanctioned.
- Tottenham collision. Two claims for personal injury: Phillips £1,000 and Traylor [*Taylor?*] not assessed. Efforts to be made to secure settlements outside the courts.
- Brentwood signals. All Up goods trains should stop at the station thereby doing away with the "caution" signal.
- Break [*brake*] vans. East Suffolk line, twelve required, agreed.
- Explosion, locomotive no. 229 on 25th November at Bures on 6.35 p.m. ex Sudbury goods. Nobody injured.
- Telegraph - Woodford line via Stratford, Woodford and Loughton.
- Claims. Donkey run over and killed near Thorpe Junction on 2nd December. Valued 42s. Injury claims totalled £800.17.6d from November 1st - December 4th. Mr. Phillips (see Tottenham collision above) settled for £445.16.6d and not £1,000 and Mr. and Mrs. Lock for £118.3.0d.
- Loughton station; letter from Northern and Eastern Company re additional lad required. For Mr. Robertson.

- Ipswich; wooden bridge over approach road in bad state. Eastern Union has commenced building the new station using this bridge for moving materials. Question of bridge repair costs. Land Agent to report.

9th December
Adjourned Meeting

- Various work required, all sundry nature; lamps, bells, ovens, etc...
- Train workings. Special for Mr, Beauchamp £6.3.0d. He complains about the cost and it was agreed that he pay £3.1.6d only. He was left behind at Ely, no handbell was rung!
- Stationmasters' houses. Gas supplies discussed.
- Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation; agreement of 13th April 1848 states that ECRy is duty bound to keep the sidings (Heybridge) in good repair and provide additional sidings as required. Traffic Manager to report.
- Steam boats; "Orion" not for sale. Enquiry from Messrs. Bailey and Ridley. Boat to go to Ipswich.
- Broxbourne; house [*season?*] tickets, Broxbourne Villas; Mr. Beardmore asking for renewal on 12 months on split terms. Refused by Committee.
- Lea Bridge collision. Last Monday in dense fog a goods train ran into the 5.20 p.m. passenger train. Several injured. Both drivers had ignored fog signals and both to be dismissed. (Full details in Chairman's Minute Book) Also an article/report on page 504 on fog safety working of trains.
- Electric Telegraph, report on messages transmitted during October 1858: 40,843.

8th December
New Projects Committee

- GNRy. Junction with NLRy, East Suffolk Railway, Leiston to Aldborough.
- Norwich - Spalding - Holbeach to Sutton Bridge. Waveney Valley Railway Harleston to Bungay - Beccles. Also lodged at Westminster Bedford, Potton, Cambridge. Colne Valley and Halstead Ry extension. Epping Railway. London, Dunmow, Clare and Bury St Edmunds. Norwich - Spalding. Tendring Hundred, Colchester to Wivenhoe, Waveney Valley and Wells - Fakenham Tramway. Copy of Parliamentary schemes affecting ECRy.

END OF RAIL 186/44

START OF RAIL 186/45

5th January 1859
Chairman, Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Agricultural Exhibitions. Meeting of railway managers at Euston decided to charge full rate for Cattle and Implements, but free return if not sold. Committee approved.
- Beer traffic. Burton offer of 10,000 butts provided an 18-month storage could be provided. Same offer from Messrs. Allsop, same reply made.
- Various claims recorded; pages 2 and 3. Microscopes to a flywheel damaged (Garretts).
- Buckenham, no crossover, all goods going to Norwich and returned. Mr. Sinclair to report on the situation.
- Royston, a 5-ton crane is required. Great Northern Ry to be asked to provide, ECRy to pay 4% rent on cost of crane.
- Rates, beer, Messrs. Nicholls to London 5s.0d per ton (5 barrels), 10s.0d per ton to country stations.
- Parcels - Romford and Ilford; booking charges resumed, no bus now operating.
- Wivenhoe. Messrs. Harvey's timber lying on ECRy land. Rental charges to be made.
- Finningham. A shunting horse required. Agreed at 12s.0d per week.
- Bishopsgate, Prior's coal arches. 6 wagon loads of chalk to be laid as requested.
- Braintree Lime shed. Dispute re ownership with Mr. Andrews. Land Agent to report on same.
- Cartage stock purchased from Mr. Cooney to bear Secretary's name and ECRy board.
- Lynn and Downham. Drivers ask for free passes. This was refused by the Committee.
- Sundry claims on page 6.

Superintendent's Report:

- Bishopsgate station, report on Christmas traffic: Friday 24th, passengers 5,510, receipts £1,935.18.0d. Saturday 25th, passengers 4,789, receipts £774.14.3d. Comments made upon general cramped condition of the station, Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Mails. Inspector General asking for explanation of delay on Day and Night Mail trains.
- Bishopsgate. Turntable on Down platform needs brake up to the step. Two lamps needed in yard and a double lamp 27 ft from Woolwich platform.

- Lea Bridge accident [*see the adjourned meeting of this committee, 9th December 1858*]. Account rendered for £110.5.0d by Dr. Luke of London Hospital for services rendered. To be paid.
- Claims made by passengers totalled fourteen at £189.1.0d. Further claims, 37 in number, are pending. Solicitors to act.
- Stratford Western Junction; three telegraph poles blown down on 23rd December and Driver Fletcher on passing engine was severely injured.
- Corpse conveyance, rates. First class in Company coach or horsebox - 9d per mile; Second class coach or truck - also 9d per mile; Third class by truck, 6d per mile. Minimum distance of 10s. New rates of 1s 0d per mile for nos. 1 and 2 and 10s.0d minimum as before.
- Reward of one sovereign to Porter Bloomfield for delivering a lost purse to Rev. Mr. Grimshaw, Halstead, on 21st December.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Timber, whole page 12/13. Purchase of 2,000 loads agreed.
- Payments to Mr. Tracey for bridge renewal - Lakenheath Mildenhall £740.0.0d. Bridge renewal Ely - Mildenhall £800.0.0d. Renewal, skew bridge near Manea, £969.16.6d. Mr. Perry, renewal of Ely bridge £710.3.5d.

Chairman's Report:

- Brentwood; Ladies' Waiting Room to cost £30.0.0d.
- Cattle layers (later called lairs), Tottenham. Cattle injuries. Suggested that proper layers be constructed and a charge made for usage.
- Sundry repairs minuted.
- Captain Mills of the Harwich Steam Boat to receive a gift of £5 for extra services.
- East Suffolk lines. Sir Morton Peto and Mr. Watson had announced the completion to Halesworth and the Directors of the East Suffolk Railway would open if the ECRy would work the branch. Sir Morton said that the line from Halesworth to Haddiscoe was not finished, the bridge at Aldeby required widening. At last five weeks work with 50 men employed. Early February opening was possible. Committee was against part opening of the line.
- Corbett's Salt from Camden Town to Victoria Docks. The rate to be 1s.6d per ton, half of this to the North London Railway Co.
- Bishopsgate station Yard. Mr. Clarke's cabs agreement. No terms stated for renewal.
- Relief clerks to be paid 1s 0d per day additional to normal pay when acting as relief.
- Lowestoft Ice House. Mr. Gooch's tender accepted at £40.4.0d, he to provide the baskets. Yarmouth to be also "contracted out".
- Gas at Ingatestone. Supply to be laid on at a cost of £32.19.0d with pipe to semaphore signal.
- Repairs of a sundry nature on page 18.
- Non-attendance at work. Superintendent's staff also to lose pay except in special circumstances.
- Station coal. Ambiguous minute on subject!
- Hertford and Welwyn Company. Meeting Kings Cross 1st January; subject: goods traffic. Proposed charge of 1s 0d per mile each way for locomotive usage i.e. 28 miles each night. Each company (Great Northern Railway, ECRy and Hertford and Welwyn) to pay one third. Three months trial.
- Peterborough, Northbound goods on to the Great Northern Railway, who wish to share revenue with the London and North Western Railway and Midland Railway, and ECRy to forgo its 20% share. Nothing agreed.
- Coal traffic. Messrs. Prior asking for a period agreement on charges. This was deferred.

19th January 1859

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Various claims, loss and damage.
- Various staff offences.
- Ipswich. Mr. Packard's Works. He agreeable to pay £5 per annum for truck shunting. Night shunting, Mr. Sutton suggested a stand-by locomotive in steam. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Lakenheath, Mr. Crick and Warehouse rent owing on 400 qtrs of rye now gone to Ely. Dispute regarding date of forwarding from Lakenheath.
- Ware. Mr Sheppard asking for a siding from the station to the river waterside. Chairman and Mr. Sinclair to visit.
- Waveney Valley Company. Harlestone [*Harleston*] goods office in need of alterations etc.
- Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. Wharf at Heybridge be repaired and siding replaced
- Liverpool Goods traffic. London and North Western Ry to operate between Manchester and Liverpool.

- Coal traffic into London:

GNRy	46,729 tons	+923 tons	
LNWRy	44,983	+3,122	
ECRy	11,005	+1,795	
GWRy		4,112	+1,713
SERy	1,146	+573	
T and S Ry [<i>LTSRy</i>]	186	+174	

All increased, December

- Tilbury and Southend Railway. ECRy trucks delayed at Rainham due to a siding shortage.
- Hitchin - transfer goods trains to Leicester line, Great Northern Ry to be allowed two miles out of the through rate. Agreed. Liverpool goods traffic to be dealt with by the Clearing House in future, LNWRy has already so agreed.
- Coal at Stanstead [*Stansted*]. Mr. Coote seeking agency and willing to pay part of cost of stand. Mr. Sinclair to report.

Superintendent's Report:

- March; stationmaster was cautioned for absence having taken a footplate ride on the 7th January to Pear Tree Hill.
- Signalmen's huts required at Ilford and Romford, that at Romford to be temporary.
- Park auxiliary signals out of action on 23rd December and could not be lighted. The stationmaster was reprimanded for failing to report failure.
- Train delay at Water Lane, 12 noon London to Enfield for 25 minutes due to cross action on telegraph at Edmonton.
- Claims for personal injury; eleven, totalling £452.15.4d.
- Cow on the line at Tottenham station. Knocked down and killed by Down Norwich goods train. Several wagons were derailed, but stationmaster used the Up line as a single. Commended.
- Woolwich ferry. Small boat missing from ferry boat. Reported on November 30th.

Secretary's Report:

- Hitchin. A piece of land used by the ECRy is claimed by a Mr. Ransome who allowed it to the Royston and Hitchin Company under agreement. Land Agent to report.
- Dereham level crossing, delays to the public. Proposed overbridge not popular. The ECRy to meet inhabitants regarding this matter.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Buckenham alterations [*Manager's Report, 5th January 1859*] would cost £150. Referred back re cost!
- Rail breakage at Marks Hall Cutting, 2½ miles from Norwich Victoria. Discovered on 9th January, a 16ft length on the Up road. Mr. Sheppard awarded one sovereign for his report to the platelayers.
- Brick Lane boundary wall.. Mr. Hill of Whitechapel at £129.
- Colchester Old Station. Alteration into porters' cottages. Contract to F. Betts at £73.16.0d.
- Locomotive tubes (brass). Exchange old for new, G.F.Muntz and Co. 7¾d for old per lb and 11d for new per lb.
- Payments made to:

Wright and Sons, Birmingham, for 60 carriages,	£6,609 on account.
F. Betts, Stowmarket, for 2 cottages, Harwich line,	£221.12.5d.
H. Norfor, Yarmouth, for new fish shed, Yarmouth,	£42.11.0d.
also office alterations at Yarmouth,	£191.14.11d.
R. Hood, Norwich, for six salt stores at Lowestoft,	£289.5.8d.

Land Agent's Report:

- Peterborough station, land dispute with Messrs. English regarding fence and coal offices. Legally entitled by covenant. Mr. Gibson to settle matter. Dispute regarding land for Ely to Peterborough branch, part used as ballast pit. Owner to repossess this portion. Agreed.
- Springfield; agreed to reopen footpath for Mr. Pearson adjoining railway.
- Devonshire Street area. Roads to be repaired, Cadbury Place and Prospect Place.
- Loughton approach road. Mr. D'Oyley offering 1,200 yds ballast for resurfacing. Chairman to inspect.

Chairman's Report:

- Wymondham. Property in trust stolen. Police Superintendent Kent has recovered much at Porter Sutton's home and charged him accordingly. Staff changes recommended at Wymondham generally.
- Book stalls contract, Mr. Parlour's application declined, only 12 monthly contracts to be agreed.
- Merchants/Dealers Passes. Meeting on 1st January between LNWRy, GWRy, GNRy regarding season tickets for cattle and corn dealers, horse dealers and colliery agents. ECRy was asked if they would end reduced season tickets at the named callings or trades. Will the ECRy agree to a rate agreed on competing territory? Date of implementation of the

above? Committee stated their dislike of reduced rates and agreed to combine with other companies on season ticket rates when in competition.

- Lea Bridge accident. Colonel Yolland's recommendations. Telegraph working required. Signalman ignoring goods trains. Allowing trains to pass signals. Casual use of fog signals. Committee suggested that Mr. Robertson investigate these matters generally and report.
- Chairman's Line Visit. Cambridge, horse-keeper dismissed as negligent. Ely, two porters each fined one days pay for carelessly handling a turkey! Norwich Victoria, report on acting stationmaster Seeley very good, more staff required. Diss, stationmaster not very satisfactory re the accounts, Mr Roper to be moved. (page 40) Yarmouth, iceman dismissed.
- Various wage increases noted.
- Norwich Thorpe stationmaster's house to be repaired.
- Wells and Fakenham line. Larger locomotives required. For Mr. Sinclair's attention.
- Thorpe. Yard to be gravelled. Turntable to be moved opposite to allow two roads of usage. New boiler/stove for harness room.
- Trowse. Platforms to be extended and office improvements.
- Yarmouth. (page 42) Various small improvements including a footpath from tramway to the station.
- Norwich Victoria. Waiting room, 4 yds coconut matting.
- Bishopsgate station. Man to clean windows and lamps.
- Ships Pilots licences. £7.14.0d annual cost to Custom House at Ipswich. To be paid.
- Gratuity of £5 to Inspector Goodey for extra services.
- Somersham station accounts; Mr Thom has not yet paid in the balance due and the Guarantee Society may be asked to pay the monies due.
- Goods trains marshalling, Brick Lane, 6 hours of the day, frequent blocking of the main lines. Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Moseley to confer and report on the possibility of using Stratford instead.

2nd February 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Ilford; Messrs Simpson's siding and ECRy coal siding. The latter to be repaired, traverser lengthened and a crane to be erected at Simpson's expense.
- Leytonstone. East London Water Company to lay on a supply costing £4.3.0d per annum.
- Stanstead [*Stansted*]. Mr. Coote's coal siding to be lengthened at a cost of £10 to the ECRy Company.
- Payment - Mr. King £291.6.9d for new sidings at Romford.
- Timber; tenders opened, Mr. Sinclair to decide.
- Cattle lairs, Tottenham. Tenders opened, Mr. Sinclair to decide.

Secretary's Report:

- Mail train requested by a Mr. Thew of Lynn, either to Ely or Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Matter to be considered by Superintendent and reported later.
- Rainham - truck delays - Sir Morton Peto to lay down additional sidings if Tilbury and Southend Railway agree at next meeting.
- Royston, 5 ton crane. The GNRy refuse to erect a crane. Matter held in abeyance.
- Harwich. House ticket, Mr. Mann of Dovercourt, his ticket to be renewed but past full fares matter referred to the Chairman.

Superintendent's Report:

- Ely junction, Peterborough and Lynn branches, additional signals to be erected.
- Signal boxes: larger boxes at Lea Bridge, Tottenham, Park and Forest Gate. Alterations required between Water Lane - Stratford and Romford - Stratford boxes.
- Prickwillow crossing, a Gatekeeper's lodge at a cost of £80 to be provided.
- Trowse - Keswick Mill - an Up auxiliary signal required.
- Lea Bridge collision. Claims settled £121 (four).
- Custom House; trespassing on the line continuing - man knocked down and severely injured - fence to be erected to the ditch opposite Engine House. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Occupational level crossing gates, 1,568 locks required, costing at least £235. Committee questioned liability if keys go to the users. For the Solicitor.
- Pay of joint men, reference 6th January 1858, and wages paid to Goods and Coaching departments. Half-yearly account to go to Mr. Waddy for each Department.
- Water - Witham and Hadleigh stations; supply insufficient. For Mr. Sinclair.

- Rat infestation at Diss, Kelvedon and Harlestone [*Harlestone*]. Stationmasters to be reprimanded for not reporting the matter and a man to visit the stations and deal with the matter.
- Omnibuses, Maldon to Chelmsford on market day. Superintendent to investigate possible rail service.

Manager's Report:

- Claims, general, from lost hampers to damaged grapes, from £7.8.8d to £16.16.0d, all to be settled.
- Royston. Pumped water by three men in Goods Warehouse unreliable. Mr. Sinclair to employ some men.

- Coal traffic into London:

GNRy	524,711 tons	-7,108 tons	
LNWRy	481,449	+4,953	
ECRy	91,901	-9,392	
GWRy	_____	62,720	-7,085
SERy	11,751	+1,563	
SWRy	9,455	-7,550	
MRy	5,745		
HLDRy	1,927		(Herts, Luton and Dunstable)
BSCRy	534	+458	[Brighton and South Coast, LBSCRy?]
T and S Ry	505	+233	[Tilbury and Southend, LTSRy]

Twelve months to 31st December 1858.

- Fish traffic, Minorities. Unloaded to December 31st, 2,069 tons.
- Beer traffic; 10,000 butts to Blackwall via Hertford and Welwyn line (ex Burton). ECRy's charge from Hertford to Blackwall. Terminals 1s 6d per ton, warehousing 4s 0d per ton, minimum of 18 months.
- Wagon no. 94 damaged £2 by Messrs. Manser and Inship.
- Dead buffer wagons on passenger trains for fish traffic prohibited. Special trains to stations north of Peterborough to mileage of 600 weekly. Committee ruled that three or more live buffered fish trucks could be attached to passenger trains to a total of twelve vehicles in all.
- Lynn station; a weighbridge required, East Anglian to supply.
- Coal traffic, York to East Anglia, 6 months to 31st December 1858:

Ipswich	25,216 tons 10cwt
Lynn	19,400 tons 9cwt
Lowestoft	12,359 tons 19 cwt 3 qt
Yarmouth	1,777 tons 8 cwt
Wisbeach [<i>Wisbech</i>]	621 tons 13 cwt

- Ely; Mr. Hawkes' siding to his works, agreed if he pays.
- Peterborough - Messrs. Cadge and Coleman coal trucks shunted at 1s 6d each. Dispute over this charge as an ECRy siding is run on C and C's property free! Land Agent to report.
- Wages - Goods department, London area, weekly:

Foreman porter;	25s to 30s.	Proposed scale:	23s to 25s.
Loaders;	21s to 23s		20s to 23s
Scalesmen;	19s to 21s		18s to 21s
Porter;	18s [<i>sic</i>]		17s to 18s
Horse driver;	18s to 19s		16s to 18s
Carmen etc.;	18s to 21s		same
Lads;	5s to 10s		same

Country areas, weekly:

Foreman porter;	18s to 21s.	Proposed scale:	17s to 20s.
Loaders;	18s to 21s		17s to 20s
Scalesmen;	15s to 17s		same
Porter;	15 to 17s		14s to 16s
Horse driver;	15s to 16s		14s to 16s
Carmen etc.;	16s to 18s		15s to 16s
Lads;	4s to 5s		same

- Fish traffic. General Steam Navigation Company's rates ex Yarmouth reduced for soles. ECRy to watch events.

Chairman's Report:

- Bishopsgate station. The Up Side parcels office to be altered to a Ladies' Waiting Room, with two water closets, cost £70. Two new goods parcel offices to be built in corner at £170 subject to approval.
- Ware station; complaints of mismanagement. Staff of 35 employed. Manager to investigate and report. The stationmaster reprimanded.

- Hertford and Welwyn Company; Mr. Shepherd of Ware asking for use of the H and W Co's laybye at Hertford for corn and flour from his mill. Secretary of ECRy to enquire re same.
- Romford Station, Chairman's visit. Inspected the new siding for Ind Coope Ltd. The Up siding to remain and the turntable; the cattle siding to be lengthened and cattle pens to be placed on a lower level.
- Brick Lane; police staff. Two policemen for granary, one day and one at night to generally regulate security.
- Loughton goods shed to cost £50 was agreed. The station fence to be extended. Land for an amusement park to be used by coming Spring.
- Buckhurst Hill. A siding is required. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Snarbrook; sloping bank to be fenced in from bridge on Down side to booking office steps.
- Dereham; level crossing. Meeting with inhabitants who revealed plans to petition Board of Trade regarding an overbridge proposal. Also refreshment room to be altered (W and W repair book).
- Norwich. Oil stored in a 36 gallon cask near platform. To be moved to grease room. Grease room to be made good.
- Passengers' luggage; mostly free but a better check to be kept on such luggage.
- Ticket collectors to be moved around to secure better vigilance! Guards also to be moved around to other districts for same reason.
- Norwich, Thorpe station. Mr. Sproul of Lynn to be stationmaster at £150 per annum, with £20 per annum house allowance. Mr. Mills of Fakenham to be stationmaster at Lynn at £100 per annum and £20 per annum house allowance. Mr. Toynee to return from Norwich Thorpe to Bishopsgate Accounts office at existing salary.
- Yarmouth Races. £21 subscription as usual agreed.
- East Suffolk lines. Stationmasters. Mr G. Fisher and Mr. J. Cowdrey nominated by Sir Morton Peto. Noted.
- Hertford - Welwyn line. Locomotive costs agreed on three-way share: GNRy, ECRy and H and W Company.
- Bishopsgate gas; some complaints re quality of supply.

Land Agent's Report:

- Coal accommodation Royston. Messrs. Comyn and Hazard asking for land given up by Mr. Fordham. This was agreed.
- Bishopsgate station arches. Board of Trade request the lining of these arches above the street to prevent rain seepage and also to repair the pavements and the drains. Lining of arches £237.5.0d; pavements, drains £25.0.0d. Agreed one arch for a start.
- Waterbeach. Mr. Foster's cottage adjoining the railway. Permission to repair the boundary hedge. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Bishopsgate. Two plots of land offered to ECRy at £300. Useful for frontage to street. ECRy to purchase.
- Stratford. Land let to Mr. Gray (deceased). The Executors wish to cease the tenancy. A Mr. Lankester offers £100 per annum rent providing fencing and gates are made good. Agreed to so let.
- Haddiscoe. Public House, offer of £26 per annum rent by a Mr. Rushmer if property is put into a good state. Agreed.
- Cambridge approach road repairs, is the ECRy liable? If so, what will be the cost? Can the road be dedicated to the public? For Land Agent to report. Also same questions for the Lynn station approach.

16th February 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Brick Lane. 4 tons of fish manure, unclaimed and to be sold, proceeds to Claims Account.
- Salvage by tug. "Thetis" off Lowestoft in distress. Tug "Powerful" assisted, Captain Daniels finally gaining an award of £50 in the courts (originally offered £5).
- Beer traffic, 250 wagon-loads of "Burton" has arrived at Blackwall via the Hertford and Welwyn line.
- Sundry claims; £90.13.3d.
- Lady Churchill; 2 packages obtained at Cheshunt station by deception on 22nd January.
- Coal traffic into London:

LNWRy	52,413 tons	+13,170 tons	
GNRy	37,217	-16,474	
ECRy	8,557	-1,163	
GWRy	_____	3,263	+406
SERY	1,096	-1,961	
- January 1859
- East Suffolk line; staff required: 3 clerks, 2 lads, 2 foreman porters, 16 ordinary porters, 8 truck shunters, 2 greasers. 8 truck horses required.
- Sacks; Sack Protection Society claiming that Romford Factory has cut up 5,000 sacks (flour). Totally refuted by Mr. Moseley.

- Misdirection of goods. Mr. Bolton's sheep to Audley End, claim for £7.0.0d. Paid. Norwich Victoria, parcel to Brentwood for Smith. A woman collected it unchallenged for an authorisation. Stationmaster and porter both reprimanded.
- Coal traffic, York to East Anglia, 6 months to 31st December 1858:

Ipswich	25,217 tons	-2,112 tons	
Lynn harbour	19,400	+315	
Lowestoft	12,360	-5,268	
Yarmouth	1,777	-1,031	
Wisbeach	622	-228	[Wisbech]

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Wells station; one set of dead buffers required, £25.
- Magdalen Gate, House foundations to be underpinned. Cost £30, gatehouse also same, cost £10.15s.
- Cambridge Locomotive Superintendent Mr. Kiton resigning upon becoming C.M.E. of a foreign railway (continental). Testimonial to be given to Mr. K.
- Old rails, 250 tons to Mr. Hodgson at £5 per ton.
- Evans Patent Fire Grate; Mr. Sinclair's reports were unfavourable, matter dropped.
- Woodbridge line. Locomotive for Mr. Brassey for ballasting work. Approved via Mr. Sinclair.
- Tottenham cattle lairs. Mr. Tracey £627 for ten, reduced to six at £376.0.0d.
- Timber. Messrs. Wade and Co. at £3.4.6d per load totalling £6,450.

Chairman's Report:

- Country stations, goods clerks, meal times to be regularised.
- Cartage stock, 1858 report. Horses purchased: Mr. J. Whitehurst, 23; Mr. J. Whitehurst and Chairman, 43. Cost £2,288 or £34.10.0d each. Horse deaths 3, sold unfit for work 1, purchased 1858. Lost also prior to 1858 purchase 27 making 9% of stock (343).
- Stratford waiting-rooms; furniture to cost £29.0.0d.
- Messrs. Pickford claiming overcharges on Cambridge traffic. Agreed a refund of £24 to be made.
- Cambridge station; approach road to Hills Road to be made good prior to public dedication.
- Coal traffic; Messrs. Prior, Peterborough, guaranteeing 50,000 tons per annum to Bishopsgate at 4s.0d per ton, 2d per ton rebate on 50,000 tons or more. Further that additional sidings be provided for this traffic to cost £150, Priors to pay 5%.

Superintendent's Report:

- Caution signals (fog). After discussion it was resolved to take no action.
- Loughton, pleasure ground. Agreed to spend £300.0.0d.
- Romford. Incline to have a turn-out and stopblocks 30 yards East of the goods shed, closed to the incline. Fence required.
- Telegraph. Code of practice submitted to stop the frivolous messages!
- Lea Bridge collision. 74 claims, settled for £1,537.7.4d.
- Tottenham collision, 12th September 1858, 2 claims settled.
- Lowestoft; trespassing on the line in station yard area. Public Right of Way? Land Agent to check and report on same.
- East Suffolk line, staff required: 14 station masters, 9 booking clerks, 50 signalmen etc., 39 gatekeepers and lads.
- Blackwall Company, passenger luggage. Case quoted of a passenger for Loughton with 3 sacks of oats and 1 sack of flour on the 4.10 p.m. ex Fenchurch Street on 2nd February. Letter to go to the Blackwall Company regarding luggage.
- Omnibuses, Maldon to Chelmsford. Receipts lower last two months. Fare by ECRy on market days to be halved for a return ticket.
- Lea Bridge collision; fees for surgeon, £58.16.0d.
- Six Mile Bottom station, Down siding to be extended as a refuge for goods trains.
- Ilford; dispute over crane, Messrs. Simpson refusing to pay the cost.

Land Agent's Report:

- Stratford station yard, Angel Lane requires ballasting and draining. Under-passage is wet from seepage. Mr. Sinclair. Waddington Terrace, a piece of land opposite needs fencing as cattle can cause damage. For the Chairman.
- Bishopsgate shops, a gutter is required at the rear.
- Loughton; a piece of land offered by the local authorities in exchange for gravel is very small. Chairman to investigate.
- Thurston. Relief clerk to be stationmaster at £70 per annum.

2nd March, 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Yarmouth, footpath from tramway to station yard, £30.
- Norwich. Stationmaster's house at Victoria station, £140.0.0d
- Waterbeach. Mr. Foster's application to change fencing. Must keep cattle from the line. Mr. Sinclair to approve same.
- Angel Lane - station approach road repairs to cost £50.0.0d.
- Old rails. 4,000 tons to be sold now; for tender.
- Woodbridge line junction at Ipswich. Mr. Bruff's plan submitted. Bridge over the London road requires underpinning. Eastern Union Company to do this work. Junction, ECRy to do this work.
- Blackwall, camp shed for barges alongside the pepper warehouses. Mr. Perry at £369 was agreed.
- Goods wagons; Locomotive Superintendent recommended outside contractors build wagons. Agreed to tender.
- Board of Trade, Northern Outfall Sewer, alterations to the North Woolwich line, Mr. Sinclair to arrange.
- Payment of £6,000 to Messrs. Wright and Sons, Birmingham, on account of contract, 60 carriages.
- Peterborough, 10 ton crane for the wharf.
- Station repairs and decorating, Mr. Sinclair to list the same.

Manager's Report:

- Steam Tug "Pursuit" in need of a new boiler and generally useless. For sale.
- Ballast wagons, Lowestoft. Thirteen worn out, twenty new wagons to be ordered.
- Kelvedon, crane unsafe. Mr. Sinclair to repair or report a new crane's cost.
- Sudbury. Eastern Union Co's. tramway on surplus land in a bad state. Mr. Sinclair to investigate and report.
- Electric Telegraph Co. Hythe station's weekly allowance to cease. 15% on receipts to be paid instead. Stationmaster had been receiving the weekly 10s.0d. Chairman to look into this matter. In future all Electric Telegraph Co. payments to go to ECRy, Accounts Dept.
- Lowestoft pier, North. Head damaged by steam collier "Eagle", Messrs. Prior. They to pay repair costs.
- Foreign cattle traffic. Steamers sold but route of traffic still not known.
- Various claims. Page 96.
- Great Northern Railway, Royston branch junction signals, ECRy asked to pay the costs.

Superintendent's Report:

- Writs for personal injury; J. Webb, Tottenham accident 12th September 1858. J. Sellers, Lea Bridge accident 6th December 1858. S. Tucker, Stratford accident November 1858. All to be defended.
- Park station, West side to be fenced for safety.
- Stratford. Through crossing Up and Down main lines, Fork Junction and Chobham Farm to be laid at cost of £100. This to improve traffic working to Victoria Dock.
- Four sheep killed on 6th February between Dovercourt and Wrabness. £12 compensation requested. One pig killed at Tidal Basin on 21st February.
- Electric telegraph in use at Flordon from 1st March.
- Spooner Row; stationmaster died on 21st February.
- Haughley Junction, the old refreshment room to become a waiting-room, much required.
- Harwich branch; surplus land to be sold by Eastern Union Company. Legality questioned.
- East Suffolk lines. The inspection to take place next Thursday. Two heavy locomotives required and an ECRy official (Mr. Sinclair to attend).

Chairman's Report:

- Rector of Loughton asks for no trains during divine service on Sundays.
- Shortage of goods guards again reported. For Manager.
- Woodford. A Saturday train at 3.10 p.m. from Fenchurch Street is requested.
- Lowestoft and Southwold; pilots wish to use the 5.00p.m. express to travel direct. This was agreed.
- Peterborough; Midland Railway. Platform extension £95. Goods office £65. Both schemes approved.
- New St. [station?] Norwich (Thorpe). Mr Taylor (who is he?) asking for goods and passenger receipts.

Land Agent's Report:

- Blackwall, warehouses. Messrs Worthington to give up one and retain the other at £100 per annum rent. Relinquished warehouse to be used for Allsop's Ales. Nicholls of Colchester to rent a Blackwall warehouse for ale storage at £150 per annum rent.
- West Ham levels. Walls work to cost £24; approved. Also house repairs £45.12.0d
- Chelmsford arches. Messrs Hicks and Sons, corn factors, to convert two for grain storage. Mr. Gibson to report.

10th March 1859

Special Meeting: Chairman, Horatio Love

- Ice contracts, shortage. Cargo could cost 13s 0d. per ton. Mr. Stevenson of Dark House Lane, London, to supply 500 tons to Yarmouth. Agreed.
- Stratford Bridge, new station. Estimated cost £1,700.
- Mr. Southgate, stationmaster, Hythe, to receive £5 for extra services during 1858 and salary from January 1st to be £100 per annum.
- Brick Lane. Men refusing to wear the leather, numbered badges as requested. They are paid by number and not by name. Rule to be enforced.

16th March, 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Osiers along the line are collected ready for sale.
- Bures; gas supply offered at 8s4d per 1,000 cubic feet. Cost of installation, £10.10.0d.
- Old rails. Messrs. Hodgson, 4,000 tons at £4.17.6d per ton.
- Goods wagons. Messrs. Bray, Waddington at £29.15.0d each for 100 wagons.
- Passenger brake vans. Messrs. Wright and Sons, £151.10.0d each, order for twelve.
- Bishopsgate Arrival side. Waiting room and 2 parcels offices. Mr. Sinclair to advise on tenders.
- Payments. W. Hill for a boundary wall, Brick Lane, £129.5.2d. A. Tracey, renewal of bridge near Ely, £300.0.0d, also renewal of bridge near Lakenheath, £200.
- Bishopsgate station to be painted by contract but scraped by ECRy labour and ECRy to supply the paint.

Manager's Report:

- Burton Ale traffic; Messrs. Allsop again requesting use of insurance certificate against theft, damage or other loss. ECRy to sign upon receipt of casks for Blackwall.
- Messrs. Sadd (Timber) Maldon, offering to use rail transport if ECRy will alter a siding at cost of £10. Sadd's to provide a crane. Approved.
- Sutton and Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] traffic. Mr. Cooney's boat cargoes. He will provide larger boats if ECRy can provide traffic. Chairman to enquire.
- Coal traffic into London:

LNWR	44,930 tons	+5,702 tons
GNR	36,012	-7,924
ECR	11,253	+4,282
GWR	3,818	-122
MR	3,350	
SER	2,277	
SWR [<i>LSWRy</i>]	1,133	+1,070

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- Dullingham. Night watchman to be employed until the stationmaster lives near the station.
- Telegraph. Brick Lane - Devonshire Street - Barking Road to be installed.
- Newmarket, Mr. Bryant to have a coal agency? Matter discussed and refused.
- Sack Protection Society. Manager ECRy enjoyed an amicable discussion and an inspector of S.P.S. to be given a pass when required for ECRy business.
- Fulborne [*Fulbourne*] goods warehouse. Mr. Sinclair to provide a small building as same.
- Parcels. Season ticket holders to continue with the reduced rate of charges. Limit of fast train parcels to be extended.
- Sundry claims: lost tea to damaged steam engine, totalling £175.15.4d.
- Pickford and Co. complaining again on cartage allowances in London and Cambridge. Talk of legal action. ECRy solicitors to be consulted.

Superintendent's Report:

- Bishopsgate. Track and platform alterations to be made to improve working conditions.
- Claims for personal injury. Seven totalling £1,007.5.6d. One for Lea Bridge collision, Mr. J.B.Gammon for £60.10.0d. Secretary to keep a book for all such claims to be presented at each meeting.
- Accident at Romford. Fireman Gordon fell from engine whilst applying brakes. One foot amputated, 3rd March.
- Loughton branch; extra Saturday train ex Fenchurch Street at 2.50p.m.
- 9th March. The 2.30p.m. Up Cambridge goods arrived at Broxbourne 85 minutes early. Driver Drake and Guard Hopkins fined 3 days pay!

- Queer happening on 11th March. Passenger on the 6.25a.m. Up Yarmouth had an apoplectic fit at Stratford. A Mr. Croxton went on to Bishopsgate with the passenger and he was taken to the "White Hart" inn to be seen by Dr. Hancorn afterwards going home. Apparently the ECRy Superintendent had some difficulty in locating the doctor (ECRy's doctor?, HEJ).
- Lynn Mail service. 2s 6d per train mile Lynn - Ely via Downham and 3s 0d per train mile Lynn - March via Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Mr. Thew to be so informed.
- Sudbury. Additional siding required. Mr. Sinclair to report.

Chairman's Report:

- Manningtree stationmaster Mr. Scopes to receive £10 for extra services during 1858. Goods guard Montgomery to receive 2s 0d per day whilst off work injured.
- Lowestoft harbour, a small boat required for general work.
- Yarmouth. Mr. Cooper to hire the old goods shed at £30 per annum.
- Dales' action. Lately a parcels clerk at Stratford charged the ECRy with wrongful arrest. Costs of ECRy's defence were £50 and Dales lost the case. The costs to be suspended as a deterrent to Dales' taking further action.
- Writs served on ECRy. Four, all for injuries in the Lea Bridge collision.

30th March 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Fulborne [*Fulbourne*] goods station to cost £360. Deferred.
- Ipswich station plans. Account from Messrs. Battson and Hunt for £90 for bills of quantities etc. Mr. Sinclair to offer £60 in settlement.
- Six Mile Bottom, Down line siding extension to cost £200.
- Station repairs. Mr. Sinclair's report. One hundred and eighty stations on the line at average value of £2,500, a total of £450,000. Repairs at 2% per annum or £9,000. Current expenditure £12,000 per annum with 150 men employed. 100 could make a good force with 40 of them employed on urgent repairs. This would give a 3½ year interval, working along the lines, and 7 years for interiors. Start at Mile End, then Stratford to Lea Bridge, Tottenham, Park, Water Lane, Edmonton, Enfield, Ponders End, Ordnance Factory; Forest Gate, Ilford, Romford, Brentwood, Ingatestone, Chelmsford. System to be tried for 12 months. All this approved.
- Axle-boxes; 100 sets to Leeds and 12 sets to Birmingham. Railway Foundry Company to supply at £4.12.6d set Leeds and £4.15.6d set Birmingham. Buffers - 100 sets to Leeds, Rowan and Co. at £5.17.6d per set of four. (page 139) Axles and wheels - 100 sets to Leeds - Messrs Bray Waddington (with Monkbridge tyres) at £23.17.6d per set.
- Catchwater Drain bridge renewal. Contract deferred.

Superintendent's Report:

- Boreham level crossing. Sir John Tyrell and friends. Trains stopping specially. Suggested two short platforms and necessary signalling. Secretary to report.
- Post Office mail vans. Account for £212.9.0d for interior fittings etc. to go to the Post Office from ECRy.
- Hopper wagons not to be run on passenger or fast goods trains.
- Platform ends at Stratford Bridge, Tidal Basin and Custom House to have slopes or steps.
- St. Leonard's, Shoreditch applying for reduced rates for their Industrial School at Brentwood for children and parents. Not approved.
- Robbery; G. Sutton, lately a porter, stole a portmanteau from Wymondham station. At Norwich quarter sessions he was sentenced to nine months.
- Lea Bridge collision. A claim for £500 by Mr. Whittle. Mr. Robertson to enquire on the claim generally.
- Dereham station, waiting rooms to be enlarged. Up and Down ticket platforms [?] required and also on East Anglian Junction.
- Bishopsgate; alterations to carriage dock and pavements.
- Harwich Pier. Timbers affected by marine worm.

Manager's Report:

- Mistley station. Turn-out siding for Mr. Mann.
- Ryburgh, shunting. Mr. Mesney's allowance for same to be 12s 6d weekly.
- St Margarets, a 1-ton crane required. Agreed.
- Lynn jetty. Repairs and a crane are required.
- Newgate market, delays to Company vans. Authority promise improvements.
- Messrs. Prior. Wagon axle breakage near Chesterford. £1.15.8d damage to track.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Lifeboat offer from Humane Society, cost of £25. Not to [*be*] entertained, ECRy do not wish to be involved in such matters.

- Haddiscoe bridge. Damage by a wherry trying to evade the toll. Master Mr. Honeywood to be summonsed.
- Sawston. Mr. Towgood asking for a siding to his works from at crossing gates between Whittlesford and Shelford. Mr. Sinclair to contact Mr Towgood.
- Sundry claims, from a lost truss to damaged hops.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] cartage. Mr Lant has given up business and Mr. Chapman taken over.
- Victoria Dock Co. has removed 200 yards of track of old Woolwich line. Secretary to request replacement under the agreement.
- East Suffolk lines. Warehouses at Halesworth and Saxmundham. Secretary to enquire regarding terms.
- Manager's visit. Report to the Chairman for a meeting with Sir Morton Peto to discuss through rates etc.
- Messrs. Hogge and Co. of Lynn requesting a favourable rate for timber to Royston. 6s 8d per ton was agreed.
- Sack Protection Society. Repetition of previous minute.

Chairman's Report:

- Finningham station. Trespassing and loitering reported. Inspector Kent had visited and spoken to the station staff re security.
- Yarmouth stationmaster (J. Eagleton) to be checked on his past records.
- Bishopsgate station. Refreshment rooms. ECRy employees to have facilities? Not approved by Committee.
- Claims - offers to be made to Webb, £650, Kelon £300 and Whittingham £250. Approved.
- Collision at Six Mile Bottom, October last year. Driver Ward acquitted of manslaughter.

Land Agent's Report:

- Kelvedon station. dispute on right of way across the lines (sidings). Footpath exists approx. 300 yards away. Notice board to be erected at the sidings.
- Ickleton, wooden bridge. Rev. J. Graham asking for £100 towards a new bridge.
- Messrs. Prior, coal merchants, to rent 3 arches at Mile End by the canal with piece of land at £50 per annum total. ECRy Co's rights reserved.
- Chelmsford arches. Messrs. Hicks to enclose at a cost of £150 and rent at £10 per annum each. To accept £80 for the encl [*enclosure*] work if arches are required in 5 years time or £40 if later required.

Secretary's Report:

- Bishopsgate contract to Mr. Condor at £280.0.0d for waiting room and parcels office.
 - Camp shed, Bow Creek. Thames Conservancy costs. Licence fee £50 + 3 guineas.
 - West Ham local Board of Health. Widening of the approach road bridge, Angel Lane. ECRy has no suitable funds but could offer a piece of land. North Woolwich - two ECRy roads to be repaired.
 - Yarmouth - water supply. Water-works offer to supply new station at 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons. Agreed. Sir Morton Peto to make the connections.
 - Lea Bridge collision. A writ for injuries from Mr. and Mrs. Atkins. To be defended.
 - Dr. Hancorn (see Superintendent's report, 16th March 1859) ECRy's doctor, accounts for 12 months - £235.12.0d. Thought to be excessive, the Secretary to check.
 - Brentwood shrubberies. Walks not to become public rights of way.
 - Land Agent's expenses. None since 1855. Agreed to pay £40 per annum retrospectively.
 - Staff. A complete list to be made of all staff of the Company. To be ready by April 30th this year.
 - Telegraph clerks - list of allowances from the Electric Telegraph Company:
 - A. Howard, Broxbourne, clerk £13 p.a. ECRy and £13 p.a. ETCo.
 - W. Seward, Audley End, stationmaster, £80 p.a. and £15.12.0d p.a.
 - W. Buckingham, Chesterford, stationmaster, £65 p.a. and £15.12.0d p.a.
 - R. Daniels, Marks Tey, stationmaster, £70 p.a. and £3.18.0d p.a.
 - C. Sadler, Marks Tey, booking clerk, £20.16.0d p.a. and £2.12.0d p.a.
 - J. Platford, Wymondham, Off. porter, 4s 0d weekly and 8s 0d weekly
 - A. Boyle, Yarmouth, parcels clerk, 15s 0d weekly and £1 weekly
- ECRy to pay the full amount and Electric Telegraph Co. to pass their monies to ECRy.
Approved.

8th April 1859

Horatio Love, Chairman

- East Anglian business. Messrs. Bruce, Simpson, Bancroft and Chadwick attending. Also the Secretary Mr Bond. Desirous of managing their own traffic. This to be raised at the next meeting.
- ECRy's Doctor's Account. Legal proceedings by his solicitors.

- East Suffolk Agreement. Board of Trade sanction required. ESRy Co to submit and then sealing could proceed. Sir Morton Peto had been given Timetable and Fares List, he approving of same. Goods Rates to Sir M. Peto when ready. He had suggested staff take up their duties ready for opening, 1st May.
- Bedford, Potton, Cambridge. Parliamentary Committee had rejected the Bill's preamble.
- Colne Valley & Halstead. Chappel Junction with ECRy. Matter to go to Directors.
- Adelaide Crossing dispute. Mrs Hillen, widow of the Gate Keeper to vacate cottage and receive £2. Mr Pitcher, brother-in-law to continue as Gate Keeper with cottage
- Compensation. Long letter from Solicitors (Messrs. Crowder Maynard & Co.) regarding the Lea Bridge collision:- Webbs ask for £800; Herton ask for £600; Whittingham ask for £500; Ellison ask for £500; Horne asks for £1200; Jones ask for £800 (Some doubt of genuine injuries). Suggested payment into court of £100; Simmonds ask for £1000; Reeks accepting £500.0.0; Whittle asking for £500. (Also recommended to be paid); Atkins and Wife, no claim yet to hand. Committee sanctioned the £100 to Court (Jones) and the £550 for Reeks only.
- Lowestoft. Cattle Sheds and Sheer Legs to be purchased at public auction for £3000 and £250 respectively.,

13th April 1859

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Cambridge. Water supply. Well supply is insufficient and a supply from Cambridge Water Works Co. is proposed at 30,000 gallons daily at 8d per 1000 gallons. 60,000 gallons would cost 6d per 1000 gallons. Installation with meter to cost £150. Approved
- Thetford Sidings. Cost of altering layout £750. Norfolk Co. to pay if approved.
- Cambridge Station. Approach road repairs to cost £40. Mr Dobson to carry out the work.
- Mr Wardle of Stratford to move to Cambridge as the Locomotive Inspector. to replace Mr Kitson (Resigned).
- Parcel Carts. Two to be sold for £8 each and two new carts to be built, one for Norwich and one for Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*]
- Payments authorised. W. Piper, Brick Lane Office £91.3.6 and Bishopsgate Shops and Lodges £879.9.9; F. Betts, Colchester Old Station to Porter's House £79.19.4; A. Tracey, Bridge renewal near Ely, £209.2.7. Same near Mildenhall, £198.8.0. Same Skew Bridge Manea, £30.0.0. Cattle Lairs, Tottenham, £126.0.0; Messrs. Wright, 60 carriages (On account), £2441.0.0; John Aird, Brick Lane Water, £879.0.0. All to be paid.
- Coal contract expires on 30th. April. (600 tons coal and coke). New contract for 600 tons weekly to be sanctioned.
- Romford Goods Shed. Messrs. Piper & Son at £795.0.0.

Superintendent's Report.

- Stratford Station ticket collection. Gate alteration at Down Cambridge and Up Colchester exits and a locked wicket gate to be inserted.
- Brick Lane collision. on 3rd November 1855. A Mr Brand died on 13th. November 1857 from injuries sustained (according to the Doctor). He was paid £5 in full settlement. Committee accepted 'no claim'.
- Assault by Signalman Anning on Goods Guard Chamberlain on 26th March. He was convicted but the theft of uniform was dismissed. [*crime*]
- Fatality at Mile End station on 3rd. April. Passenger tried to board the 6.30pm ex Enfield and fell between the platform and carriage and was severely injured. Died next morning in the London Hospital. Inquest returned a verdict of Accidental Death.
- On 6th. April a rail chair was found on the Up Line of rails 600 yards from Custom House station. Reward of £10 offered for information. [*crime*]
- Ingatestone station. Both platforms to be extended 60 yards.
- Fatality at Marks Tey Station. Youngland collecting load of sand with cart and horses took shelter from the rain between the wagons. He was crushed when shunting took place later.
- River Lark Navigation. Efforts being made to get merchants at Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] and Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*] to use the river.
- Goods Guards Reports not showing incidents as they should. Mr. Moseley to report.
- Mutford, a small lock-up for goods is required.
- Ryburgh, an extra siding is required.
- Lowestoft. Coke storage required. For Mr. Sinclair.

Secretary's Report.

- Claims. Personal injury. The Lea Bridge claimants. Webb, £850; Whittle, £400; Symmonds, £1010.10.0; Herton, £575; Ellison, £400. All to be paid totalling £2660.10.0.
- Wymondham station. The whole staff to be changed. No reason given.
- House Tickets, Wanstead Estate of Lord Mornington. Application refused.

- Lowestoft. Cattle Sheds to be insured for £1500 at 2/6 per cent premium.
- East Anglian Company. Committee still refuses to allow any separate management of traffic. Also the EARy Co complained of lack of communication between Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] and Peterborough.
- Norfolk Co. Mr. Bruff complaining of state of fences.
- Blackwall Co. Ferry rates requested.
- Chatteris. Parish water pipe to be laid under line at 2/6 per annum rent. Usual terms.
- Oziers (rushes). Tenders received for sale of same.

Land Agent's Report.

- Parish Rate Assessments. Bygrave appeal (Hertford) won by ECRy with £55 costs. Other parishes have been awaiting this decision and a more reasonable attitude is expected as a result.
- Peterborough Station rates appeal. ECRy also won the case with £105 costs awarded.
- Insurance. Brick Lane Goods Shed insured for £11850 ????. Required premium doubled to 5/- per cent.
- Buffers. Messrs. Rowan are unable to undertake the contract for 100 sets. Messrs. Maclellan to supply.

Manager's Report.

- Hired Teams, cost for two weeks including third was £114.19.7.
- Messrs. Priors, Coal Merchants notifying cessation of the name Norfolk & Eastern Counties Coal Co. and association with Messrs. Butcher and Girling to commence. ECRy Solicitors to check Company's security. Also at Ingatstone Messrs. Prior require a chalk based coal dump. Agreed.
- Cambridge. Mr. Sayle to erect a steam flour mill and seeking concessionary rates. Chairman to contact Sayle.
- Stockport Traffic. GNRy ask LNWRy routeage via Retford and Guide Bridge. For Mr. Moseley.
- Sundry Claims, lost jewellery to damaged mirrors. Totalling £96.12.2. Also books lying at Thorpe Station from November 1857 to March 1859. Messrs. Moses & Son claim £19.
- Small "Sociable Carriage" charge Lowestoft to Stratford reduced to one half of charge for a full sized carriage
- Audley End, a 5 ton crane is required.
- Royal Agricultural Show. Enquiry from the SERy on the ECRy subscription, when the show was at Chelmsford. Manager to reply.
- Pickford & Co's complaint accusing of overcharging at 16/8 per ton on certain goods where others only pay 10/6 per ton to Ipswich. ECRy's Solicitor to reply refuting all this.
- Brick Lane, additional arch to become a stable.
- Blackwall, two additional sidings required to hold 40 wagons to run from Engine House to Lower Wharf.

Chairman's Report.

- Norwich Victoria, extra weighing machine required. Also a badly loaded and sheeted wagon No.2947 arrived with silk and tobacco damaged by the rain.
- Cantley Station. Office too small. (Less than 6ft. in width). Mr. Sinclair to check. Also the Stationmaster's house is too small for his family.
- Lowestoft, a small boat. Captain Daniells has met with a suitable boat at £7 to £8. The wrecked "Orwell" owner seeking lower removal costs or it stays where it is in the Company's way! Mr. Moseley. Patent Slip still not repaired. Mr. Sinclair to act. Mr. Brown, Lowestoft Inspector of Way and Works to receive £20 per annum house allowance. Harbour hoarding, East End, North Side to remain as a screen for incoming vessels. A coal wharf is required close to Cattle Sheds for easier loading.
- Ipswich Old Station. New platforms required for East Suffolk trains. Mr. Sinclair to cost and report on same.
- Two Clerks in Loco Dept. at Stratford ordered to give up a toy shop and a coal agency. Contrary to Company Rules. General Rules and Orders to be printed and displayed in Offices.
- Fencing at Stratford from Footbridge to Goods Shed. £45.
- East Suffolk line. Goods rates agreed with Sir M. Peto.
- Norwich Thorpe Station. Passenger side to be pointed, painted and coloured. Also Bishopsgate and Woolwich Stations to be decorated.
- Mr. Fletcher to be Inspector of Station Repairs at £3.3.0 weekly plus expenses.
- Stratford Coal Cells. Lines of Mr. Tanner required for New Bridge Station. He has 200 tons of coal on the ground valued at £75.0.0. Chairman to contact Solicitors.
- GNRy and Hitchin branch. Mr. Robertson to report.
- Witham station. Platform to be remade with bricks and gravel.
- Ipswich, Parliamentary Trains for the London boat, ECRy losing traffic. Mr. Robertson to suggest some remedy.
- Trowse station, extra sheep pen required.

27th April 1858.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Tottenham. Cattle Lairs Yard requires paving at cost of £150.0.0.
- Bridge renewals in Summer of 1859. Next meeting.
- Lowestoft Dock. Part of Lock wall collapsed. For Mr. Bidder.
- Locomotive Stock. Three page report by Mr. Sinclair. Boiler Explosion on the 17th. April. Down Ipswich Mail (Night) just after passing Ilford Station. Loco. disintegrated, scattered over 200 yards. Whole train was derailed but no injuries are known, even the Driver and Fireman escaping. Loco No. 74 built by Stephenson & Co. in 1847. Major overhaul in 1857. Iron boiler suspect due to "perishing" tendency and the plates broke into patch pieces indicative of such fatigue. Oval shaped boiler and the plates are joined longitudinally. Accident at Chappel on 25th. November quoted. Similar explosion in similar boiler. ECRy has 150 boilers on Locos. and bands of wrought iron are suggested and Mr. Sinclair carried out one such alteration. Committee agreed to proposal.
- Brass tubes. Messrs. Muntz & Co. New tubes 11d per pound. Old tubes allowance 7.75d per pound.
- Loco. Boilers. R. Stephenson. Four at £765 each. First in four months then weekly.
- Payment Mr. E. Conder. Parcels Office Bishopsgate, £150. Agreed to be paid.
- Rails. Only 500 tons stock. 2000 tons to be ordered.
- Brick Lane Stables. Messrs. Pratt & Newall to alter. Convert Arch to 18 stall stable. Cost of £197.0.0.
- Station repairs. Mile End, £90; Stratford including Goods Shed, £229; Lea Bridge, £114; Park, £81; Water Lane, £138 Barking Rd., £90; North Woolwich, £133. Chairman to pre-visit in future to check any alteration.

Manager's Report.

- Yarmouth Ice Cargo discharged, 348 tons. Cost of housing 1/3 per ton plus 2/6 allowance for every 200 tons. Ice to be used only for rail shipments at cost to users of 2/- per cwt. All to be properly invoiced.
- Cambridge. 2/- each to staff for extra work and one day's pay to Inspector Saunders for extra work on 20th. March. (Accident at Newport).
- Carrow Bridge Tolls. Ships passing to Norwich. Mr. Sinclair to erect a toll board.
- Gunpowder Traffic. Mr. Byford of Braintree's vehicle and horses carried to Sudbury free of charge after last delivery. To continue pro tem.
- Hertford & Welwyn line. Three way locomotive costs to continue pro tem.
- Jewellery Theft from Norwich station. Two ex-employees arrested and charged, Head and Blake.
- Witham Cartage. 10% allowance from Mr. Salter only £2.1.5 in 12 months. Allowance to be waived.
- Tilbury & Southend Co. [LTSRy] Twelve low sided trucks required to carry vegetable vans to London from Rainham. Mr. Sinclair to convert 12 suitable trucks.
- East Suffolk Co. Cartage. Aldboro' [Aldeburgh] Goods. Mr. Lipscombe to operate. Saxmundham shunting to be operated by Mr. Lincoln at 30/- weekly.
- Lowestoft Fish Market. Captain Daniells to have control. Steam Tug "Pursuit". Mr. Horsborough wishing to hire with 6 barges for 6 months. £50 per month. Mr. Sinclair to report on this matter.
- Cartage, Blackwall area. Mr. Scully to operate on the 10% basis. Mr. Moseley to report.
- Sundry Claims amounting to total of £56.1.6.
- Devonshire Street. Yard in need of urgent repairs.
- Hired Teams - Two weeks ending 17th. April - £42.6.4.
- Peterborough Staff. Three days extra pay to 12 men and 5 days to one man for extra hours worked.
- London Cartage. Messrs. Chaplin & Horne paid by ECRy in 1858, £1733. Weekly sum of £7 paid and a rate for an area of 3 miles from Temple Bar. Manager to report further.

Superintendent's Report.

- Barking Road. A signal required for Down Line 30 yds. south of south end of platform. The Up Auxiliary Signal to be removed 25 yds. north of Tidal Basin Semaphore Signal, the wire to be connected to Sem. signal.
- Victoria Dock Junction. Track to be doubled to Blackwall Old Line with a connection to Up & Down lines to safeguard Woolwich Branch and avoid Tidal Basin Junction. Victoria Dock Co. to be asked for permission.
- Mile End Station. Coal Pit to be fenced for safety. Coal shoots to be covered. Handrail on bridge parapet required on Up side and also at bottom of the stairs. Platform ends to be sloped £30.
- East Suffolk Lines. Visit reported. Special train of stores and furniture on 26th.
- Lowestoft. Semaphore to be removed westward near to the new Through Crossings. An additional Semaphore to be fixed opposite. Auxiliary Signal to be moved 800 yards from the Semaphore Signal and an Auxiliary placed before the opposite Semaphore Signal.

- Report on the Explosion of Loco. No.74's boiler. Brake Van ended up on the loco's firebox but did not ignite. Tender, Brake Van and Post Office Van ended up on the Up Line blocking both lines until 3.30 am. Driver Bright shaken up, Fireman Moss had slight injuries. Some claims already lodged.
- Brundall Station. Up platform to be extended 50 yards.
- Cambridge. Two gas lamps for Carriage Dock.
- Level Crossings. Sir John Tyrell at Boreham, still not resolved.
- Cambridge - Hitchin. An additional train to operate for local traffic.

Secretary's Report.

- Shoreditch. School at Brentwood, reduced fares still refused.
- Loco. tubes, brass. Messrs.Muntz & Co., 12 tons new at 11d per ton, old at 7.75d per ton
- Lea Bridge Collision. Costs claimed, Herton, £23.14.8. ; Ellison, £22.2.0.
- Lowestoft. Messrs. Andrew Bros. Shipbuilders seeking a lease of the North of Europe Steam Packet Co's ground. Chairman to investigate.

Land Agent's Report.

- Tithes. Mr.Smith of Shortgrove and ECRy's land acquired from him at Newport, Widdington, Henham and Stanstead [*Stansted*]. Land Agent to report again.
- Thames Conservancy. Bow Creek Campshed rent for 4¾ years unpaid. £9.19.6, due at £2.2.0 per annum.
- Stratford. Refreshment Room still not let. Mr.Bale?
- Newmarket. Refreshment Room rent unpaid, (Mr.Edlin). Mr.Edlin not satisfied with the premises. Mr.Gibson to check the present situation.
- Blackwall Wharf crane. Chairman to select site. Land to be fenced off when proved.
- Victoria Dock traffic. Efforts to be made to divert passengers away from the river steamers.
- London Arches for advertising purposes (over main roads). Office to be set up. Also Arches not let but suitable for business.
- Finningham. Old wooden station and thatched cottage much dilapidated. Eastern Union land. Secretary to enquire.
- Peterborough Wharf to be repaired. Stable (out of use) to be removed to site of old Cattle Pens. Also extension of wooden Office for small packages. Mr.Sinclair to cost. Piece of land on west side of Lord Fitzwilliam's Flour Mill to be let to Mr.Crick for granary. Coal siding for Mr.English to his land. Mr.Sinclair.
- Oldbury Wagon Co. Applying for a Repair Shed at the rear of Blacksmith's Shop at Peterborough. Deferred.
- Norwich Thorpe to Victoria service to cease running due to East Suffolk Lines commencement.
- Stratford Coal Cells. Mr.Tanner in three years - 5415 tons. Claim re Stratford Bridge site deferred.
- Staff Register still not complete nor Wages structure.
- Passenger fares, Peterborough to Cambridge, Superintendent to report. Also Mr.Sinclair to report on rails across tops of Bullock Wagons.
- Land Agent to keep a book record of private sidings let and other land with rentals of same. Marker posts to be erected.
- Woodbridge Line, Government inspection on Monday next. Loco. and carriage required.

5th. May 1858

Special Meeting. Horatio Love, Chairman.

- Coal contract. Messrs. Prior at 11/9 per ton for Portland Hards, 450 tons weekly and also 50 tons weekly from T. Coote at 12/3.
- Hertford & Welwyn line closure pending GNRy proposals to ECRy. Estimated £500 annual loss on £3350 receipts. To work the line for 12 months and share equally any profits. ECRy to study proposals.

11th. May 1858.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Newmarket. York paving to be removed from platform, underneath to be infilled and platform tar paved. £384
- Tottenham. New cattle sidings to cost £2500. Agreed.
- Stratford. New goods sidings. To cost £5000. Estimated.
- Ipswich Old Station. No work sanctioned as yet.
- Tilbury Line. Trucks for vegetable vans. Alterations to 12 ECRy trucks to cost £120.
- Bullock Wagon tops. Mr.Sinclair said that 250 now had bars on top.
- New Locos. Neilson & Co. Robert Atkinson, head erector Stratford to go to supervise. Salary £3.3.0 weekly plus £1.0.0 expenses, and he to retain the expenses for three months.
- Catchwater Bridge near Ouse Bridge Station. Renewal contract to W. Hill at £1885.

- Catchwater Bridge, Ely - Littleport. Renewal contract to A. Tracey, £847.

Manager's Report.

- Hythe. Water is brackish. Rainwater to be collected for the horses.
- Whittlesford sidings. Additional accommodation for 25 wagons required.
- Aldeborough [*Aldeburgh*] cartage to Leiston. Mr.Lipscombe to operate at 2/6 per ton, and Special 3/4 per ton, 1st. and 2nd. 4/2 per ton and 5/- per ton 4th. and 5th. Up to 20 lbs. Smalls, 2d each. Over 20 lbs., 3d each.
- Grain unclaimed, 363 quarters to be sold.
- Parcels. Passenger Train, weight raised to 28lbs.
- Blossoms Inn (City of London). Two wheeled desks to be provided.
- Cattle Traffic. Mr.Slipper and a cattle boat service from Harwich to Tanning. Asking for a rate by rail to London, 30/- per truck load quoted.
- Coal Traffic. Messrs. Prior seeking all Mr.Hunt's previous concessions. For the Chairman.
- Lowestoft. Messrs. Morgan, Marchant & Marchant, owners of 50 fishing boats asking concessions in exchange for their fish going by rail. This was refused.
- "Blocks Parcel" Robbery. Porter Head acquitted, Porter Blake sentenced to 12 months.
- Claims from soldier's kit to damaged sofa totalling £108.9.6.
- Milk Churns, return empty charge 1/- per week. Messrs.Marriage & Impey complaining.
- Ashwell shunting, Mr.Fordham giving notice of quitting from 14th.May. Manager to seek a replacement at 15/- weekly.
- Devonshire Street. Turntable considered useless. Mr.Sinclair to examine and report.
- Claim by John Brown ex Goods Guard, imprisoned for stealing cabbages, for wages due and fines imposed. For Solicitors.

Superintendent's Report.

- Wages. Inspectors, Ticket Collectors, Signalmen, Pointsmen, Guards, Porters and others to be discussed at the next meeting. Metropolitan Railway Companies to be asked for a schedule. (London companies, not just the Met.)
- Staff Register. Coaching Department, 1853-58 records lost. Engagement Terms for Coaching Department to be signed.
- Four minor convictions minuted, assault and trespass.
- Royston - Hitchin Line. Telegraph to be installed Shepreth to Cambridge
- Excursion season from 21st. May. Woodbridge line causing possible deferment.
- Ely Choral Festival, on 25th.May, 400 choristers from neighbouring villages at single fares. Also Peterborough at maximum distance of 60 miles on the 20th.May at single fare for return journeys.
- Rye House station. Platform roofing, cost of £100.
- Bury [*Bury St. Edmunds*]. Lee's Siding. To be removed, Secretary to report.
- Broxbourne Station, the Down stone and wooden platforms to be joined with a wooden frame removable for cart access. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Woolwich Gardens. Owners asking for through bookings inclusive of admission to the Gardens as per 1858.
- Loughton. Lord of the Manor asking permission for an aged man to sell fruit on the platform was refused.
- Saloon carriage now ready for inspection. Hire for 6 First Class ticket holders at minimum fare of 60/-. This was approved

Secretary's Report.

- Stratford Coal Cells. Mr.Tanner's claim for his coal at Stratford Bridge. Agreed settlement £307.7.0. Refer to Minute of 27th.
- Dr. Hancorn (ECRy Doctor) agreed settlement of £242.10.6.
- Coal Merchants, to sign agreements existing and new concessions.
- Stratford Angel Lane bridge (over) widening. The Board of Health, West Ham to have the piece of land providing the parapets are made good. Approved.
- Coal contract. Messrs.Coote to supply Portland Hards at 11/9 per ton for 12 months at 200 tons weekly.
- War Department asking for rates for conveyance to any place on the ECRy for stores and ammunition etc per ton per mile. Mr.Moseley.
- Woodbridge Line. Captain Tyler's inspection. Clocks important also Dock Junction.
- East Anglian Co. Mr.Elvin is Manager and a Pass is requested etc. etc.. Committee referred the letter to ECRy Directors.

Chairman's Report.

- Lowestoft Timber Store. Messrs. Andrews Brothers cannot have the adjoining land.
- Yarmouth. Four cottages in need of repair. Mr.Gibson to report on decrepit state.
- Parndon Sidings. Mr.Cranfield asking for an extension. To cost £30 to tenant.
- Steam Tug "Postboy" offered for £600 by Mr.R. Johnson. Declined.

- Woodbridge Line. Extract from Company Minutes of 11th. April 1859, regarding the cost of construction, interest payable and train working. To go before the Board of Directors.

12th. May 1859

Horatio Love, Chairman..

- Catchwater Bridge near Ouse Bridge Station. Due to Mr. Sinclair offering ECRY timber the contract tenders have altered and Mr. Tracey will renew the bridge for a price of £1781 including all ECRY timber and old material.

25th. May 1859.

Horatio Love, Chairman..

Manager's Report.

- Minorities Fish Traffic to resume in mid June.
- Violent shunting, an order to go out to all goods train crews regarding damage.
- Brick Lane. Hired teams. Two weeks ending 15th. May, £64.
- Claims, from a broken window to a delayed beast totalling £295.14.9.
- Midland Railway. Through rates ex Blackwall and Victoria Docks to 120 MRy stations, same as GNRy.
- Pickford & Co. 7/6 per ton groceries, 12/6 per ton draperies to be charged, London - Ipswich.
- Ice. 45 tons purchased at 22/6 per ton to Yarmouth Quay.

Superintendent's Report.

- Ilford Loco. Explosion. A payment of £1 each to Mr. Wood, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Day for services rendered on 17th. April.
- Omnibuses. Mr. Willsmer of Southminster to Chelmsford Market on Fridays agrees to :- Stop that service at Maldon and run between Maldon and Burnham (Via Southminster) on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for a payment of 20/- weekly. No service to LTSRy stations agreed.
- Claims, Lea Bridge accident. Mr. Gee to accept £1050.0.0. Mr. Read to accept £300.0.0.
- Epsom Races. 1st. and 2nd. class returns on 31st. May and 1st. June to be available for return on 2nd. June.
- Woolwich Gardens. Same rates as last year :- 1st. Class 1/6 return (Gardens 6d.), 2nd. Class 1/- return (Gardens 5d). From South Woolwich 6d return (Gardens 4½d). (These were inclusive fares ex London).

Land Agent's Report.

- Baylham Bridge, Claydon - Needham area. Dangerous condition. Built by Sir W. Middleton who also paid last repairs in 1853. Secretary to contact Sir W. Middleton.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*], Lime Shed is required. Refer to Mr. Moseley.
- Devonshire Street. Messrs. Prior, Coal Merchants to exchange a piece of land to enable a siding to be laid. Prior's to pay the cost.
- Snaresbrook. Mr. Deal to erect a brick wall replacing ECRY's fence on London side of station, agreed.
- Thetford. Cattle pens. Mr. Baring's offer of land at £2 per annum rent and a level crossing was rejected. Mr. Sinclair to visit and report.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Fencing - Mr. Bruff - EURy and NRY Companies. Mr. Sinclair thought fencing generally was good. Fen district, he has put up fencing as required.
- Sleepers. Timber stock at 1500 loads. Baltic is closed until next year. (Is that from Nov 1859?) Order for 1000 loads before Baltic closes in November (Iced). 1500 sleepers in stock. 100,000 suggested order. War threat mentioned and blockade of Russian ports. All approved to purchase.
- Payments approved. Messrs. Piper, Romford Goods Shed £400 on account and Messrs. Wade 2000 loads of timber £668.9.7.
- Rails. 2000 tons, Mr. Sinclair to decide.
- Tottenham Bridge. Widening, Mr. Perry at £29.0.0

Secretary's Report.

- Woodbridge Line - Inspection. Two heavy locos. to be ready at Ipswich on second Inspection Trip.
- Claim. Mr. & Mrs. Atkins settle for £700 plus £125 for medical expenses etc.
- Haddiscoe Station, Two horses required. Agreed.

Chairman's Report.

- Cambridge Station. Luggage through the tunnel, hoist to be installed. Cost?
- Brandon, Waiting Room to be decorated and re-furnished, 8 Mahogany chairs.
- Wymondham, a crossover required to turntable.
- Cambridge Station. 2nd. Class Waiting Room to be enlarged.
- Fakenham. Stationmaster's house to be repaired and decorated. Various other alterations to be made.

- Ryburgh. A 12 truck siding to be costed and a platform awning proposed.
- Elsenham Station to be decorated.
- Dereham. Gent's Waiting Room required. Committee suggests a General Room.
- Dunham. Platform extension. North doors of Goods Shed to be secured, a weighing machine to be installed and the Yard gravelled.
- Stratford Cattle Pens to be paved as Tottenham.
- Mile End station repairs. Ventilation and a Waiting Room fireplace
- Stratford. Extra lamps. Extra gate on Cambridge platform. Loco. Inspectors Room to be a Parcels Office. A small Porters Room required.
- Tottenham, Drivers Lodge. A new fireplace and table with strong benches. Down platform awning, Booking Office to the bridge.
- Park. Stairs to be widened.
- Walthamstow Marsh. Gate cottage for level crossing. Mr.Sinclair to cost.
- Tottenham. Two extra cattle lairs required. Mr.Tracey to add to contract at £125.6.8.
- Marsh Lane, Tottenham. Cottage required at roadway to the Marshes. Mr.Sinclair.
- Boreham, Level Crossing. Sir John Tyrell's Halt to be platformed and signalled, he to pay £15 per annum towards a man's wages. Sir John to give two hours notice of usage. To continue during Sir John's lifetime.
- Bishopsgate Lamp Room. Mr.Coveney, Stationmaster to have charge. Cistern tank with a tap, one man to issue oil and Mr.Coveney to keep a record (Tightening up on waste etc. HEJ)
- Mile End Stationmaster lives one mile away, half of the cash received remains at the station overnight. Cashier (Bishopsgate) to collect twice daily, second time at 5pm. Land Agent to rehouse Stationmaster nearby. Also Stationmaster is to clear up the Station of rubbish and dirt.
- Hertford & Welwyn Co. A letter from R. Moseley (Manager) and J. Robertson (Superintendent) ECRy on closure of the line. Recommending acceptance of GNRy's suggestion of Joint working to keep traffic going to Victoria Docks and Midland Counties. Agreement to be made.

8th. June 1859.

Horatio Love , Chairman.

Manager's Report

- Coal Traffic, Mile End. Coal shoots under repair, no traffic.
- Clearing House, notifying transfer of Newcastle & Carlisle rolling stock to NERy.
- Lowestoft, amended Harbour & Fish Market Regulations.
- Coal rates. Peterborough 4/- per ton to conform.
- Devonshire Street. Lay-by at Coal Shoots to end charge of 3d per ton made by the Canal Co. for loading. Cost £50 - £60, approved..
- Brick Lane. Hired teams for two weeks to 29th. May, £24.15.3.
- Melton Siding to Woodbridge. Chairman to investigate.
- Woodbridge Stables. Eastern Union Co. to supply.
- Buckhurst Hill Siding. House building companies inquiry. Mr.Sinclair to report.
- Sutton Bridge to London goods traffic, 2920 tons since October.
- Coal Traffic. Messrs. Prior requesting use of two trains of wagons to move Company coal at hire rate of 1/- per ton.
- Silk Traffic. Four Box Wagons to have locks fitted for silk and slop [*sic*] goods to London ex Braintree (Messrs. Courtaulds) and Colchester.
- Sudbury Sidings. Mr.Allen's executors offering traffic by rail if the Cornard siding is moved for their use. For Messrs. Sinclair and Robertson.
- Various Claims from books lost to damaged barges. Totalling £195.8.3.
- Tottenham Cattle Lairs. Charges for usage:- Oxen 6d per night each, sheep 1/6 per score. Unsold oxen, 6d per head per day and night. Unsold sheep, 3/- per score day and night. Hay at 6/- per cwt.
- East Suffolk Co. Beccles, stable required. Approved.
- Maldon Parcels. Mr.Willsmer's Omnibus Service. Maldon, Burnham, Southminster, Althorne, Latchingdon agrees to carry parcels at these rates:- Burnham, to and from, 56 lbs at 6d and 112 lbs. at 1/-; Southminster, to and from, 56 lbs. at 4d and 112 lbs. at 8d; Althorne, to and from, 56 lbs. at 3d and 112lbs. at 6d; Latchingdon, to and from, 56 lbs. at 3d and 112 lbs. also at 3d.
- Through rates, London to Burnham Market, Thornham and Brancaster via Wells with road conveyance to and from Wells. Approved.

- Unclaimed Grain. To date sales have realised £500.7. To Loss & Damage Account.
- Stoke Station, Ipswich. Goods Traffic under Mr. Bird of Ipswich Dock Station. His salary to increase to £110 per annum.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Tottenham Cattle Lairs, a water supply to be provided.
- Baylham Bridge. Ref. Minute 25th. May and Sir W. Middleton's bridge, Solicitors to investigate.
- Thetford. Cattle pens. To be placed on left of the line if necessary but Mr. Baring to be approached again re. his land.
- Bishopsgate Book Store, extra racks to cost £40.0.0.
- Witham. Enquiry Office to cost £33 and Cloak Room £22.
- Wymondham. Cross over to turntable to cost £100.0.0.
- Stratford Cattle Pens. Paving to cost £50. Agreed.
- Ryburgh, 12 wagon siding to cost £120 and platform awning £50. To Joint Committee.
- Mile End. Coal shoot and repairs to cost £350.0.0.
- Payments made. Railway Foundry Co., Axle boxes on account. Messrs. Wade & Son, timber, 2000 loads, £1341.6.10 on account.
- Bramford Goods Shed. Messrs. Worswick & Morfy at £259.0.0.
- Rails. 2000 tons from Messrs. Bailey Bros. at £7.12.6 per ton with 7 years guarantee.
- Hilgay Fen Bridge. Messrs. Westwood & Co. Isle of Dogs at £340.0.0.
- Northern Outfall. North Woolwich Branch to be lowered at Abbey Lane, West Ham at cost of £5000. Approved.
- Claim for £39.14.5 from a Mr. Murphy who attended Fireman Godden. He fell from Loco. on 3rd. March. Claim refused, too much!

Superintendent's Report.

- Four sundry convictions.
- Mail Service. GPO offer to pay £100 per annum for day mails to Ipswich from Beccles and stations between. Superintendent to arrange agreement.
- Framlingham Station. Porter Ward crushed whilst uncoupling loco. of 1.10 pm Down passenger train, 1st. June, dying later.
- Starston Stationmaster died on 25th. May. Application by his widow to become the Stationmaster was refused
- East Suffolk Lines. The summer excursion arrangements were approved.
- Dunham. Farmers Alexander & Jackson crossing the line habitually. Solicitors to investigate their "rights".
- Steam Boats. Ipswich to Thames Haven (Mr. Marriott) asking for ECRy to take his passengers on to Ipswich at low tides. Refused.
- Tottenham Station. On 22nd. January Peter Mottram opened carriage door, fell and was dragged by the foot for several yards. He was summoned and fined lightly (5/-) because of his injuries by Edmonton Magistrates Court. He has now taken out a summons against the Company.
- Haddiscoe & St Olaves Junction. Horse required for shunting. Mr. Bushmore offers service at 50/- per week.
- Level crossings, Kelvedon. People still crossing the line at gap in fence!

Chairman's Report.

- North of Europe Co. Lowestoft buildings for sale. Mr. Sinclair to advise.
- Bury [*Bury St. Edmunds*] Stationmaster's widow to receive 3 months of his salary as assistance.
- Clerks generally, Loco. Dept. absent from work, notice to be sent out.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Stationmaster on public complaints of poor train services. For Chairman.
- Company Rules and Regulations to be revised by Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Moseley and Mr. Robertson.
- Sacred Harmonic Society to receive reduced fares to Crystal Palace between 17th. and 25th. June (Single Fare).
- Eastern Counties Cricket Club also to receive a 3/6 return from Stratford - Ipswich on Whit Monday.
- Boreham Level Crossing. Long letter from Sir John Tyrell deploring the ECRy proposal as being valueless. The reply amended the 2 hour notice for stopping a train to foggy conditions and after sunset. ECRy's final offer.

Land Agent's Report.

- Advertisement Agent to be Mr. J.E. Handley. £100 per annum with 5% commission.
- Anchor Street House. Ragged School Committee would spend £125 on repairs if a 10 year lease at rental of £10 per annum was agreed. Committee wish for a 5 or 7 years lease.
- Ilford Station, Mr. Simpson calls for the Company to give him access to his plot bought at auction held by ECRy. Chairman to investigate.
- East and West Suffolk services. (Ipswich, Bury [*Bury St. Edmunds*], & Cambridge). Complaints re morning trains. Superintendent to urgently improve the service.

9th.June 1859

Special Meeting. Horatio Love, Chairman.

- Claims, Lea Bridge Collision. Mr.Young offered £800.0.0. and Mr.Povey offered £150.0.0.

22nd.June 1859.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report.

- Broxbourne, Stable to be enlarged for two horses.
- Romford. New stables required at lower level.
- Tottenham. Cattle lairs. Income for two weeks to 19th. £6.11.3. Hay receipts £16.10.0.
- Woodbridge. Eastern Union Co. Carriage Dock line causing trouble when unloading. Eastern Union Co. to correct alignment.
- Ilford. Mr.Simpson's crane to cost £40.0.0.
- Hadleigh. Coal cells to be repaired. Mr.Sinclair.
- Various Claims from lost tea to lost drapery and books, totalling £143.10.9 in all.
- GNRy. Grain from Newark via Welwyn to Romford. They claim a shorter route and no agreement on this.
- East Suffolk Ry. Materials for completion to travel free of charge.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Buckhurst Hill. 25 wagon siding and coal bed to cost £460. Matter deferred.
- Brentwood Sidings. Two private sidings to Mr.Kavanagh's brick fields now operated by Wood of Mile End. Repairs to cost £50 to £60. Agreed to be done.
- Payments. Mr.Conder for parcels office. ? ; Messrs.Bray, Waddington for 1090 wagon bodies £1130.10.0. and 100 sets axles and wheels, £907.5.0; Mr. Wright, Tottenham Cattle Lairs, £200.0.0.
- Timber. Wade & Sons, 1000 loads of Memel at 69/3 per load , approved.
- Sleepers. R.Wade & Co.Hull 100,000 at 7/2.5. Memel.
- Samuels Patent Sleepers. "Cup-Through". For Mr.Sinclair.
- Trowse. Gate Keeper's Cottage, Mr.Hood at £128.15.0.

Chairman's Report.

- Eastern Union Co. Woodbridge, turntable and cattle pens required.
- Dullingham. Platform end to be fenced off (Down Side) to isolate Cattle Pen area.
- Ilford Station, drains to be repaired and covered. Yarmouth New Station, Yard to be let.
- Wisbeach Harbour Line [*Wisbech*]. Chairman visited on the 10th.. Tramway to be built from the Quays to the town. Board of Directors to discuss.
- Stationmasters' Gardens to be 10 rods, rent free.
- Ouse Bridge Station. Local people hostile to the Stationmaster Mr.Young. Mr.Young is a strict 'rules' man. Mr.Robertson to investigate. Also station alterations to be made generally. (page 282).
- Bishopsgate. Furniture required for new arrival side Waiting Room. Cabs, more required. A stand in New Commercial St. is suggested.
- Newmarket. Surplus land to be retained.
- Mile End. Coal cells to be filled in before repairing.
- Swan Yard house to be repaired, £20 and Mr.Goldsmith's Arch to be bricked up, £21.

Superintendent's Report.

- Lowestoft. Signalman's Hut required for Semaphore.
- Norwich. Through crossing required Down to Up Main Line at Down end of Ticket Platform. To Joint Committee for their approval.
- Mail Service, East Suffolk Line. £100 per annum , agreed.
- Whit Monday, Bishopsgate. 16,859 bookings including excursions, £1074.16.9.5.
- Steam Boats, Ipswich. The Norwich Up train to be run later as 1st. & 2nd.Class to Ipswich and then Parliamentary, all stations to London.
- East Suffolk Line. An Express from 1st.July from Yarmouth at 6.30 am and Lowestoft at 6.40 am calling at Beccles and Saxmundham only arriving at Ipswich at 8.10 am to connect with the 8.17 am due in London at 10.30 am. Return from Ipswich at 6.40 pm with passengers from the 4.25 pm ex London arriving at Lowestoft 8.10 pm and Yarmouth at 8.20 pm.
- Yarmouth Races. Horses to be conveyed at Single rates.

- Wells. Missing monies. Booking Clerk Pratt reported £21.6.0 and £9.3.8 missing from a locked drawer. Stationmaster Wortley and Pratt attended the meeting. Booking Clerk was suspended after hearing.
- Two sundry convictions.
- Stratford. Policeman Humphreys guilty of gross insubordination to the Stationmaster and he was dismissed.
- Ponders End. Missing monies (Wages). Stationmaster to pay one half for his carelessness.
- Fatality at Brick Lane. Man's body found on 12th.June at 3pm. Killed by the 2.50 pm. Down Loughton train. "Accidental Death".
- Cow killed on line at Fulbourne on 13th.June. Defective gate blamed. Circular wicket gates were mentioned.
- Lea Bridge Collision. Dr.Hall's fees of £17 paid.
- Cambridge - Hitchin Line, improved services operating.
- Woodbridge Line. Near disaster when two Platelayers had removed rails and placed a red flag at 112 yards distant. Passenger train stopped 5 yards away. Contractors workmen to come under Mr.Sinclair in future.
- Trespassing Watlington - Lynn [*Kings Lynn*]. A lad with a pony and cart in front of the 2.10 pm Goods ex March . Pony was killed and the cart smashed. Lad to be summoned.
- Ballast Train incident. On 18th.June, Ely - Chesterford area J.Tyrell fell asleep while supposedly "back" signalling the train. Tyrell dismissed.
- Claims settled. Mr.Povey and daughter, £350. Lea Bridge accident.

6th July 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Cattle lairs, Tottenham. Revenue, 2 weeks to 2nd July £2.12.6d. Hay receipts £14.8.0d.
- Company sacks used by Mr. Wiffen at Stanstead [*Stansted*]. Apologies. Also by Mr. Potter of Audley End. Handling withdrawn.
- Ipswich and Stowmarket Navigation. Item of towing path rentals; £71.12.4d was queried. Details?
- Lark Navigation. Matter of tolls, £31.13.8d was raised. Land Agent to enquire and report.
- Works. St. Ives, 4 more cattle pens required. Approved.
- Claim for £30 by Mr. Rounds for injuries to a pony, London to Chelmsford. £15 offered.
- Works. Cambridge, extra sidings required. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Claims amounting to £91.14.10½d, for injured pig to lost tea.
- Yarmouth fish traffic, Lowestoft fish traffic. Decrease in last six months, of £8,632 due to north-easterly gales.
- Goods Department. Claims £60.10.2d.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Cantley Station, booking office extension £40; agreed. Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] stable £30.0.0d. Whittlesford, increased sidings for 25 wagons, £250.
- Sidings, Devonshire Street. Messrs. Prior to cost £275. Turntables, worn out and too small; £100 for renewal.
- Norwich. Through crossing at ticket platform, £120.0.0d.
- Hadleigh (Suffolk) coal bay repairs £350. Deferred.
- Tottenham, Marsh Lane. Gate cottage £145. Approved.
- Sudbury; siding for the executors of the late Mr. Allen using the Cornard material £50. Chairman to visit site.
- Dereham. Booking office and Waiting room alterations £100.
- Stratford; stationmaster's house to be built adjoining the platform. Cost £300.0.0d.
- Cambridge. Plan for alteration to luggage tunnel deferred.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] tramway. Plan for tramway station shown. Rights of way discussed; benefits also discussed. Cost estimated at £2,500. Land purchased £1,800, land to be sold £1,000. Cost of laying line £1,500 total.
- Coke contract at Lynn. East Anglian Company 22nd August 1849 for a term of ten years, with Thomas Gibson and others. Now Eastern Counties Railway and a Mr. Shaw. ECRy has no wish to renew the coking contract but must purchase the ovens, screens and machinery. Chairman to see Mr. Sinclair.
- Station repairs. Ponders End, Ordnance Factory, Waltham, Cheshunt, Broxbourne, Rye House, St. Margarets and Hertford. Chairman to visit before the work commences and report.
- Payments Due. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, 100 sets of wheels and axles, £429.15.0d. 100 goods wagon bodies, £535.10.0d. Messrs. Piper and Sons, covered way, Rye House £95.10.0d and goods shed, Romford, £300.0.0d. Messrs Ellis and Son, goods office and shed, Peterborough £140.0.0d. Mr. Dobson, road repairs at Cambridge £20. Messrs. Wade and Son, timber contract £958.19.0d.

- Midland Railway Company. To be charged £9.16.0d being the 7% on outlay of £140 for goods shed alterations as agreed.

Chairman's Report:

- Rats killed (27 days), Oakington 1, Ware 3, Stortford 14, Kennett 19, Fakenham 9, Hardingham 11, Thorpe 9, Blackwall 16, Black Bank 13, Ely 15 and Thetford 37. Close to Kennett station 150 rats were killed.
- Claim for a weeks wages by Mr. Ashley, employed as "an extra man" dismissed without notice. Judge ruled that an extra man could not claim for lack of notice on dismissal.
- Wells station. Missing monies; clerk Pratt dismissed and porter Bacon likewise.
- Signalman Kent, Stratford, died from exposure. Widow granted the sum of £5.0.0d.
- Cambridge goods traffic. January 1st to 19th June 1858-59 revenue was £712.2.2d (18 months total).
- East Suffolk Lines: Woodbridge; cattle and carriage docks require extra sidings. Fencing necessary on east side with trespass notices erected (for Eastern Union). Wickham Market. Track changes necessary at horsebox sidings to allow locomotives to clear the points. Goods shed sidings to be relaid for locomotive usage. Leiston Junction. Branch trains to use Saxmundham station and not the Main Line. For the time being trains from branch must stop short of junction signal. Darsham. Lean-to lamp room required. Present lamp room to be used for telegraph work. Brampton. A lock-up for goods is required. East Suffolk Railway to do the above.
- Coal bays, Wickham Market. Mr. Whitmore requesting a shed. Agreed. Rent to be arranged.
- Saxmundham. Mr. Long's siding to be shunted by horse, Mr. Moseley to arrange terms.
- Writ received for £135 by executors of the late Mr Fairfield. Sum to be paid into the court. Solicitors to defend.
- Wells Regatta. Wells and Fakenham Company subscribing £2 if ECRy will give £3. Agreed.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Harbour line. Proposed tramway. Messrs. English will give no access to the river. For the Chairman.

Mr. Dutton's Report:

- Ilford. Stationmaster Pope cautioned for breaches of the Company's regulations re the unloading of trucks on main line.
- East Suffolk lines. Men employed by Peto/Brassey travelling without ticket on the Aldborough [*Aldeburgh*] branch. Peto/Brassey to apply for passes to selected workers.

14th July 1859

Special Meeting called

- Hertford and Welwyn Company. Proposed working agreement.
 - Welwyn Junction costs to be shared - H and W Co. one half and Great Northern Railway and ECRy one quarter each. Present cost £318 per annum.
 - Trains. ECRy to work goods at 10d and Great Northern to work passenger trains at 9d.The Committee disagreed saying that the passenger workings should alternate between the Great Northern and the ECRy. Also that the H and W Co. should pay one half of the costs of Hertford Junction. Exoneration of accident liability was also sought.
- Staff excursion annual was agreed to Southend only.
- Brick Lane Goods Dept. Annual excursion agreed with 50 from Blackwall and total not to exceed 1,000 and not beyond Southend.

20th July 1859

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Conviction of a carman named Jones for selling a part of his load of bones.
- Coal statistics June 58/59:

LNWRy _____	38,411 - 28,740 (1858)
GNRy _____	27,651 - 29,326 (58)
ECRy _____	9,918 - 5,601 (58)
GWRy _____	1,975 - 7,405 (58)

All in tons coming into the city.
- Coal, ex Midland Railway, for Mr. Woods is being dumped at Hertford Wharf. To be stopped.
- Yarmouth. Coals to South Town (not ready for unloading at quay) going via Haddiscoe. ECRy losing its share of the revenue to East Suffolk Company. Sir Morton Peto to be asked for some relief.
- Loughton. Accommodation for building materials required. Chairman to visit.
- Sidings, Whittlesford. Mr. Townsend has withdrawn application. £180 to be repaid.
- Danish cattle traffic. Mr. R. Young asked for rail rates to London ex Lowestoft: oxen 5s 6d each, sheep 1s 0d each, excluding harbour dues.
- Steam Tug "Powerful" and "Viscount Canning" assistance. Cheque for £40 received.

- Chaplin and Horne. Fast parcel service to be worked by ECRy but now deferred. Chaplin and Horne to be allowed 10d per ton for such deliveries (this in the City of London).
- Goods Dept. Claims of £61.18.9d.
- Blackwall lighterage. Mr. Thomas deceased. Three applicants for the work, viz., Mr. Williams of Lambeth, Mr. Downes of Mark Lane and Mr. Thomas (son of the deceased). Chairman to interview applicants.
- Claims, sundry, amounting to £85.12.3d from lost cigars to a damaged cart.
- Mr. Goldsmith's beer at Bishopsgate (Woolwich side). Crane unsafe to use. Mr. Sinclair to repair same.
- Provender. Damaged bran of Mr. Titchmarsh, Blackwall to Royston, ECRy to purchase at reasonable price.
- Peppercorn warehouses. Revenue for 1858, £2,452.19.1d. Report to East and West India Dock Co.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Mile End coal staithes; unsafe condition, repairs to cost £350. For Chairman.
- Witham. Water supply is inadequate, 30,000 gallons daily requirement. For £160 a supply could be obtained. Agreed to proceed.
- Ipswich. Water supply is inadequate. Extra 10-12,000 gallons required from Water Company. Agreed at 6d - 9d per 1,000 gallons.
- Payments due. Mr. Tracey, cattle sheds, Tottenham £322.5.10d. Mr. Perry, camp shed, Blackwall, £280. McClennan & Co., 100 sets of buffers, £466.4.0d. Messrs Bray, Waddington, 100 sets of wheels and axles £549.2.6d and 100 goods wagon bodies £684.5.0d. Railway Foundry, Bradford, 112 sets of axle boxes £231.5.0d. Wright & Sons, 12 passenger brake vans £1818.0.0d.
- Works, Dereham station. Mr. R. Head at £108.5.0d. Ware station alterations, Mr. Conder at £113. Hadleigh water supply. Eastern Union has sold land containing the well. Solicitors Crowder, Maynard & Co. to write to Eastern Union Railway Co.

Superintendent's Report:

- Stratford. Swampy land near Hackney Wick to be infilled.
- Loughton. Report on the proposed alterations. Chairman to visit with Mr. Sinclair.
- Platelayer killed near Dovercourt whilst asleep on the rails, on 5th July. Funeral expenses to be paid.
- Lea Bridge accident. Dr. Pinching of Walthamstow to be paid £21 for services.
- Trowse. Extra semaphore signal 36 ft high at junction Branch and Auxiliary, Down side, to be moved to a point 800 yards from the junction.
- Occurrence at Saxmundham station on 14th July. The 5.45 p.m. ex Yarmouth ran into the siding towards the Leiston Branch train. Points set for the siding. Stationmaster reprimanded. Sir Morton Peto to be informed of the type of points used and suggested separation of the branch line.
- Omnibuses. Mr. Willsmere still operating on Market Days from Maldon to Chelmsford and not from Burnham to Maldon.
- Convictions. Sundry nature.
- Train workings. Carriage on goods train Dereham to Fakenham on Market days to continue to Wells and back for use of Lynn passengers, as an experiment.
- Steamer "Orwell" (not ECRy) on Ipswich to London service has been withdrawn.
- Accidents. Bishopsgate Arcade on 9th July. Messenger lad, with books from Audit Office to Brick Lane tried to jump onto footboard of train. Fell and suffered a crushed foot.
- Aldborough [*Aldeburgh*] Pilots to be allowed to travel to Leiston on the Parliamentary train and the 3.00 p.m. by third class.
- Accident near Stratford on the 8th July. Painter named Sporle with a ladder moved from track of Up train onto track of Down 2.30 p.m. train and was killed instantly. ECRy to pay funeral expenses and grant £5 to the widow.
- Steamers. Woolwich Ferry on June 28th, collision with waterman's boat which capsized. Boatman Howes was drowned. Verdict of Accidental Death.
- Fire, field of barley at Brampton, Mr. Kelsey; 8 rods destroyed. Land Agent to settle any claim.
- Capel station interior to be decorated and water supply is inadequate.
- Fire on bridge ½ mile South of Six Mile Bottom. Discovered by Mr. Cooper who was surveying. One rail red hot and timbers burnt.
- Staff. Mr. Claxton's dismissal for absence from duty (platform inspector Bishopsgate). Due to Militia call-out for three weeks. To be reinstated upon his producing discharge papers.
- Lowestoft. Tug engineer Mr. Gamble to be re-employed in his old job, engineer.

Secretary's Report:

- East Anglian Company re decrease in coal traffic at East Winch.
- Newmarket Races. Usual subscription for "Eastern Counties Railway Handicap".
- Mr. Kingston's patent, Guard to Driver communication. Mr. Sinclair to decide.

- East Suffolk bookstalls; Sir Morton Peto tendering for same, refused by ECRy who will seek tenants.
- Yarmouth station yard. Omnibuses and cabs. Mr. Bourne of "The Angel" at £20 p.a. subject to terms offered. Other cab operators objected but Committee ruled that ECRy owned the rights.
- Legal. The Fairhead case settled for the £135 already paid into court, with costs. The Jones case (8th April) was lost, ECRy to pay £400 and £147.12.6d costs; ECRy defence costs were £1,600. The Baxendales case, £30 paid into court.

Chairman's Report:

- East Suffolk Lines, telegraph. Sir Morton Peto to be asked to install.
- Lynn - Hunstanton. Chairman had visited the area of proposed line.
- Witham goods office; improvements necessary.
- Braintree. South end of platform to be extended to signal post and a 6ft rustic fence erected at carriage dock on both sides up to the cattle pens.
- Staff outings. Cambridge to Yarmouth refused.
- Trains. Lord Stradbroke asking for the Newmarket train times to be altered to meet the Bury trains. Refused.
- Expenses. Mr. Cooper asking for £5.19.1d for surveying.
- Claim. Mr. Curtis for £70 for his patent axleboxes. £35 suggested as an offer.
- Kelvedon - Coggeshall Line. Proposal for such by a Mr. Sanderson.
- Framlingham. Water unfit for use. Sir Morton Peto to improve the supply.
- Bishopsgate; Sunday supervision, Superintendent to ensure regulation and supervision of traffic.
- Special trains. North London Railway to Tilbury and Southend Railway. Dispute over ECRy not allowing trains to pass without permission.

2nd August 1859

Special Meeting

- Accident on August 1st at Fenchurch Street station. The 12.30 p.m. Up Woolwich train in collision with a light engine of the Tilbury Company proceeding to the turntable. Some passengers severely injured. ECRy to settle claims *pro tem* until liability is settled.

3rd August 1859

Chairman Horatio Love

- Company sacks. Mr. Gibbins and Mr. Chopping to be summoned for using ECRy sacks.
- Yarmouth Southtown. Shunting horse and driver to be hired at 30s weekly.
- Ice Houses, Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Mr. Morgan to use one room at Lowestoft free until 29th September 1859. Mr. Harrison at Yarmouth also free to 29th September 1859; both to provide the ice.
- Brick Lane. Weighbridge required.
- Lowestoft. Mr Sinclair to lay down a 60 ft temporary line to the crane opposite the Continental Warehouse.
- Romford. Grain in store. 1½[d] per qtr weekly charge.
- Claims. Sundry, £49.6.2d, from missing oil to delayed pigs.
- Ingatestone. Cartage. ECRy to take over using shunting horse and driver. Van and harness to be sent down and stable erected.
- Sutton Bridge. Man to be appointed as Goods Agent for ECRy traffic.
- Cattle lairs, Tottenham. Income £3.3.0d, hay receipts £7.16.0d.
- Grimsby. Deep Sea Fishing Co. bankrupt, all boats and gear for sale.

Mr Sinclair's Report:

- Cambridge sidings £1,206. For the Joint Committee.
- Witham. Sidings for the Braintree goods traffic to cost £520. Also to Joint Committee.
- Stratford. Marshy land to be infilled as spoil becomes available.
- Payments due. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, 100 sets wheels and axles £358.2.6d, 100 goods wagon bodies £446.5.0d. Mr. Tracey for Catchwater Bridge, Littleport £250 and Denver Bridge £500. Messrs. Pratt and Sewell 16-horse stable at Brick Lane £237.7.9d. Mr. E. Conder, Witham office £55.16.4d, Mr. Dobson, Cambridge road repairs £20.0.0d.
- Works, Roydon. Renew underline bridge, J. Perry at £780.0.0d.
- Locomotive boilers (4), Slaughter and Gruning, Bristol at £710 each.

Superintendent's Report:

- Occurrence on July 29th when London - Norwich 9.40 p.m. down detached a truck at Brentwood. Guard failed to secure the train which ran away to Romford where it was stopped by the nightwatchman Fayers and signalman Scott. Collision with the 11.00 p.m. was averted. The guard Brownson to be given other work and 10s award agreed for Fayers and Scott.
- Stratford. Bullock on the line was killed by a passenger train on 26th July. Driver of Up Cambridge Parliamentary train warned driver of Down Woolwich train. Claim to be settled on best terms. Youth asleep on the line on 23rd July was killed by train. Verdict, Accidental Death.
- Bishopsgate, Sundays. Mr. Scott, Chief Clerk to be in charge of traffic etc.
- Steamer "Orwell" has resumed Ipswich - London sailings.
- Sunday Bands Committee asking for a special train to Loughton on August 11th. For the Superintendent.
- Injury claims, from 16th March £86.8.8d, sundry claims £54.2.0d. To be paid.
- Ilford station. Cash stolen on July 28th. £6.17.6½d at 6.45 p.m.. Mr. Pope, the Booking Clerk, dismissed.
- Saxmundham. Up sidings required for wagons ex Leiston.
- Brampton. Lock-up for goods required.
- Weighing machines to be level with platforms wherever possible.
- Ipswich expresses not keeping time, extra guards required (drawing up? HEJ).
- Swing bridge operators at St. Olaves, Somerleyton, Beccles and Carlton Colville to occasional Sunday relief.
- Sproughton barley field fire; owner accepted 15s.
- Lowestoft. Cattle sheds and shear-legs now ECRy property.
- Loughton. Refreshment Rooms completed, now ready for letting.
- Stratford. Cottages to be repaired, also Romford and Bishopsgate. For Chairman.
- Lexden landslip. Colonel Napier to accept £6 for damage to his land. Brook Street landslip, land purchased to secure.
- Ingatestone Gas Company applying for a gate to Works from their field. Agreed at 10s per annum and road repairs.

Secretary's Report:

- Custom House, residents asking for a late train. Refused.
- Barking Road. Extra gas lamp required by the bridge and a handrail at platform end Up side.
- Bishopsgate station yard, signal hut required.
- Cambridge station, alterations to provide a bedroom.
- Norwich Thorpe station; white blinds to the counting house and Mr. Lucas's stable floor to be repaired.
- Forncett. Cattle pens to be repaired.
- "Orwell", Mr. Archer offering boat to ECRy. Declined.
- Staff leave. Summer time to be discouraged.
- Occurrence 26th July. Platelayers trolley being used between Thorpe and Norwich without permission. No warning flags out.
- Victoria Docks. Residents asking for a footbridge.
- Blackwall. Lighterage contract to Messrs. Thomas and Vickers with 15% dues to ECRy.
- West Ham. Angel Lane widening; Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Eastern Counties/East Suffolk Joint Committee report on gigs operating on Market Days Beccles - Norwich, estimate of 26/27. Fares on railway to be reduced. Also fares difference/distance Norwich - Lowestoft, Norwich - Halesworth, equidistant [*but*] unequal fares. For Superintendent.
- Hertford and Welwyn Company. Working arrangements still under discussion.
- Norwich; manager of the East of England Bank complaining about lack of "fly" transport in for early trains.
- Coal traffic. Sir Morton Peto agreeing on division of traffic to East Suffolk stations via Haddiscoe.
- Peterborough. Mr. Ketcher absent from duty two days without leave. Admitted this and presence in Stamford but denied being at the race meeting. To be dismissed by the Chairman. Also, Ticket Collector James at Peterborough dismissed re excess fare collection.

17th August 1859

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Tottenham cattle lairs. Income 2 weeks to 30th July 19s6d. Fodder receipts £2.5.0d.
- Claim. Mr. Springall for loss of cigars in transit London - Yarmouth, £23.18.6d. Considered extortionate and unreasonable.

- Coal traffic into London

LNWRy	___ 34,174 tons	34,771 tons
GNRy	___ 29,852	44,646
ECRy	___ 9,964	6,297
GWRy	___ 8,559	4,846
SERy	___ 959	2,700
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All for July 1859 and 1858

- Sundry claims £78.8.6d.
- Tivetshall. Mr. Banham requires a siding 45/50 yards to his maltings
- Lynn. Fire in a truck of lime, too hot when loaded.
- Sheep fairs, West of England, the through rates submitted were approved.
- Brentwood. Restriction on the detachment of trucks.
- Goods department. Claims £67.5.6d.
- Blackwall grain warehousing, country rates to apply, viz:- 5 days free prior to transit then 1½d per qtr. weekly.
- Bishopsgate. Dog pen required.
- Southwold - London. A carrier required Halesworth to Southwold, Mr. Bodingfield [*sic - Bedingfield?*].

Superintendent's Report:

- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] - Lynn fare reductions:- 1st 5s.0d to 4s.2d; 2nd 4s.0d. to 3s.4d; 3rd 3s.0d to 2s.6d.
- Ely - Lynn. First train arrives at Lynn at 12.20 p.m. except Tuesday (Market Day). Suggested that a coach be attached to the 6.45 a.m. goods ex Ely to arrive at Lynn 8.50 a.m.
- East Suffolk line fares suggested: St Olaves to Yarmouth or Haddiscoe day 2s.0d, 1s.6d, and 1s.0d. Aldeby to Yarmouth day 2s.11d., 2s.0d. and 1s.6d. Aldeby to Lowestoft day 3s.0d, 2s.6d. and 1s.10d. Beccles to Norwich day 5s.6d., 4s.0d and 2s.8d.. Halesworth to Norwich day 8s.0d, 6s.0d and 4s.0d. To Sir Morton Peto for comments.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] to have a special train to connect with the Ely express.
- Donkey run over and killed at Black Bridge, Ipswich Docks on 5th August.
- Inspector Claxton (see July 20th) his discharge received from North Gloucester Militia.
- Woolwich Ferry, ECRy. Collision on July 30th with "Petrel" (Waterman's Co.). Liability admitted. ECRy's "Kent" to be repaired.
- Sundry convictions (four). Assault, stone throwing, fraud.
- Trains. Mr. E. Howes asking for the 11.27 a.m. Down to Norwich to stop at Fornsett. Refused.
- Occurrence. Man named Perkins run over and killed by 3.00 p.m. Down train at Ilford Gate Crossing on the 11th inst. Inquest adjourned. Mr. Ashley to attend on the 18th August.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Brick Lane weighbridge to cost £100. Agreed.
- Victoria Docks. Footbridge to cost £115. Agreed.
- Diss Gas Company to supply at 6d per 1,000 cubic ft. Supply to signals to cost £56. Agreed.
- Payments due. Messrs Neilson and Co. on account for 20 goods locomotives and tenders £1,900. Messrs. Bray, Waddington on account for 100 goods wagon bodies £178.10.0d. and 100 sets wheels/axles £143.5.0d. Mr. W. Wright for tar paving cattle lairs Tottenham £44.16.0d and cattle lairs tar paving at Stratford £43.7.0d. Messrs. Wade and Sons on account of timber contract £1,872.18.11d. Messrs Eborswick and Morley Bramford Goods shed £150.0.0d. Mr. Saville Loughton refreshment room £124. Mr. Flood Norwich stationmaster's house £166.8.0d.
- Lowestoft Water and Gas Co. seeking to re-run gas pipe at west end of Lock. Agreed.
- Tottenham. Two gate cottages. Decision deferred.
- Coke contract. Messrs. Priors have passed same to Messrs. Butcher and Co. ECRy solicitors to deal with matter. Also various firms seeking this contract. Deferred.

Chairman's Report:

- Ipswich. Tickets to be collected on either side to avoid present delays.
- Accident at 2.00a.m. on the 6th August Up fish train (no details given, HEJ). Stationmaster at Romford to receive £5 as a reward for his services and prevention of another accident.
- North of Europe Company, ECRy and purchase of cattle sheds at Lowestoft. Solicitors to obtain sale documents.
- Lynn station. Goods clerk Newell admits deficiency of £48 in his accounts. Mr. Fearn to report his findings.

Land Agent's Report:

- Norwich station yard. Mr. Wilson's complaint re early "fly" transport, tenants' contract to be varied to suit Mr. Wilson.
- Dereham. Extra shed for Messrs. Warren. Agreed that such shed becomes ECRy property.
- Attleborough. Granary roofs to be repaired as required.
- The Stratford bullock. Mr. Brooks agrees to £12. (Ref 26th July minute)

- Crop fires, Chesterford. 1¼ acres barley Mr. Rudland. Settled for £12. ½ rod oats Mr. Piper settled for £1.0.0d. 4 acres barley, Mr. Nicholls settled for £63.10.0d.

31st August 1859

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Sutton Bridge traffic. Mr. Clarke to operate cartage at 15s.0d weekly.
- St Ives. Shunting horse off duty. Horse to be hired at 3s 0d per day.
- Bury. Sack store required. Small area of yard to be used.
- Victoria Dock and Mint Street traffic, 6 months to June 30th, receipts were £826.0.0d.
- Lowestoft Dock. £144.16.0d received from owners of the vessel "Pacific" for use of dock during repairs. Cattle shed charges for use to be: oxen 1s.0d per head, sheep 6d per head. For every twelve hours.
- Cattle traffic. No more to Brick Lane from the London side of Colchester or Cambridge. Such cattle to go to Stratford or to Tottenham except those from Romford market.
- Eastern Union Company, Woodbridge line. Dispute regarding the provision of weighing machines. Cattle pens at Woodbridge still not built and goods shed at Bealings incomplete. Eastern Union Co. to be reminded.
- Claims totalling £41.13.4d, lost tea, damaged gooseberries.
- Messrs. Priors bankrupt. ECRy solicitors to advise Company re debts.
- Snape Branch goods traffic. Three trains run Ipswich - Yarmouth, one of which works the Snape branch. Reduction in September to two trains, neither of which can work the Snape branch. Suggested that Framlingham locomotive works the Snape branch.
- Claims on Goods Department. £62.10.6d.

Superintendent's Report:

- Passengers' luggage. It was agreed to allow bottles of spirits in wicker cases to be taken "free".
- Manningtree. Moveable Ticket Barriers to be used.
- Trinity Pilots, Southwold to be booked to Darsham. All at Parliamentary rate on the 3.00 p.m. or Mail train to Colchester, Ipswich, Harwich, Yarmouth and Lowestoft. To Southwold as above.
- Electric telegraph. Single needle to be installed at Haddiscoe and St Olaves Junction for the single line.
- Post Office. Single mail bag return St Ives to Cambridge requested on the Up Mail without extra charge (£35 per annum). Agreed.
- Littlebury. Signal hut at level crossing to accommodate telegraph equipment.
- Occurrence on 22nd August. 1.10 p.m. ex Cambridge to Hitchin at Shelford Road. Cart driven by elderly woman attempted to cross the line on occupational crossing. Hit by locomotive, the horse was killed and the woman was carried 60 yards by the locomotive. Bruised only as were three children also on the cart.
- Bishopsgate. Porter Woodhurst opened a portmanteau with his own key. Cleared of any misdemeanour as other porters were present and testified that the case was empty. Also porter Hill unloaded a horse box causing damage.
- Brentwood. Horse run over and killed on 13th August.
- Occurrence. Yarmouth 5.00 p.m. express hit platelayers' trolley near Reedham. Platelayer responsible dismissed.
- Bishopsgate. Signalman Brown drunk on duty and assaulted Police Superintendent Mr. Kent.
- Blackwall Junction. A woman named Riley killed whilst attempting to cross the line.
- Victoria Docks. Two hundred inhabitants petition for late trains to stop at Tidal Basin. Trial period.
- Occurrence on 17th August at Broxbourne when engine of 6.00 p.m. special goods failed 1 mile North of Broxbourne. Guard Clarke did not walk back to station to report. To be moved to other work.
- Bishopsgate Yard on 23rd August. Driver Winney left his fireman to shunt thereby causing a derailment. Winney and his fireman fined two days pay and fireman to work at Stratford Works.
- Dog conveyance. Old third-class carriage to be converted to a "dog van".
- East Suffolk Lines. Cattle pens at Leiston and Saxmundham still not built. Also buffer stop blocks are required at Saxmundham. No loading-gauges erected anywhere.
- Excess fares. Fortnightly returns to be made, Mr. Fearn to arrange.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Payments due. Messrs. Neilson and Co. on account of 20 goods locomotives £1,900.0.0d. Messrs. Wade (Hull) on account of timber contract £800.0.0d.

Chairman's Report:

- East Suffolk line. Sir Morton Peto agrees to the proposed fares from September 1st onwards.
- Coal traffic. Messrs. Booth Bros. to use ECRy. For Mr. Moseley to report on same.
- Beccles. Petition from Mayor, Town Council and the inhabitants complaining of the high fares to Yarmouth and Lowestoft. Sir Morton Peto.
- Coal accommodation at March, Manea, Ely, Brandon, Cambridge, Whittlesford and Bishops Stortford. Messrs. Johnson and Headdy seeking tenancies at the above places.
- Delays to passengers. District Superintendents to give special attention to this matter personally.
- Mr. Robertson's health. To be granted three weeks leave of absence from 2nd September.
- Inspector Saunders of Cambridge asked to resign for irregularities regarding train operations to Six Mile Bottom, on single line.
- Occurrence on the 8th August when axle of locomotive on a Margate excursion broke on Tilbury curve. Locomotive and two coaches were damaged, one passenger has since died, several injured. Note below: Thames Haven - Fenchurch Street; inquest verdict, "Accidental death".

14th September 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Sutton Bridge. Mr. Clarke re potato and corn loads and lighters for Wisbeach [*Wisbech*].
- Foreign cattle. Arrival at Lowestoft on 11th September of the "Swallow" with 99 head of cattle for Norwich.
- Through traffic to Southwold. Mr. Bedingfield to operate cartage from Halesworth.
- Bishops Stortford. Mr. Taylor's maltings, request for siding extension of 40 yards.
- Claims of £44.16.2d; from damaged manure to delayed pigs.
- Blackwall Company and a gas company's offer of 50,000 tons of coal annually, from Victoria Docks to Limehouse. ECRy offer the usual terms.
- Waveney Valley Company. A dispute regarding Bungay traffic going via Beccles and not Harlestone [*Harleston*]. From 27th June this traffic has gone to Harlestone. Waveney Valley Company to be so informed.
- Great Northern Company and the Victoria Docks. To have its own Goods Depot. New arrangements to be made for Pepper Warehouse traffic to Hertford and other Great Northern Railway stations.
- St Ives sidings; Messrs. Potto Brown's Mill siding too short and causing hold-ups in wagon clearance. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Goods Department. Claims £51.8.6d.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Ely underline bridge renewal; contract to Messrs. Bennett (Lynn) at £1,570.
- Thorley underline bridge renewal; contract to Mr. J. L. Glassock (Bishops Stortford) £365.
- Stratford Bridge new station. All tenders shewn. Contract to Mr. W. Hill at £1,429.0.0d.
- Payments due. Mr. Perry on account of lampshed at Blackwall £223.1.9d. Messrs. Piper and Sons, Romford goods shed £93.5.4d.

Secretary's Report:

- Fenchurch Street accident. Report by Captain Ross. See Board of Trade or Directors Minutes.
- Tilbury accident report from Captain Tyler also as above.
- Messrs. Prior's contracts (company bankruptcy). ECRy solicitors' affirmation of rights of ECRy to transfer the coke contract to whosoever they see fit. Messrs. Rickett Smith to be invited.
- Coal traffic. Messrs. Rickett Smith agreeing to meet all ECRy charges made to Messrs. Butcher and Girling. Agreed.
- Lynn coke ovens. Lease expired on 22nd August. Mr. Sinclair to deal with valuation of all equipment for possible purchase by ECRy.
- East Suffolk line. Cattle pens at Leiston and Saxmundham. Sir Morton Peto has ordered these to be erected.
- Timetable advertisements. Mr. Maxwell's contract to cease with due notice.
- Bishopsgate cab contract; under review as expiration of current contract approaches.
- Inspector Saunders of Cambridge, his resignation to be reviewed and alternative work to be considered.
- Hitchin accident, Great Northern Railway. Safety aspects reviewed for stopping trains.
- Colne Valley Company, Chappel to Halstead. Committee of three - Sinclair, Robertson and Moseley to report on ECRy's working the line.

Superintendent's Report:

- Inspector Durrant and 8s 0d excess fare money not paid in at Colchester. To be down-graded.
- Foal killed on the line at Waterbeach. Mr. Day claims £15. Fence to be repaired.
- Occurrence. Foreman Murphy fell from locomotive at Cambridge. Concussed and taken to infirmary where he is recovering. 31st August 1859.

- Snaresbrook stationmaster reprimanded for slackness at station.
- Three pigs run over and killed at Stowmarket. The owner Mr. Nible claims £3.9.0d.
- Post Office applying for mailbag to travel from Braintree to Witham and vice versa at 2nd class day fare in charge of the guard.
- Sudbury station. Booking clerk Muggeridge found drowned in the River Stour. Verdict of Suicide, While of Unsound Mind.
- Denver stationmaster Mr. Bidwell resigned and proposing his son for the position. For the Chairman.
- Roof lamps to be overhauled for the coming winter.
- 29th August. A special from Brentwood passed Colchester at an excessive speed despite caution signals. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Ramsey Road crossing, 2nd September. One truck off the line which was damaged, and delay caused while platelayers went for spikes and bolts. Mr. Sinclair to ensure that supplies of such materials are placed at suitable places.
- Mellis Yard level crossing, extra lamp required.
- Ipswich. Night telegraph clerk required to assist the Inspector.

Chairman's Report:

- Eastern Counties Mechanics Institute letter of appreciation for excursion trains for their workers in Locomotive and Permanent Way Departments.
- St Margarets stationmaster to receive increase of salary, £65 to £70 per annum.
- Book stalls. Messrs. Smith placing board on overline bridge near Rye House station. Land Agent to report.
- Broxbourne Up platform needs widening or replacing with a brick and gravel structure. Existing platform is of timber.
- Lea Bridge Up and Down platforms to be widened by at least two feet. The wooden portions only.
- Ipswich cattle traffic, alterations; cattle to be loaded on Down side near new station with a tramway to the cattle market with the pens brought from the old station
- Mile End coal staithes to be repaired (July 20th).
- Witham Junction. Goods locomotives, several derailments, Mr. Sinclair's attention.
- Bishopsgate Parcels Office Outward Department alterations.

28th September 1859

Chairman, Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Christmas Season; extra staff to be employed.
- Aldborough [*Aldeburgh*] Branch. On 29th August, 50 tons materials to be charged 1d per ton-mile, Halesworth to Leiston. Load worked by Peto's locomotive.
- Devonshire Street, ECRy's road in need of repair.
- Silk traffic, Kelvedon to London, lock-up wagons are required as for Braintree.
- Yarmouth Vauxhall. Two large, wooden scotches are required to stop wagons running into road vehicles.
- Wells and Fakenham Company; asking for rates (goods?) from Wells to Walsingham and Fakenham and Walsingham - Wells to London.
- Fish delayed at Brentwood on 6th August, claims made. Manager to settle on best terms.
- Claims of £85.14.5d, from damaged shirts to injured horse. Goods Department £55.18.2d.
- Colne Valley Railway; contractors asking for a truck of lime to pass through Chappel Junction. Decided that as line is not yet open the truck cannot proceed.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Angel Lane widening. The piece of ECRy land is of no use to the Company and will pass to the local Board of West Ham for their use subject to usual terms.
- Broxbourne platform Up side widening to cost £250.
- Bishops Stortford siding extension of 40 yards to cost £50, approved both works.
- St Ives. Messrs Potto Brown's siding extension/alterations to cost £575 which includes two turntables, viaduct extension and rearranged tracks. Mr. Brown to pay £350.
- Lowestoft. Shear legs to be overhauled and painted.
- Ely. Mr. Hawke requiring a siding to his coal wharf. Cost £70 but water-pipe concession to ECRy would reduce cost to £30.0.0d. Agreed to proceed.
- Payments due. Messrs. Neilson and Co., on account of 20 goods locomotives £1,900. Messrs. Mason, Ramsden and Co. for sleepers £571.10.5d. Mr. J. Perry for Tottenham overline bridge £450. Mr. E. Conder for Ware goods office £113.0.0d. Messrs Wade and Sons on account of 2,000 loads of timber £669.13.10d, 1,000 loads of timber £849.0.1d. Contract sleepers £3,492.6.10d.

- Old brass boiler tubes Messrs Huntz 7¼d per lb old and 10½d per lb for new.
- Tivetshall, Mr. Banham's siding to cost £120/130. (Which line? Eastern Union or Waveney Valley?)

Superintendent's Report:

- Cambridge to Bedford, through bookings either way to be agreed with Midland Railway Co.
- Staff. Usual misdemeanours.
- Claims of injured passengers. Mr. Bew £50, Lea Bridge. Twelve £562.11.6d, Fenchurch Street (1st August 1859). Mr. Smith £15, Stratford. Mr. Paton £8, at Bishopsgate. Dr. Banks services £13.6.6d.
- 24th September. The Enfield 2.00 p.m. train left 2 minutes early due to station clock being 4 minutes fast. Painter had accidentally moved the hand.
- 13th September. The luggage on the roof of carriage caught fire from a spark, 8.00 a.m. Norwich - London extra. Claims settled for £9.19.0d. Claim for £59.17.0d refused. Any court case to be defended as £20 has been offered.
- Claim contested; £39.16.5d for 11 weeks lodging for fireman Goddon injured 3rd March 1859. Mr. Ashley to defend the case and £22.8.6d to be paid into the court.
- Electric telegraph. East Suffolk line payments:

Woodbridge	8s 0d weekly	Inc. £1
Framlingham	6s 0d	12s 0d.
Saxmundham	6s 0d	18s 0d
Leiston	3s 0d	8s 0d
Halesworth	6s 0d	£1
Beccles	8s 0d	£1

Weekly payments to ECRy

- Lowestoft, trespassing continuing. Norfolk Company yet to erect fencing. Right of Way was questioned. Secretary to write to Norfolk Railway Company.
- St Olaves. Platforms without lighting. East Suffolk Company (Sir Morton Peto) to provide.
- Eastern Counties Railway Rules and Regulations still incomplete. Urgency reminder to Super, Manager and Mr. Sinclair.
- An Assistant District Superintendent to be appointed at £130 per annum.
- Bury. Mayor and local inhabitants complaining re increased train accommodation. Superintendent to report.
- Lowestoft coke ovens. Messrs Butcher and Girling in possession. ECRy solicitor to threaten proceedings.
- Lynn coke ovens. Mr. Penning to value equipment for Mr. Jackson.
- East Suffolk trains, Joint Committee 24th September. Fares: Yarmouth - Norwich, Lowestoft - Norwich and Halesworth - Norwich to be fixed on equal mileage. 6.50 a.m. train from Ipswich should leave at 8.00 a.m. to convey passengers to Woodbridge and Norwich ex Stowmarket, Saturdays excepted. When the Lowestoft to Ipswich express does not operate in the winter, the 10.40 a.m. ex Lowestoft should start at 9.30 a.m. to reach London at 3.00 p.m. Decided to continue the express from Lowestoft to October 31st.
- Lynn - Hunstanton line, cost not to exceed £5,000 per mile.

Chairman's Report:

- Coal traffic. Mr. Coote, shed at Swavesey agreed. Ticket for his son St Ives to Ely granted, both routes. Ticket for his collector at £20 for 6 months Peterborough to Burnt Mill via Ely and loop Royston line and Newmarket to Bury line - Ely to Brandon.
- Rickett Smith. Application for a reduced rate from Peterborough to London. Mile End, Devonshire Street, Stratford, Barking Road and Blackwall. Guaranteed 50,000 tons per annum. One months credit. For the Chairman and Mr. Moseley.
- Blossom's Inn. Mr. Snow to be in charge of Goods Inwards. Mr. Phillips to become Parcels Office chief, Mr. Chapman to succeed Mr. Phillips with 5s.0d week increase to £1 weekly and Mr. Debney promoted. All these at Bishopsgate.
- Mr. Gunton, who did not close a carriage door properly and is summoned for damage has paid the sum in question into the court.
- Lad-porter Jones at Royston station to receive a 2s 0d weekly increase to 11s 0d per week. Royston coal accommodation, Cummings and Hazard asking for alterations.
- Meldreth stationmaster to be relieving clerk Turner at £70 per annum.
- Foxton. Platform to be extended to the goods shed. Also a 6 ft fence from the coal shed behind all coal grounds.
- Harston station. Signalman's hut required for lamps and detonators.
- Cambridge station. New carpet and rug for 1st class waiting room. 2nd class to have old 1st class floorings.
- Bury. Mr. Lee's siding, points to be removed. The Parcels Office to be moved to the cloak room, the door to be signed accordingly. Booking Office to be decorated inside and repairs to fireplace.
- Thurstan [*sic - Thurston?*] station to have two lamps at entrance.

- Flag stations at Claydon, Brampton, Bramford. Superintendent to report on requirements.
- East Suffolk line. Sir Morton Peto to place lamps in Halesworth Goods Yard. Insurance of buildings and goods in transit: all buildings valued at £5,000 or more and station-held goods (average of £2,000 or more). Mr. Gibson to arrange. Beccles. Death of London Road crossing gate-keeper. His funeral costs to be paid and 2 weeks wages to his widow. Saxmundham Goods Yard to be repaired, also the same at Framlingham.
- Diss goods shed and office alterations; Mr. Sinclair to be reminded of alterations to grain siding and horse dock
- Ipswich - Griffins Wharf. Locomotive repair shops to be closed. All ECRy property to be removed from Mr. Bruff's land and the line blocked. Goods clerk Jefferies to receive increase of wages to 10s.0d weekly from 6s 0d per week.
- Yarmouth fish traffic on 20th September. Two trucks were refused on to the train making a special train necessary. Mr. Sinclair.
- Prior's (coal merchants) bankruptcy. Claim against ECRy for £796.9.4d. For the Company's solicitors.
- Wine. Driver Drake, his fireman Ellis and guard Walker all dismissed for broaching a cask (no date, etc.)
- Continental traffic to Holland (first idea of Dutch service). Chairman at Harwich on Saturday last and spoke to Mr. Cobbold re establishing a communication with Rotterdam. The latter suggested a meeting of the ECRy with the Dutch government upon this subject, he wishing to attend. Agreed to proceed.

12th October 1859

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Harling shunting; Mr. Kerrison to receive an increase of 3s 0d per week to 15s 0d weekly
- LNWRy Company has acquired the rolling-stock of the Maryport and Carlisle Company.

Coal into London, September

LNWRy	39,403 tons	36,764 tons
GNRy	32,099	33,184
ECRy	5,710	7,081
MRy	3,775	--
SWRy	1,220	604
GWRy	1,190	4,205
SERY	941	--

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- Claims of £102.12.1d, from stolen silver teapot to lost tobacco and damaged butter.
- Bury station, loading gauge required.
- Newmarket station; a parcels lock-up required.
- Foreign cattle. On 6th October at Lowestoft arrived 125 head from Tanning.
- Rats. Infestation at Burnt Mill warehouse. Catcher Frost brought in with dogs and ferrets. Together with the stationmaster he went to the banks of a dyke. Mr. Phelps's gamekeeper has reported them as poaching. Summons taken out.
- Goods Department claims £75.16.0d.
- Rates for hay, straw and manure to be increased. Hay 2nd to 4th class. Straw 3rd to 4th class. Manure by the stone etc.
- Coal contracts. Truck (empty) delays. Complaints from Messrs. Butcher and Girling. Solicitors to write a clause of relief into coal contracts.
- Tilbury line goods traffic. Due to the opening of Mint Street Goods all terminal revenue has been lost. Brick Lane no longer used by the Tilbury and Southend Railway Company. Solicitors to advise on the ECRy's case (Act of Parliament).

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Tidal Basin gas supply to cost £15 and gas at 5d per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Ponders End gas supply to cost £30, gas at 6d per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Payments due. Messrs. Neilson and Co. on account for 20 goods locomotives £1,900. Messrs. Eborwick, Bramford Goods shed £139.8.7. Messrs. Wade & Sons. Timber and sleepers £2,480.19.5
- Goods wagons, order for 100 to be put out to tender.
- Lynn to Hunstanton Line Project to go to Board of Direction for consideration

Superintendent's report:

- Peterborough points men's hut demolished by derailed wagon. Brick hut at £20.
- Bishopsgate Luggage weighing machine too small. New machine to be flush with the platform.
- Electric Telegraph Co. Use of platelayers trolleys for moving equipment, agreed to continue at agreed costs and under supervision.

- East Suffolk Line open for Goods Traffic especially night and day Fish Trains. Extra Station staff required.
- Ipswich Junction siding to be extended by 50 yards to accommodate Dock wagons.
- Lamps required extra at Ryburgh north end Platform; Fakenham south end Platform two; Lowestoft south ticket Platform two; Narborough Up Platform, one each end; Tivetshall Up Platform at end.
- Thuxton, Yaxham and Kimberley station platforms to be extended 50 yards and the ditches infilled.
- Mr. Randall's donkey killed on 2nd October (no place!) Also a lighterman named Rook found dead on the line at Chesterton Junction. Warned previous day! 5th October.
- Manningtree. The long Down siding to be connected to the Down Main line and extended 50 yards. Cost?
- Occurrence on 5th October, two platelayers, Stock and Bush lying intoxicated on the line near Braintree station. The 1.00 pm Down train was able to stop. Both men to be summoned.
- Fenchurch St. accident of 1st August. Mr. Bibbling has not named his amount claimed. ECRy to defend.
- Writ for £200 against ECRy by Mrs. Hall of Barking Road for injuries in the above named accident. Solicitors to defend ECRy.
- Cambridge signalman fatally injured when coupling loco. to coal wagons. Widow to receive £5 gratuity
- Gt. Shelford. Mr. Morris convicted for not locking the occupational crossing gates on 22nd August when a train hit a cart with woman and children (31st August)
- Bury, Local inhabitants complaint of 28th September re train arrangements. They still complain of delay at Cambridge, waiting 25 minutes for the Bury train to start.
- Surrey Rifle Corps. Requesting rate of fares for the Corps from Fenchurch St. to Woolwich for a rifle shoot at Plumstead Marshes. No reduction granted.
- Woodbridge, Trespassing at Lime Kiln crossing. ECRy solicitors to advise.
- Griffins Wharf, Ipswich. Question of the future of the old loco. repair shop. Solicitors to advise.
- Rules and regulations. Matter again raised as being urgent for completion.
- Telegraph messages. Resolved that all messages relative to accidents or stoppages on the line go to the Superintendent and a copy to the Chairman direct with a copy of Goods Traffic incidents direct to the Manager.
- General Porters. A list to be made of stations where mixed portering is used and the number. All platform Porters to wear jacket or vest with ECRy Cap.

Secretary's report:

- Lowestoft. Trespassing, close fence to be erected closing in all ECRy property.
- Waltham Station line to have a sewer. This lane passes under the railway and the ECRy will assist.
- East Suffolk agreement. Dispute re traffic terminal charges, Manager, Audit Clerk, Engineer, Super. and secretary to meet on same.

26th October 1859

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain season. Extra help required at Norwich Victoria, Harlestone [*Harleston*], Kennett, Shelford, Narborough and Waltham stations. Agreed.
- Woodbridge parcels agent Mr. Laws of "Crown Inn" to be sole agent.
- Foreign cattle on 18th October at Lowestoft 100 head for Norwich.
- Weighing machines and the Eastern Union Company. At Woodbridge and Bealings the ECRy to install one each for parcels and goods to Woodbridge and a parcels only to Bealings, Charged to EURy Co.
- Spirits in jars not to be carried unless in a protective basket.
- Goods Department claims £58.17.4.
- Brick Lane old Granary "jiggers" to be modified.
- Water Lane station. Up siding for shunting Enfield goods wagons. Mr. Sinclair to cost.
- Claims of £118.9.5 from personal injury to missing caddy of tea and damaged bath.
- Peterborough Midland Railway office shelves required. Agreed.
- Victoria Docks. Old rails of Woolwich line to be used for the siding outside the docks.

- Pickford & Co. New rates:

1 - 28 lbs	___ 6d	ECRy	1s 5d
28 - 56 lbs	___ 8d	ECRy	1s 5d
56 - 84 lbs	___ 10d	ECRy	1s 7d
84 - 112lbs	___ 1/-	ECRy	1s 7d
Over 112 lbs	1s 4d	ECRy	1s 7d

Committee recommended same rates for ECRy.

Mr. Sinclair's report:

- St. Ives. Patto Browns siding, extension £100.
- Coal and coke contracts. Messrs. Butcher & Girling unsatisfactory deliveries.
- Coke. Mr. Palmer of the Northumberland & Durham Coal Co. reminding that their contract expires on 31st December this year. Contract to be renewed for 12 months at 24/- per ton at 500 tons weekly to Blackwell free.
- Lynn Coke ovens. Mr Addams to evaluate for the ECRy. (see 28th September)
- Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation. Surveyor asking for a wharf at Maldon. Siding already in situ. For manager.
- Baytham Bridge. Mr Cobbold on possibility of the bridge needing renewal and Eastern Union Co. to pay half £200. Matter noted.
- Stratford station upper and lower levels pathway and footbridge connection. Estimate of £1,000, to joint committee.
- Tivetshall, Mr Banham's siding to cost £130 (on EURy Co. line).
- Station repairs at Ilford, Forest Gate, Romford, Brentwood, Ingatestone and Chelmsford. Chairman to visit these before hand.
- Goods wagons. Order for 100 to Messrs. Bray, Waddington at £58 each. 100 hopper wagons then to be moved to Mr. Sinclair's Loco. Department.
- Payments due. Mr Perry Tottenham overline bridge £390.7.3; Roydon under line bridge £350.0.0.; Messrs. Neilson & Co. on account of 20 Goods Loco's. £3,800; Messrs. Stephenson & Co. for 4 Goods Loco. boilers £765; Messrs. Mason and Ramsden on account for sleeper blocks £574.11.4.; Mr Tracey Littleport bridge renewal £300 ; Denver bridge renewal £200 ; Messrs. Wade & Sons sleeper contract £3,614.18.4.

Land Agent's report:

- Harlow Station yard. Mr. Chaplin's cabs. Boundary marked by posts to be put up to stop his infringement.
- Parish rates. Great Amwell increased by £80.15.0. Solicitors to appeal.
- Royston. Field north of the station now let at £6 per annum.
- Norwich Station yard. 15 cabs now plying for hire, Rent revenue increased.
- Parish rates, Harlow. New valuation taking place, the old rate to be paid pro tem.
- Chelmsford arches. Messrs. Hicks rent for two. £5 per annum.

Chairman's report:

- Bishops Stortford station platforms to be extended 50 yards and London end of Up platform to be improved together with Cambridge end of Down platform.
- Newmarket, alterations to booking-office doors etc.
- Stratford station. New approach street. Mr. Sinclair to report with a plan.
- Occurrence on 11th October at Brentwood when drawbar of loco. on a goods train broke causing the wagons to run backwards. Crossover to be laid to shunt wagons off Main line.
- Sundry convictions, etc. The case at Burnt Mill against the rat catcher and the Station Master for poaching was dismissed.

Secretary's report:

- Complaints regarding the state of 3rd class coaches. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Lowestoft harbour. Five bridgemen sworn in as Special Constables and staves to be issued. Duties, Harbour works protection etc.
- Waveney Valley Co. Bungay traffic, diversion complaint by the Secretary. Chairman to investigate.

Superintendent's report:

- Signals. Central junction Stratford to be elevated and an additional arm with lamp placed on each post for the Up platform Colchester side and Station Dock Siding respectively. An auxiliary signal for the Up empty carriage trains out of the Goods line at rear of Down platform on Cambridge side. Opposite to London end of the platform and elevated.
- Water Lane junction signals to be together on Up main line and elevated to clear the Goods shed. Station signal and hut to be moved to Down line side, London end and Down auxiliary fitted with two arms and lamps, one above the other for the station and junction respectively.
- 3rd class carriage, shortage. Discuss next meeting.
- Train telegraph now installed at Bishopsgate to Water Lane and Bishopsgate to Romford. Electric telegraph at Forest Gate station to go to the junction.

- Occurrence on 14th October at Shelford station when Fireman Green of the loco. on the Up Cambridge Goods was sanding the rails. He slipped and fell to be run over by the tender and has since died.
- Bishopsgate Arrival platform on the 18th October, signal arm fell down on to a Mr. Church causing slight injury.
- Ipswich steamboats to Harwich, Walton and London have ceased for the season. (Woolwich Co.).
- Fatal accident 20th October at Lynn when horse shunter Duffield was crushed between the buffers of wagon and the goods train. Accidental death.
- Lynn station yard, more lamps required. Mr. Sinclair.
- Fatal accident on 23rd October when platelayer Hains was killed walking home along the line between Ipswich and Bentley. "Accidental death".
- Hythe, Messrs. Moy's tramway unfit for horses. No further shunting until the tramway is repaired.
- Ipswich 1st class waiting room in need of decorating.
- Woodbridge line. Stoves required in signal huts at Westerfield, Playford Gates Bealings and Woodbridge.

9th November 1859

Chairman - Horatio Love.

Manager's report:

- Ware station, extra hoist required over coal depot.
- Complaint of a storm in an oil can! Mr. Dawson of Albury Hall near Stortford, complaining of pilfering of Golza oil but later found that a large can had been used! Committee unhappy!
- Foreign cattle, arrival at Lowestoft of 99 head on the "Swallow".
- Romford Gas Company. Complaint of alterations for arriving coal wagons. Mr. Moseley to visit same.
- Romford cattle traffic now to go to Stratford.
- Royston coal wharf. Gap causing lost coal. Rails or brick wharf to be brought closer.
- Blackwall Pepper warehouses, siding extension into East and West India docks agreed by Docks Co.
- Loading gauges, thirty to be made for stations to be listed by Mr. Sinclair.
- Claims of £124.13.7 from lost chest of tea (£12.8.6) to damaged Game (Lord Paget £5) to damaged engine Mr. Hayward.
- Staff. Ex - passenger guard Green, re-instated as a goods guard.
- Claims, Goods Department. £71.14.2
- Waveney Valley Co. Bungay traffic. Goods via Beccles less than 13 tons losing the WVRy Co, £1.2.5½. Solicitor advises the WVCo. to send definite instructions in the future for routing.
- Tilbury and Southend Co. Manure traffic dispute. ECRy refusing to supply wagons as being "out of season". Chairman to negotiate.
- Coal wagons, ex Priors hired from the Rev. Mr. Whitear. 100 standing at Peterborough' now purchased. ECRy to charge 9d per wagon weekly for storage!
- Blackwall warehouses. Messrs. Allsop rent at 4/- per ton are vacating in six weeks time. Ind Coope wish to occupy the same at £150. Agreed.

Mr. Sinclair's report:

- Waltham the drains! Cheshunt Local Board wish to run their brick drain up to the ECRy's wooden drain to facilitate later laying of a brick drain.
- Coal contracts. Messrs. Rickett & Smith to supply 500 tons weekly at 11/9 per ton to Peterborough free delivery.
- Coal wagons. Mr. Sinclair recommends that the 100 surplus hopper wagons be hired to Rickett & Smith at £8 each per annum. ECRy to maintain the wagons.
- Rails. 3000 tons required.
- Tottenham, two Gate Cottages. Contract to Mr. W. Hill of Whitechapel £380.0.0.
- New River Co. Matters Field at Tottenham, lease by ECRy to be completed. Wrongful sale by ECRy of New River Co. land at Tottenham to Mr. Craven. They agree to accept a piece of old ballast pit at Ware. Ware bridge approaches conveyed to New River Co.. Bathing place agreed near to the station. New River Co. to screen.
- Payments due. Messrs. Neilson & Co. 20 Goods Loco's £3,800; Mr. T. Ware for loss of tolls at Tottenham £29.10.0; Messrs. Wade & Sons sleeper contract £1,485.10.5; Messrs. Mason & Ramsden, sleeper contract £395.17.11; Mr. J. Aird Brick Lane water pipe £370; Messrs. Bailey Bros. rail contract £776.19.11

Superintendent's report:

- Fatality on 29th October at March station. Passenger on the 6.25p.m. ex Ely named Catling left train to visit public house. Upon returning he was struck by Down Special and killed.
- Signals at Maryland Point. Extra arm and lamp for Down line underneath existing signal. Stratford Middle Yard in Cambridge yard also as above addition.

- Woodbridge Line. State of the line between Woodbridge and Ipswich Dock Junction is very bad. Speed limit of 20 mph imposed.
- Occurrence on 28th October at Brick Lane when a Pilot engine was derailed after hitting the Brake Van of departing Goods Train. Up and Down lines were blocked, the latter for three hours delaying the 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. to Colchester and 8.40 p.m. Cambridge Mail. Night Supervisor required.
- Leiston - Saxmundham line flooded on 31st October, two trains were stopped.
- Occurrence on 30th October at Brentwood station, a wooden chair-key was placed in the points to derail a train. Locomotive forced it out, no damage. Reward for information to be offered.
- Lowestoft Signals. Extra arm and lamp to Semaphore for the East Suffolk Line and facing points to be locked.
- Hertford & Welwyn Co. Passenger locomotive mileage by ECRy 28 daily. Goods locomotive the same.
- GNRy. Cambridge - Hitchin and Cambridge - Bedford improved train accommodation (services) not approved by ECRy.
- Bishopsgate cabs. Mr. William Clarke with 100 cabs to have the concession from 18th November at 2/6 weekly per cab. Police to supervise.
- Train delays. Witham Junction, delays waiting for Maldon trains, 27th October; Marks Tey on 29th October, due to Up goods being late from Sudbury.
- Waveney Valley Co. Goods Office at Harlestone [*Harleston*] in dangerous state, never completed, WVRy Co. to be informed.

Secretary's report:

- Kings College Cambridge, 50 engineering students to visit the Stratford works on 16th November. Approved.
- Blackwall. Messrs. J & V Strood regarding their right of way across the line to Barking Rd. Solicitors to check.
- Priors (coal merchants) bankruptcy. Two trains of coal consigned by Rickett & Smith to Priors seized by ECRy as guarantee of payments due at Peterborough. Forwarded later to Rickett & Smith who guaranteed all dues (transit only). All agreed satisfactory.
- Ponders End to Edmonton drains - sewage. Local Board of Health. Matter for local Inhabitants.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Special Constables duties under discussion. Regatta subscription of £21 approved.
- West Riding Collieries via Messrs. Pope & Pearson seeking a ledger account.

Chairman's report:

- Meeting with Sir Morton Peto. 3.0 p.m. train from Lowestoft and Yarmouth to Ipswich and the 6.50 p.m. return to be given 3rd class. Ipswich to Framlingham fares to be reviewed on rail mileage basis. Mr. Robertson to report. Also water transport rates to be considered.
- East Suffolk Co. A fence from Melton to Woodbridge considered necessary when sidings are completed.
- Goods train delays. District Superintendents to report thereon.
- Conviction. J. Hooker, mate of the steamboat "Alma" trespassing on Harwich station, convicted in penalty and 34/- costs.
- Legal. Case of Fireman Godden's board and treatment. ECRy lost the case, to pay full amount claimed. Future cases of injury to go to a hospital under surgeon's orders.
- Theft of a desk and watch property of Mr. Disney. £2 reward to police officer and Mr. Disney to pay £10 costs.
- Coal traffic Yarmouth South Town. Quay is now ready for traffic, Sir Morton Peto advises.
- Coke traffic. Messrs. Butcher & Girling to continue the Prior contract together with Messrs. Rickett & Smith. Fourteen days notice to be given for discontinuation.
- Bishops Stortford siding required 200 yards in length parallel to Taylors and right angles to existing siding.
- Cambridge station bookstall opposite ladies waiting room to be moved along the platform.
- Brandon, cottage for the Foreman Porter requested. Water-crane needs a wooden hopper.
- Ely station goods service to be improved (staff changes).
- Yarmouth South Town station yard to be ballasted. Covered shed required for the loading of wagons.
- Haddiscoe swing bridge, improved toll receipts.
- District Auditors more staff required.
- Lowestoft station, extra shunter required. Assistant booking-clerk Smith to be Parcels Office clerk at 7/- per week. Way & works material to be placed on the Works & Quays at Harbour Masters discretion.
- East Suffolk Co., Halesworth, a retaining wall required, Down siding and another lamp. Saxmundham another turntable required for the Leiston branch locomotives.
- Ipswich docks. Quay lines need extensive repairs.
- Coal rates, Ipswich. Messrs. Ransome & Co. asking for a meeting re rates and the pending suit.
- Cambridge trains late arrivals. A triangular junction suggested to the Newmarket line.

- Saffron Walden people asking for the Up morning express to stop at Audley End. Directors refused.
- Claim for horse killed £25 Mr. Alexander lost the case.
- Life-boat. Captain Daniels to purchase for £25 for use with company's tug.
- Provident Society. (Sickness & accident) Secretary to investigate management and regularise payments.
- ECRy verses Mr. Ball. £39.16.5 unpaid freight costs. Mr. Ball claimed £10 for breakages (bottles) but was ordered to pay full costs.

23rd November 1859

Chairman - Horatio Love

- Extra assistance required in the winter months at:- Florden [*Flordon*], Six Mile Bottom, Sawbridgeworth, March, Wimblington, Framlingham, Wisbeach [*Wisbech*], Newmarket, Long Stanton and Dullingham.
- Foreign cattle traffic, Lowestoft on 11th November 87 head from Tanning for Norwich.
- Blackwall. Dispute re use of siding. Messrs. Wood & Co. at the Old North Woolwich Road. Solicitors to request Messrs. Wood & Co. to await clarification.
- Claims of £107.4.6 from delayed gooseberries to a damaged carriage.
- Wagons. Six low floored goods wagons to be ordered for agricultural machinery.
- Bookstalls. Deliveries of newspapers and books for Mr. Day at Halesworth. Mr. Day must pay for transport.
- Darsham shunting. Mr. Bullard at 11/- plus any cartage work.
- "Blossoms Inn", gates in need of repair and a stop block required.
- Smithfield Christmas Cattle Club Show, the same rates apply as last year.
- Goods department claims £70.19.10.
- Legal. Parcels porter Davis summoned owner of a dog that bit him whilst delivering a parcel. ECRy strongly disapproves, such cases to be reported to management. Porter Davis to be moved from Enfield elsewhere.
- Forest Gate deputation Mr. Firebuck, Mr. Burman and Mr. Dring regarding:- cost of season tickets, an extra train between 8.30 and 11.0 p.m., smoking in 2nd class carriages and the provision of roof lamps! Directors to consider.
- Lowestoft coal traffic. Shortage of wagons. The directors suggested that merchants should supply their own wagons.
- Christmas train arrangements submitted/approved.
- Park station footbridge. Mr. Sinclair to 'costimate'.
- Ely signals. Norwich end of yard box and signal to be moved to the Up end of bridge over River Cam and placed in the angle adjoining the carpenters shop, the signal to have Up and Down arms with lamps. Also telegraphic communication with junction of Peterborough branch one and a half miles away.
- Broxbourne fatality on 12th November, lad named Law killed crossing in front of train. Accidental death. (page 484).
- Lamp men at Peterborough, Norwich, Ely, Tottenham, Ipswich and Cambridge to be responsibility of Coaching department.
- Occurrence on 22nd November one and one half miles south of Brentwood, six wagons of the 4.10 p.m. Yarmouth - London goods train were derailed with considerable damage. Speed 15 m.p.h. Cause unknown.
- Colchester and Hadleigh still require full-time clerks.
- Bishopsgate cloakroom receipts. Police Superintendent Kent reports loss by theft of £80/100 per annum, Clerk Dennis dismissed.
- Dereham. Mr. Potter detaining company sacks. Secretary to write to Mr. Potter.

Mr. Sinclair's report:

- Shunting engines. A small design suggested to replace horses at many stations. Agreed four as a trial design by Mr. Sinclair.
- Stratford Works fatality. Mr. Franks when locomotive fell due to a crane chain breaking. Verdict - "Accidental Death". Funeral expenses paid and £10 to his widow!
- Maldon branch, timber viaduct decayed. Cost of renewal £2,000. Next spring in meantime a speed limit of 5 m.p.h. imposed.
- Peterborough stables to be moved to site of old cattle pens and extending office on platform to stores £125.
- Cambridge triangular junction not recommended by Mr. Sinclair. Concurred.
- Underline bridge at Whittlesea Dyke [*Whittlesey*] near the station, renewal by Mr. Tracey March, at £2,927.0.0. Agreed
- Rails, 3000 tons. Order to be deferred until 24th November.
- Payments due. Mr. Glascock £150; Mr. Hill on account Stratford Bridge station £400; Messrs. Wade & Sons on account sleeper contract £691.9.11. All to be paid.

Chairman's report:

- Sidings, audit. Committee to have a report of all sidings laid for private use as soon as client receives costs and all ECRy monies to be requested by Clerk of the Accounts Office.
 - Boreham Crossing. Small platform and auxiliary signals to be erected.
 - Dereham station to have gas laid on and the ladies waiting room decorated.
 - Baldock Station Master house to be decorated.
 - Somersham Station Master house to be repaired, grate etc.
 - Bishopsgate stovepipe dangerous, to be moved.
 - Ponders End Station Master Mr. Taylor to receive £80 per annum from £70 per annum.
 - Lynn Harbour. Mr. Herald to receive £90 from 29th September.
 - **Visit of inspection 17th 18th & 19th November.** Started at Peterborough 12 noon on the 17th. Station and several bridges inspected, running lines in good state. March, Wisbeach and Lynn visited, then to Dereham the track also in good state. To Wells and harbour the line having a very sharp curve. Overnight at Fakenham. 18th, to Wymondham and Norwich, very satisfactory, no complaints. Then to the Victoria station (receiving all goods ex London). Station Master resides at the station. To Yarmouth, both stations, South Town very satisfactory. Fish and cattle traffic. On to Lowestoft, harbour work expensive due to being artificial. Swing bridge is also costly to maintain and the sluices are in need of repair to £3/4,000 for brick and masonry work. East Suffolk line, Woodbridge - Ipswich a subsidence. Ipswich New Station, no platform as yet and the building not completed. To Harwich, melancholy, the streets deserted. Receipts very poor (see statement). No merchant at all in the town, no foreign trade, no manufactory [*manufacturing?*] and only 12 good shops. Some small houses being built. Steamer fares to London are lower! (four pages in all - HEJ)
- Signed: - Horatio Love, James Packe, Samuel Anderson, and J. Goodson.
- Chairman's visit down the lines. **Harwich branch traffic returns**, half-yearly to 31st December 1858 (A) and 30th June 1859 (B)

Passengers (A)	£1,802.13.10
Passengers (B)	£ 975.0.1
Parcels, Horses (A)	£ 60.4.1
Parcels, Horses (B)	£ 52.12.2
Goods, Cattle & Coal (A)	£ 622.5.5
Goods, Cattle & Coal (B)	£ 567.14.9
Mails (A) ___	£ 13.14.9
Mails (B) ___	£ 13.9.6
(A) £227.3.5 per mile	£8.14.9 weekly
(B) £146.5.1 per mile	£5.12.6 weekly

24th November 1859

- Adjourned meeting. Rails contract, Mr. Sinclair not ready with his report. Chairman to visit the Cambridge and Hitchin line and the Newmarket and Bury lines on Thursday December 1st, leaving King's Cross at 10.00 a.m. for Hitchin.

7th December 1859

Chairman - Horatio Love.

Manager's report:

- Wells Goods Depot doors in need of repairs.
- Elmham station beyond the postal district for deliveries. Man to deliver for 5/- per quarter.
- Bishopsgate station to have turkey sheds for the Christmas traffic. Brick Lane goods not addressed very well, customers to be requested to write clearly.
- Foreign cattle traffic, Lowestoft on 24th November 70 oxen and 191 sheep on the "Swallow" for Norwich.
- Horses, hired teams. Norwich for 6 weeks, £39.4.1 paid at 1/3 per ton.
- Lowestoft goods shed broken into on 23rd November. Nothing taken however.
- Yarmouth, 7 tons of ice purchased for £3.5.0.
- Coal storage, Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. A Mr. Cooney has already taken occupation with coal without permission.
- Ice. Vauxhall to South Town, Yarmouth by cart, at 3/6 daily totalling £13.6.0. Charge this winter to be 1/- per basket (no change).
- Ipswich, a short siding for 6 vans. Brake van can then be shunted in off the goods trains.
- Romford cattle pens in need of repairs and siding extended. Site of old Goods shed to be levelled for manure.
- Parcel rates, London to Maldon and Braintree to be at ordinary rates for geographical distances.
- Ware station, crossover required. Mr. Sinclair to cost.

- Fakenham Corn Exchange. Station Master to have 5/- ticket for his weekly visits.
- Norwich Receiving House, 2 weeks ending 27th November. 451 parcels received with receipts of £3.15.2.
- Claims of £64.16.1 from lost clothes to lost tea.
- Goods department claims £99.11.5.
- Night parcels, 8.20 p.m. latest acceptance for the mail trains ex Bishopsgate.
- Coal traffic into London

LNWRy. ___	63,100 tons	39,200 tons
GNRy. ____	52,905 tons	38,204 tons
ECRy. _____	10,081 tons	7,464 tons
MRy. _____	4,897 tons	189 tons
GWRy. _____	3,583 tons	4,875 tons
SERy. _____	1854 tons	695 tons
- All for November, the 1859 figures being given first.
- Sack regulations to be changed to protect Company during falling markets.
- Rail orders for 3,000 tons to Bolchow & Vaughan at £7 per ton and 7 year guarantee. Agreed.
- Park footbridge to cost £150. For Joint Committee.
- Wagons, order for 100 almost completed. Repeat order sanctioned.
- Woolwich Ferry. Fireman Richard Train still missing, fell overboard on 26th November at Woolwich.
- Payments due. Mr. Perry, Roydon bridge renewal £434.16.6; Bailey Bros. Rail contract £3,000; Messrs. Wade & Sons for timber £2,000; Mr. Tracey for renewal Denver bridge £716.8.6 and Littleport bridge £365.9.0; R. Stephenson & Co. new boilers on account for four - £1,530 [*sic*]; Messrs. Neilson & Co. on account 20 Goods locomotives £3,800; Messrs. McLellan 100 sets of buffers £163.16.0, final payment.

Chairman's report:

- Line visits on the 1st December no detailed report given.
- Coal, Royston, Messrs. Cummings & Hazard to apply to the GNRy. Co.
- Cambridge Goods. The tunnel to be closed and old shed demolished and crossover, also waiting room improvements 1st and 2nd class.
- Newmarket station to have outside access only to the Telegraph Office.
- Lowestoft. Complaints by Mr. Lucas, re the mooring of the Company tug, at his wharf, are causing silting up. Chairman to visit.
- Sudbury, Cornard siding. Mr. Bulnois seeking removal to his site on prepared road. This was approved; Coal sites, merchants want a siding of 50 yards from ECRy turntable. Approved both; Ladies waiting room and office to be decorated.
- Ponders End. Station Master's plan for a crossover to Mr. Sinclair.
- Legal. Messrs. English of Peterborough, a writ against the Company for two acts of trespass.
 1. Coal offices on Public Right of Way.
 2. The overflowing station drains on to Messrs. English lands. Resolved to move the Coal offices and repair the drains.
- Peterborough, wharf repairs to cost £350 and siding for Messrs. English to cost £130 for them and £30 to ECRy.
- Ilford Rifle Corps. The Station Master not allowed to join, Company rules!
- North of Europe Co. Lowestoft factory offered to ECRy by Mr. Capper.
- Lowestoft ballast. Sir Morton Peto enclosing letter from Messrs. Reeves & Norton claiming as lessees compensation for renewal of beach shingle. Chairman to visit and see Mr. Taylor.
- Parliamentary Railway Committee. From Mr. Coates the agent asking for £5 on every million of paid up capital. Suggested an all Rail Companies meeting first to discuss session. Related. [*sic*] New projects, Norwich - Spalding and Thetford - Bury - Sudbury.
- Police. Norwich district crime decrease since the appointment of a sergeant. Two additional constables to be appointed one for Cambridge area and one for Ipswich area.
- East Suffolk traffic. Earl of Stradbroke suggests that from 1st June 1860 all traffic to go to Clearing House, for clearance. Agreed.

Superintendent's report:

- Fenchurch Street collision on 1st August, Mrs. Cresswell claiming £500 through her solicitor. Offered £70, ECRy to defend the case.
- Occurrence on 16th November. Level crossing gates near Shelford Junction broken by four-horse wagon. Line obstructed, and a man ran to the signalman who stopped a train in time. Reward of a sovereign to the man.
- Loughton station to have a large call bell on a post near booking office for train departure warnings. Platform to be extended to the new gate by the engine turntable.

- Roof lamps, carriages. 150 3rd class being fitted two per carriage. 200 lamps to be purchased.
- Bishopsgate lamp room oil store. Foreman to deal with distribution. Through crossing from No. 2 line on Down side to Middle line required. 3 throw points.
- March. Cottage at loop line junction, one mile from station yard for the pointsman. Mr. Sinclair to cost.
- East Anglian Co. Train alterations proposed. Next meeting.
- Six Mile Bottom platform to be boarded at the rear and a ten yard awning erected.
- Dublin Militia Artillery at Colchester. Drunken soldiers caused trouble and assaulted the Station Master and caused damage. Convicted and ECRy assured that no repetition will occur.
- Framlingham. Complaints regarding the Station Master. To be removed to the Goods Department.

Land Agent's report:

- Surplus land, 1.5 acres near Colchester side of Chelmsford station. GPO wishing to purchase. £100.
- Loughton refreshment room. All tenders too low at £50 - £70.
- Insurance. Woodbridge buildings etc. £2,800, goods in trust £200; Framlingham buildings etc. £3,500, goods in trust £100; Melton buildings etc. £1,100, goods in trust £100; Saxmundham buildings £1,450, goods in trust £100; Darsham buildings etc. £1,450, goods in trust £100; Halesworth buildings etc. £2,250, goods in trust £200; Beccles buildings £1,600, goods in trust £200; Yarmouth South Town buildings etc. £9,100, goods in trust £300. Total of £24,550.
- Peterborough, Mr. Crick's granary, to the chairman.
- Maldon accounts in a mess! Mr. Scopes Station Master to be removed to Goods department. Brentwood Station Master also removed, to Maldon.
- Dereham. Messrs. Potter to have their granary yard ballasted 10 - 12 loads.
- Buckhurst Hill, siding for Pritchard & Salter to cost £460.
- Chelmsford urinals in bad state, complaints from passengers asking for footboards of some kind.
- East Anglian Co. Traffic going via Ely and not via Lynn, Peterborough - Ipswich. Denied in letter of reply.

21st December 1859

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Mr. Sinclair's report:

- Loop Line Junction [*March*] cottages to cost £145. Approved.
- Cambridge goods alterations deferred.
- Ware crossover cost £120.
- Ipswich, small siding for brake vans to cost £80.
- Royston coal wharf work cancelled.
- Buckhurst Hill siding (last meeting) to Joint Committee.
- Six Mile Bottom, driver Baldry killed on 13th December fell from engine. £10 to the widow.
- Peterborough stables on goods office addition. Contract to Ellis & Son at £130 approved.
- Payments due. Messrs. Slaughter & Grunning for four loco boilers £710; Messrs. R. Stephenson also £765; Messrs. Bray, Waddington for 100 wagons £292.10.0; Bailey Bros. Rails £2,000; Messrs. Bennett & Sons renewal of Ely bridge £300.

Manager's report:

- Norwich, two extra gas lights required in Receiving Office.
- Coal store required at Aldeby, at present put in goods warehouse.
- Ware coal stores. Mr. Gripper asking for the floors to be raised.
- Ice. 726 tons purchased at Yarmouth for £227.8.6.
- Fulbourne, a goods warehouse required. Mr. Sinclair to cost at lowest price.
- Ice at Lowestoft. Mr. Gooch to be invited to fill the house for £40.
- Claims of £127.19.6 from delayed pigs to damaged barley to lost blankets.
- Thetford. Messrs. Fisons asking for a coal wharf.
- Goods department claims of £96.19.1 to Audit Committee.

Secretary's report:

- Coal traffic, Lowestoft wagon shortage. Mr. Dawbarn attended the meeting to state his case for directors.

Superintendent's report:

- Mr. Cam's cow killed at Wymondham station crossing on 9th December. Two horses on the 8th December on the line near Beccles run over and killed near occupational crossing left open.
- Occurrence on 18th December, Chobham Farm - Loughton Junction when the 8.45 p.m. Down Hertford train and a Blackwell goods engine collided. Two carriages damaged and a one hour delay occurred. Fireman of Blackwall engine dismissed as being in charge at the time.

- Norwich Thorpe, Up line an auxiliary signal opposite loco sheds is required. Station semaphore to be elevated with additional arm and lamp beneath the main signals, for goods trains passing to the yard. A hut to be placed at station end of ticket platform for the ticket collectors and shunters.
- Occurrence on 8th December, the Up line Claydon to Needham was blocked for several hours by axle breakage on a wagon being derailed with another five wagons. On the 19th December a broken down locomotive at Bishopsgate station was derailed on its way to Stratford, at the points on the Down Main line. Down trains left via No. 2 line with delays.
- On the 7th December between Mellis and Diss the Down Norwich goods had a hopper wagon derailed blocking the line for 3 hours.
- On the evening of the 13th December an elderly lady arrived at Stratford on the 8.20 p.m. ex Loughton and whilst waiting for a North London train to Camden, she collapsed and died.
- War department. Soldiers ex India to be issued with 3rd class tickets on production of a warrant issued by the India Office, who will pay the fares.
- Occurrence on the 19th December at Brentwood area. Tyre of train broke, the Up 2.15p.m. ex Norwich - loco., brake van, 3 composite coaches, carriage truck, an empty powder van and a horse - box. Tyre broke on the carriage truck, the horse - box was damaged, the horse killed, carriage truck lost its wheels, the empty powder van was badly damaged but nobody was injured! Trains worked single line but the 3.25 p.m. to Norwich was delayed one hour. Foreman and staff from the Romford factory a great help in the clearance work. £5 to Mr. Graham and staff to be paid overtime.
- Train telegraph. New regulations for operation of single needle and train recorder.
- Fire lighting wood for stations to be issued by the storekeeper.

Chairman's report:

- Lowestoft ballast, ex beach. Chairman to see Lord of the Manor - Sir Morton Peto.
- Brentwood station, Down platform end to be stepped down and a facing wall erected.
- Norwich parcels cart (Mr. Head's) for sale. Chairman to inspect and purchase.
- Trowse. New lamp room and coal store required at west end of station, office stoves to be repaired. Platform gas lamps to be repaired and doors to be altered. Up side fence required to cattle pen with a gate.
- Thetford leaking roofs to be made water-tight. Mr. Sinclair to estimate cost of a kitchen and joining the existing one to the sitting room (station master's house).
- Lowestoft Harbour. Mr. Lucas's complaint re ECRy tugs. Not mooring but turning and causing silting. Tug skippers to halt this practice. Mr. Sinclair to dredge the area of mud and silt.
- Ely station dock to be in filled and used for coal storage.
- Coal, Bishops Stortford. Messrs. Johnson & Headdy informed that no site was unoccupied.
- Trains. Letter from Sir Samuel Bignold and the Duke of Wellington re stopping the Up and Down Norwich trains at Brandon or Thetford stations. Request was refused.
- Loughton station approach road requires ballasting. For Chairman.
- New projects. The proposed Sudbury, Long Melford, Clare & Bury Railway to be discussed.
- Coal, Cambridge. Messrs. Johnson & Headdy seeking a depot also Mr. Coote. Chairman to visit next time.

END OF RAIL 186/45

START OF RAIL 186/46

4th January 1860

Chairman - Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Yarmouth cartage. Mr. McNamara's contract; six vehicles, 17 horses, ten men and four lads. Fish season over; Chairman to consider the matter.
- Wickham Market, bad state of the approach road. To be repaired.
- Colne Valley Railway. [CVHRy] Mr. Munro's protest dated 31.12.1859. He requests his engine and carriage, standing at the Chappel station, be allowed to proceed, by road; he having paid the charges. He will charge the Company the costs for men and horses to transport the said locomotive and carriage. (Not a railway locomotive? HEJ) For ECRy solicitors.
- Norwich Victoria. Gas lamps for the cattle pens.
- Ipswich station roof leaking. Tiles to be painted inside with mortar.
- Claims. £95.6.3. Lost cattle, delayed fish etc. Also for delayed fish on the Yarmouth to Peterborough train on 22nd October 1859.

- Brick Lane manure. Mr. Tingye of Enfield offering £220 for 1860, to pay carriage charges also.
- East Anglian Company traffic. [EARy] The Clearing House to assess and decide.
- Timber contract. Messrs. Wade & Sons, a letter of complaint re. charges for the use of wharfs and cranes. Mr. Sinclair to report on same.

Superintendent's Report:

- Forest Gate accident. On 1st January, Sunday evening, collision at the Junction. Up Barking train and up Norwich train. The locomotive of the Norwich train was derailed & ran across the down line to the embankment. (page 4) The tender was thrown across the up main line. Injuries not known. Driver, Fireman & Guard of the Barking [train?] dismissed for ignoring the stop signal.
- Tottenham signals. Additional semaphore and auxiliary signals at London end of station to protect trains moving in and out of the cattle sidings. Signal to be on the down line, opposite junction points of up line. Auxiliary to be 800 yards on the London side of the new semaphore. Single needle telegraph between station signal & new semaphore.
- Sundry convictions (four). (page 5)
- Fatality
 1. On the 20th December when Goods Guard Paveley was killed whilst trying to uncouple a moving wagon, at Tottenham. Widow to receive £5. Agreed.
 2. Tidal Basin on 28th December. Lad/Booking Clerk Richardson was killed by an up Woolwich train.
- Mr. Lara's claim, £22.17.3, for accommodation at Ipswich. Travelling to Harwich, he failed to change trains at Manningtree and, although able to go back from Ipswich for the Down Mail to Harwich, he stopped overnight in Ipswich. Claim refuted. ECRy to defend.
- Byelaws. Passenger sued ECRy servant for smoking in a railway coach, but lost the case. The Committee objected to a passenger using the Company's byelaws. Solicitors to advise.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Thetford. Station house kitchen to cost £60.
- Fulbourne. Goods shed would cost £470. To Joint Committee for a decision.
- Peterborough. Midland [MRy] engine house repairs to cost £240. Approved.
- Winter rains & frosts have damaged the permanent way. Wells & Fakenham area. Mr. Sinclair to report costs.
- Payments due. Bailey Bros., rail contract, £1000. Messrs. Westwood, Baillee girders for Hilgay Bridge, £250. Messrs. Mason and Ramsden, sleepers, £226. Mr. Glassock, Thorley bridge, on account £150. Messrs. Wade & Sons, sleepers, £2000. Mr. Hood, alterations Dereham station, £125.15.8. Messrs. Neilson & Co., on account, 20 goods locomotives, £3800. Messrs. Slaughter, Gruning & Co., four locomotive boilers, on account, £1420. Messrs. Bray, Waddington & Co., on account, 100 wagons. £760.

Chairman's Report:

- Hertford & Welwyn Co. Proposals for joint working with GNRy still under discussion.
- Coal contracts. Messrs. Butcher & Girling's claim to be negotiated.
- Guard/Driver Communications. Mr. Kingston again referred to Mr. Sinclair.
- Messrs. Whiffin's account of £318.3.3 still not paid. Cartage to Lynn. Mr. O.J. Taylor to report on same.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Captain Daniels consulting Mr. J.O. Taylor [*sic, see above*] direct, contrary to regulations. (Legal matters HEJ)
- Oldbury Wagon Co. Crane broken at Peterborough, by overloading by the wagon company. Mr. Sinclair to report. Also the use of an old siding for wagon repairs by: - The Oldbury Wagon Co.; Messrs. R. & S. Laycock; Mr. J. Ashbury; Mr. W.A. Adams. No rentals paid. Land Agent to report on suitable rents to be charged.

18th January 1860

Chairman - Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Ipswich cattle pens. To be repaired and a loading shoot [*sic*] provided.
- Mutford Lock. Two mooring blocks required.
- Ice at Lowestoft now stocked, and Mr. Gooch to be paid £20 due.
- Mr. Corry (Roman Catholic priest) of Liverpool has paid the 11/2 due to the ECRy.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] - warehouse roof leaking.
- LNWRy asking for storage at Blackwall for Burton ales. None available at the moment.
- Norwich Victoria. Cattle pens to be repaired.
- Waltham. Goods siding road to be ballasted.
- Claims. £139.2.6. Lost cask of shoes, damaged mirrors, lost brass-work etc.
- Unclaimed goods sold for £8.15.5, to cashiers.

- Ice at Yarmouth now stocked. 2000 tons in the house and 400 tons *at* Lowestoft.
- Claims. Goods Department £136.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Peterborough crane. Messrs. Oldbury Wagon Co. to pay for the repairs.
- Timber contracts at Lowestoft. Charges for use of crane and wharfage to be reduced by one-third; Messrs. Wade & Sons.
- Water Lane siding to cost £1360. (For Enfield goods trains.) To the Joint Committee for a decision.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke Bridge girders. Order to Thames Ironworks Co. at £890 in two months.
- Payments due. Bailey Bros. for rails, £2000. Messrs. Neilson & Co., on account, for 20 goods locomotives, £4300. Messrs. Slaughter & Gruning, on account, four boilers, £710. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account, 100 goods wagons, £1462.10.0. Messrs. Robert Stephenson & Co., goods locomotive boiler, £792.
- Wagons to be ordered, 200 from Messrs. Bray, Waddington & Co., as previously.

Chairman's Report:

- Lowestoft Gas & Water Co. seeking to lay pipes across the harbour. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Forest Gate accident. Board of Trade report received, but not discussed.
- East Suffolk Line. Sir Edward Lacon (brewer) complaining of the wagon shortage. For Manager.

Superintendent's Report:

- Fatality on 14th January at Wickham Market station, when Lad Clerk Tillet was knocked down by a train.
- East Suffolk Line. Bridge failure on the 2nd January between Bealings and Westerfield. The down line closed to traffic.
- Alma Steamboat Co. Ipswich - Harwich, no winter service.
- Ilford. Short siding on down line to be extended by 125 yards, for goods work. For the Joint Committee.
- Fenchurch Street accident. Late claim from solicitor of Mrs. Haines, for a head injury. Now blind in one eye. Dr. Luke has examined patient. £400 claim has been lodged. For solicitors.
- Accident on 6th January, when Fireman Cloudesley fell from locomotive, when alighting to alter points, for shunting. Right foot and ankle crushed.
- Hadleigh Stationmaster died on 10th January. (Mr. Johnson)

1st February 1860

Chairman - Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Clearing House Representatives: - East Suffolk Co., Mr. Copper. Wells & Fakenham, Mr. Hutt.
- Waveney Valley Co. and the Clearing House on the question of the Waveney Co. 75%, mileage and demurrage charges and the term of "receipts". Mr. Moseley to reply.
- Norwich stables, sundry repairs required.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Messrs. Rickett Smith complaining at general poor state of the port. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Blackwall. Messrs. Allsopp's agreement ends on 30th June 1860.
- Central London Bill rejected in The Commons.
- Yarmouth stations to be connected by tramway? Mr. Sinclair to visit and report.
- Cranes for 10 tons lift required for general use.
- Claims for delayed cattle due to the Forest Gate accident. Manager to settle.
- Claims. £173.6.3. Usual delays and damage.
- Claims, goods department, £91.16.0.
- Huntsmen's Horses. Charge of one fare and one half if returning the same day, as per GNRy & GWRy.
- Gunpowder Traffic. On 16th January a van from the Tilbury line, for Camden Town, with door open and a barrel of gunpowder ready to fallout. Complaint to be made to the T. & S. Co. [*LTSRy?*]

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Wagons. (See 18th January 1860) 100 round-ended type and 100 cattle type to constitute the order.
- Thetford. Mr. Fison's coal wharf and granary. Mr. Sinclair suggested ECRy to build and let to Mr. Fison, but Committee rejected this proposal.
- March. Pointsman's cottage. Messrs. Ellis & Sons at £155 approved. Strumpshaw crossing cottage. Order to Mr. Hood at £134.18.0.
- Messrs. Thompson's account for 1854 of goods supplied. To be paid, if found correct.
- Payments due. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account, 100 wagons, £1404. Messrs. Turton & Sons, springs for 100 wagons, £422. Mr. C. Osborne, brass bearings for 100 wagons, £68.16.1. Bailey Bros., on account, rails, £3000. Messrs. Bennett & Co., renewal Ely Bridge, £150.0.0. Mr. W. Hill, on account, Stratford new station, £700.0.0.

- Driver/Guard Communication. Mr. Sinclair cannot give time, at the moment, for a trial of Mr. Kingston's patent, but will contact any Railway using the system. Secretary to so write.
- Ponders End people asking for the 4.05 p.m. ex-London to stop at station. Directors refuse request.

Superintendent's Report:

- Claim by Mr. Pimm for injuries sustained in the Forest Gate accident. He has already accepted £5. Solicitors to defend case. Also Mr. Reynell, whom fell at the scene of the Forest Gate accident, whilst walking to another train from the Down Mail. Solicitors to defend.
- Various small claims on pages 28/29.
- Beccles. On the 28th January, the crank axle of the locomotive broke on up Yarmouth train. No injuries or great damage.
- Stratford on 23rd January. Two carriages of down, Colchester, train derailed after running over a bullock, frightened by a drover's dog. In future, no dogs to be allowed in the loading yard.
- Tottenham Junction. On 17th January, collision averted when goods train moved towards the main line, but was stopped by Porter Thomas as a passenger train approached. Driver and Guard down rated, and Porter Thomas to receive a half-sovereign.

Land Agent's Report:

- Peterborough. Old siding & wagon companies. (See 4th January 1860). £50 per annum rent proposed. Manager to consider proposal.
- Parish rates. Ely & Peterborough area, too high and an appeal to be made.
- Roydon. Stile & steps required. Chairman to visit.
- Parndon. Mr. Storke, a complaint of damage to his barn, by trucks. Siding to be extended by 30 yards.
- Chelmsford arches to be made waterproof.

Chairman's Report:

- Chelmsford Town a new fire escape from London to be charged the usual rate.
- Buckhurst Hill. A brick company asking for a siding at 10% rental. Refused.

15th February 1860

Chairman - Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Colne Valley Company. [CVHRy] Mr. Munro's truck of flints for Manningtree to be allowed to pass Chappel, from Halstead.
- Swaffham. Roof of goods warehouse to be repaired. Baldock, stable floor to be repaired. Norwich Thorpe, various repairs, locks & bolts required.
- Chelmsford shunting horse (winter work) withdrawn.
- National Lifeboat Institution. Carriage and new boat to Leiston from London at one half usual rate.
- Insurance, Chelmsford Station not covered. Land Agent to insure at once.
- Kimberley. A Pooley 10 cwt. weighing machine required.
- LNWRy turntable at Peterborough in need of repairs. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Cambridge. Messrs. Johnson & Headdy asking for a siding to their land. Mr. Sinclair to costimate. [sic]
- Goods cartage to be extended to Stoke Newington.
- Claims. £125.0.6. Delayed sails to lost wine to delayed bones!
- Goods Department claims at £142.7.4.

Superintendent's Report:

- (27th January 1860) Robbery, by a thirteen-year-old girl named Gentry, from Hadleigh Booking Office. Committed for trial.
- Somerleyton. Swing bridge closed on night of 6th February due to high tide flooding the embankment. Reopened at 11.00 a.m. on the 7th February.
- Dr Luke. (ECRy, surgeon) Fees to 1st February 1860, £68.5.0.
- Dr. Buck, of Norwich Cathedral, claiming 56 Guineas for injuries at Norwich Thorpe on 23/11/1859.

Secretary's Report:

- Hethersett Gate. Sir John Boileau re. dismissal of the Gatekeeper Smart. (He apparently thinks that he has the right of dismissal.) Secretary to reply.
- Peterborough Omnibuses. Vicar asking for no buses on Sundays. Refused.

Land Agent's Report:

- Loughton. Suitable house for Stationmaster, close to the station, at £30 per annum. Fireplaces required for Booking Office, Parcels Office & Cloakroom. Also alterations suggested. Mr. Sinclair to report.

- Debts owing. Various, Norfolk area. Priors coal wharfs unspecified sum. Mr. Heseltine of Royal Hotel, Norwich, £121.5.0 rent. Messrs. Thompson & Son, Iron Merchants, Lowestoft, £168.15.2 rent. Mr. Cooney, Wisbeach, [Wisbech] £209.4.10 rent. For the Chairman.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Payments due. Messrs. Turton & Sons, wagon springs, £498.4.7. Messrs. Wade & Sons, on account of: - 1000 loads of timber, £113.9.11; 2000 loads of timber, £108.11.2; sleeper contract, £1392.

22nd February 1860

Special Committee Meeting

Tottenham Accident.

On 20th February 1860, at 9.20 a.m. The first up Cambridge train with five vehicles, and later a horsebox from Bishops Stortford, arrived at Broxbourne at 8.46 a.m. where four more vehicles were added. Train order was then Guard/Brake van, Second Class, First Class, Second Class, First Class, Horsebox, Composite, two First Class and a Smoking Saloon. Departed Ponders End at 9.12 a.m. (two minutes late) with a clear run to Stratford. Upon reaching Tottenham station, the locomotive left the track, at north end, hit the retaining wall and overturned. The first three vehicles were smashed to pieces. Two passengers were killed: Mr. Satchel, Fenchurch Street; Mr. Stokes, Saffron Walden. [*The locomotive crew were also killed:*] Mr. Rowell, Locomotive Driver and Mr. Cornwell, Locomotive Fireman. Nineteen injured including Professor Ellicott of Kings College, Cambridge. Five are serious cases. Both lines blocked, the down line reopened at 3.00 p.m.; the up line being clear at 3.00 p.m. on the 21st. [February 1860] The Stationmaster used his linen for the injured. Signed, James Robertson, Superintendent.

Mr. Sinclair's Locomotive Report.

Six-wheeled, inside-cylinder class, E.B.Wilson of Leeds manufacture. Delivered in June 1847 with leading wheels 4 feet in diameter. Last repairs at Stratford, in October 1859, completed on 24th. Since run 10,600 miles. The tyres were lathe-turned on this overhaul, and nothing has been reported since. The left-hand, leading tyre broke, causing the accident. Two defects were found, one a bad weld, but this was not visible, normally. Known as a Vee weld; tyre dated to 1851. Probably turned on a lathe two times, [*sic*] the thickness at the time of the accident was 1.3/8 inches. The maker's mark seems to be Leeds Iron Works Co., Yorkshire. The locomotive was at Wisbeach [Wisbech] on Saturday 18th, [February 1860] when Driver Rowell inspected the wheels. Signed, Robert Sinclair. (Pages 43 to 49 HEJ).

29th February 1860

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- Works. Norwich Victoria. Ipswich & Bury cattle pens to be repaired. Bishopsgate. Parcels Inwards Office improvements. Gale damage, on 28th February at Wisbeach [Wisbech], Whittlesea [Whittlesey], Chatteris Dock, Romford Factory, to be repaired and made good.
- Bealings coal traffic to be developed.
- Claims. £137.8.1. Hops damaged to lost beer.
- Peterborough sidings. LNWRy and a siding for Messrs. English & Co. Track to cross ECRy's lines. For Chairman and Mr. Sinclair to confer.
- Tilbury & Southend Co. [LTSRy] A proper Gunpowder van to be used, in future, and a man to watch it at Stratford.
- Cherry Hinton Lime Works. Receipt of six months royalties. £20.12.0 paid.
- Ilford, a one ton weighing machine required.
- Blackwall sidings. Messrs. Woods right of way acknowledged as legal. Resolved that all the dock area boundaries, etc. be defined forthwith.
- Claims, Goods department. £125.1.10 to Audit department

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Renewal of Wickham Viaduct, Maldon Branch. Contract to Mr. J. Perry at £2977.0.0.
- Locomotive, brass tubes. Contract to J. Muntz & Co. 8d per lb. old. 11¼d per lb. new.
- Cambridge siding for Messrs. Johnson & Headdy to cost ECRy £175. Matter deferred.
- Brick Lane arches. Cost of lining £350. Chelmsford, Nos. 8 & 9 to cost £30, this latter was deferred.
- Cranes. One ten-tons and six six-tons ordered.
- Payments due. Mr. Tracey, Renewal, Higay Fen Bridge, £510.5.3. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account, for 100 goods wagons, £1228.10.0; for 100 goods wagons, £526.10.0. Messrs. Bailey Bros., on account, 2000 tons rails, £2500.0.0; 2000 tons rails, £1002.0.3. Messrs Bolchow & Vaughan, on account, 3000 tons rails, £3000. Mr. R. Flood, Trowse Gatekeeper's cottage, £168.4.1.

Secretary's Report:

- Fireman Cloudesley in Bishops Stortford Union Workhouse after an accident on 6th January 1860. Mr. Sinclair to pay costs.
- Ilford Crossing. A footbridge is required. Mr. Sinclair to estimate. *[sic]*
- Parish rates, East Suffolk Line agreed at £25 per mile. (Reduced.)
- Colne Valley Railway. *[CVHRY]* Chappel station. Signal balance weights to be altered and bells placed in Signal Box and the ECRy Booking Office. Mr. Sinclair to meet Mr. Beardmore of the CVHRY.
- Ware, Hadham and Buntingford Railway. Letter from the Secretary, St. Margarets Junction. Discussing the purchase from the ECRy of a strip of land for a single line to St. Margarets station. For Mr. Sinclair & Robertson.

Superintendent's report:

- Claim for £500 by Mr. Edwards (solicitor) for injuries in the Forest Gate accident on 1st January 1860. Solicitors to settle. (ABasP.) *[sic - as best as possible?]*
- Harston. Stationmaster dismissed for abusive language to District Superintendent.
- Harling Road. Lamp Room blown down in a gale on 19th February. (up side).
- Prize Fight at Ely. On 16th April, special trains. Clerk of the Peace asking for cancellation. For solicitors.
- Rifle Corps. Truman, Hanbury & Co. asking for reduced fares, to and from Victoria Docks, for practice shoots. Agreed at one half normal fare.
- Ipswich, St. Peter's Wharf. Messrs. Sewell & Metcalfe the owners offering lease at £50 per annum. Chairman to visit, soon.
- Occurrence on 20th February between Chelmsford and Witham, when drive-axle of locomotive broke on the 1.00 p.m. down [?] train from Braintree. 1 hr. 40 minutes. delay, no damage caused.
- On 15th February, at Stratford, a man left the brake van and Guard Curtiss put him in a Second Class carriage. Inspector Fogden asked for his ticket, and the passenger stated that it had been collected. Then he later admitted travelling from Brentwood without a ticket. Guard Curtiss failed to attend and was dismissed.
- Injury claims £59.10.0.
- Troops travelling. East India Depot, Brentwood to Broxbourne, to be charged normal, military rate.
- Tottenham Accident. Death of a passenger at "The White Hart" Inn, Tottenham, on the 29th February, Mr. Bean. Also Mr. Willoughby, (leg injuries) very poorly.
- Gale of the 28th February. Station buildings damaged. Signal & telegraph posts down in many places.

Land Agent's Report:

- Romford cottages. At the factory. Question of Title. Solicitors to report.
- Chesterton ferry, and disturbance thereof by ECRy bridgework. Directors.
- Mile End. Vestry Clerk asking for £2.6.8 costs of laying a sewer to drains of ECRy houses. Agreed.
- Peterborough station approach widening. Land now available.
- Stratford "Barracks". Cottages, rents to be lowered.

Chairman's Report:

- Ely Refreshment Rooms. Mr. Moore, "Angel Hotel", seeking tenancy. Deferred.

14th March 1860

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Manager's Report:

- Hull and Holderness Ry. Transferred to the North Eastern Railway Co.
- Downham. Winnold Horse fair, 3rd March. 80 horses to Downham and 203 horses from Downham.
- Waveney Valley Co. Harlestone *[Harleston]* Goods Office in need of repairs.
- Meat Hampers. Twenty-four required at Norwich.
- Sundry Works. Ipswich dock turntable repairs. Fencing at Wymondham and Yarmouth.
- Inspector Southgate's special shoe for foot injury cost £1, to be paid.
- Legal. Involved claim for delay on ten sacks of seed to Messrs. Burlingham, from a Mr. Webb. Consignees received on the 11th January, cheque drawn on 18th January. Burlingham's cheque dishonoured, due to insolvency. ECRy solicitors.
- Brick Lane hoist no. 3 to be repaired as a stand-by.
- Claims. £93.13.1. Usual lost tea, delayed fish etc.
- Maldon. Manager's visit to the wharf. Two-tons crane required for grain and flour. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Peterborough wagon repairs. 6d per wagon to be charged for use of the sidings. Approved.
- Cambridge sidings. For Messrs. Johnson and Headdy, they are now willing to pay £100 of the £250 costs. To proceed.
- Norwich Parcels Office. ECRy to renew the hire from Mr. Springfield at 10/- weekly.

- Claims Goods department £146.18.0
- Blackwall sidings. Messrs. Wood again in dispute and proposing to make a roadway from their wharf, regardless of any obstacles. Also to bring an action against the ECRy regarding the Company sidings, alleging the owner to be the Northumberland & Durham Coal Co. ECRy solicitors to report.
- Yarmouth Quay Bridge. Man knocked down, died later, by horses & wagons. Inquest jury attached some blame to the ECRy for not using a Brake Van down the slope. Mr. Moseley has now sent a brake to the quay.

Secretary's Report:

- Mr. Edward's claim for £500 settled for £450. Mr. Moss's claim for £7.12.0 for damage to a barge at Barking Creek railway bridge. ECRy to defend.
- Bow & Old Ford. The request for a station, by a deputation, was refused.
- Harwich House & Dovercourt fares reduction, no further concessions to be given.
- Captain Daniels and the fishing boat, "Dum, Spiro, Spero". He denied any interest in the same.
- Tottenham Accident. Inquest on 15th March.
- Blackwall accounts. Mr. Osborn in default & suspended. Mr Fearn to investigate and report.
- Colne Valley Company. [CVHRy] re. Chappel Junction. Signals, still no action!

Land Agent's Report:

- Wisbeach. [Wisbech] Mr. Clarke asking for his piece of land, let to contractors, but never conveyed to ECRy. Agreed to vacate.
- Ilford Right of Way. Coal Depot Wall. Mr. Mitchison as covenanted in 1843. Conceded, Mr. Sinclair to see Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Stowmarket. Siding for Mr. Felgate to cost £90.0.0
- Payments. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account, 100 low-side wagons, £175.10.0. Messrs. Neilson & Co., on account, 20 goods locomotives, £3800. Mr. Glassock, renewal Thorley bridge, £138.15.4. Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan, on account, 3000 tons rails, £5000.
- Prickwillow Crossing Gatekeeper's cottage, Bell & Sons at £148.0.0.

Superintendent's Report:

- Occurrence on 6th March, the 4.35 p.m. to Braintree broke an axle between Brentwood & Ingatestone. (Does not record whether locomotive or carriage).
- Double route to Bury. Norwich, Lowestoft & Yarmouth tickets to be available via Colchester and/or Cambridge.
- Saturday Train of First, Second and Third Class to leave Ely for Cambridge at 11.30 a.m. stopping at Waterbeach. No return working. Passengers to use the 5.40 p.m. ex-Cambridge.
- Staff offences, two on page 76.
- Dr. Luke's fees. (ECRy Surgeon). 5th February /11th March , £164.17.0, including the Tottenham Accident.
- Occurrence on 12th March at Roydon. One gate run through by a Norwich train. Locomotive damaged, 1½ hours delay. Signalman Green fined two days pay.
- Prize Fight at Ely. No decision made re. special trains.
- Tottenham Accident. Mr. A.G. Falconer, Surgeon, of Arbour Square, Stepney, who assisted with the injured on 20th February, later became mentally unstable and was placed in Grove Hall Lunatic Asylum (at Bow) where he died on 11th March.

Chairman's Report:

- Roydon Mead. Pathway beneath bridge impassable due to mud from recent repair work. Mr. Sinclair.
- Peterborough. Messrs. English & Co. re. siding. Their costs £130. Chairman had visited the site and agreed that LNWRy be notified of same.
- Salaries/Wages. On pages 80/81 several increases minuted at Lynn, Fakenham and Norwich Thorpe, Victoria.
- Works - repairs etc. Ryburgh station, Goods Shed extension, locks for doors, kitchen range to be repaired, station roof to be made watertight, ash-pit to be made and two platform seats provided. Elmham siding extension, Mr. Sinclair to cost. Diss station to be cleaned thoroughly.
- Victoria Docks, new church and schools. The Directors have no funds for such purposes!
- Mr. Reynolds, Stationmaster at Elmham to take charge at Colchester, at £90 per annum. Mr. Painter, at Snape, to move to Elmham at £75 per annum.

- Hertford and Welwyn Co. Mr. Seymour Clarke had called upon the Chairman to propose the following:
 1. The ECRy to forego the 60% for the Welwyn - London goods & passenger from the W&H line (to Bishopsgate).
 2. GNRy will concede the traffic from Dunstable to Welwyn to the ECRy and London (Bishopsgate).
 3. To work the W&HRy himself at 50% revenue.
 4. GNRy to work all traffic between Dunstable and Hertford. Joint working with the ECRy for that distance or Welwyn to Hertford. Also presented resolution.
 - a. "That for the past, some security, to bear interest at 5% be offered to the Great Northern and the Eastern Counties Railways." [GNRy, ECRy]
 - b. "That for the future, some plan be proposed whereby the Great Northern Railway may work the traffic and take the proceeds of the Hertford section, paying the balance monthly to the H&W Co. who will be responsible to the GNRy for any deficiency of profit."
 ECRy Manager and Superintendent to report.

28th March 1860

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Manager's report:

- Colne Valley [*& Halstead*] Co. [CVHRy] Chappel, two wagons with a traversing table to be allowed to Halstead.
- Byelaws. Lucifers [*matches*] found in a bundle of newspapers addressed to Mr. Anderson of Whittlesford. They ignited in the Parcels Office at Bishopsgate. Mr. Western, the sender, to be prosecuted, clause 105 of the "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845".
- Lowestoft salvage. On the 2nd & 3rd March the barque "Apollo" £75. The owners offer £50. Full amount to be claimed.
- Canterbury Show in July, same rates as for 1859.
- Hertford and Welwyn Co. (Refer previous meeting) A long statement of two pages generally against the proposals. (No concessions). For Chairman, Manager & Superintendent.
- Romford Factory. Siding, the property of Sir Digby Neave, repaired recently at cost of £5.2.0. ECRy to pay this as users!
- Norwich. Parcels Office to be in Post Office Street, at £26 per annum, from Mr. Homer.
- East & West India Dock Co. siding extension (9th November 1859), the E&WI Dock Co. ask for plans from ECRy. Messrs. Sinclair & Moseley to visit and report.
- Sacks. Supplied by Mr. Lee from Boston, GNRy having to load and transport. Mr. Lee proposes:
 1. ECRy purchases its sacks.
 2. ECRy provides a store at Peterborough (or Cambridge).
 3. ECRy to load sacks.
 4. ECRy to give him a pass, and one for Auditor & Searcher.
 All agreed except No. 1.
- Yarmouth Fish Traffic. Mr. Hewitt's despatch by sea. ECRy to have a vessel to bring the catches to the markets.
- Claims. £72.2.0. Lost Cobra Oil to stolen tea. Also Mr. Oldren £13.3.0 for delayed agricultural machinery, Peterborough to Lowestoft. (Later claim for damage filed). Various other sundry claims, page 92.
- Lowestoft Pier. Vessel 'Bomarsund's' collision damage. Owners paid costs but now threaten to sue for detention of the vessel. ECRy to defend.
- Claims, goods department, £204.3.7.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Mr. Felgate's siding (14th March 1860) to cost him £90.
- Maldon Wharf ext. [*extension?*] Total cost with a two-tons crane would be £390. Deferred,
- Payments due. Messrs. Neilson & Co., on account, 20 goods locomotives, £1900. Mr. C. Osborne, brass bearings for wagons, £24.15.0. Messrs. Bray, Waddington & Co., on account, 100 low side wagons, £726.14.0. Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan, on account, 3000 tons rails, £2000. Messrs. Mason & Ramsden, on account, redwood sleepers, £74.5.5. Mr. Hill, new station, Stratford Bridge, £560.14.3. Mr. Bennett, on account, renewal Ely bridge, £300.

Secretary's Report:

- Mutford Lock bridge. Coroner's jury recommend that a lamp be placed. Committee noted this.
- Lowestoft ballast. None to be taken unless authorised by Mr. Sinclair.
- Leytonstone. The vicar to have a private door of access to the up platform.
- Tottenham Accident. Broken tyre and wheels of locomotive No. 103 to be kept upon requests. (Coroner's?)
- Rifle Corps ECRy to travel First Class free. Midland Ry [MRy] Chairman & Deputy Chairman also to have First Class passes.

Land Agent's Report:

- Romford cottages. Refer 29th February 1860. Occupied cottages are ECRy mortgaged. Others are not ECRy property.
- Cambridge Refreshment Room tenant, Mr. Edlin, deceased. Brother John to take over. Approved.
- Anchor Street Ragged Schools, applying for larger premises. Chairman and Land Agent to confer.
- Chelmsford Arches Nos. 8 & 9. Mr. Wood offers to line for £30. Chairman. Insurance of station. Premium for £6250.
- Haughley. Luggage in Booking Office is lost revenue. Cloak Room required.
- Trains. 3.30 p.m. ex-Norwich - Brandon, more Third Class needed. Also the 4.05 p.m. ex-London. For Superintendent.
- Fog Detonators faulty. (Palmer & Co.) Eight failed at Broxbourne on 18th March.

Superintendent's Report:

- Griffin's Wharf, Ipswich. Claim for £17.10.0 usage, October 1857 to July 1859. Messrs. Prentice and Hewitt claimant's rights questioned.
- North London Railway [NLRy], applying for the Tilbury excursion traffic to go via Hackney Wick. Refused. Traffic to go via Stepney.
- War Department. Vol. [Volunteer?] Corps, to pay military fares, when on duty and in uniform only.
- Advertising. Mr. Hotson publishing timetable of all summer season specials and excursions for all seven railway companies. Allowance of Five Guineas will provide 2200 copies for one month. Then the same 2200 copies gratis. Committee agreed to a one-month trial.
- Mile End Station. Gate at the top of the stairs to assist ticket collection. Cash deficit, Stationmaster removed, £23 in default, to Goods department.
- Tombland Fair on the 5th April. Train times for the Norfolk Ry, Eastern Union & East Suffolk Rys. [NRY, EURy, ESRy] (Tombland - Norwich)
- Train Times. The 3.30 p.m. up, from Norwich, to leave at 3.20 p.m. in future.
- Colchester. Private Rooms to be decorated for staff use and up side staircase covered way to be partly removed.
- Ilford. Short siding on down line to be extended 125 yards. Mr. Sinclair to cost.
- Romford Factory. A through crossing on the Brentwood side required.
- Tottenham Accident. Costs of Cabs, assistance with injured etc.

E.May & Son,	Tottenham	£71.7.0
W.Hall _____	Tottenham	£43.1.0
Mr. Wostenholme	Tottenham	£10.10.0
E.May _____	Tottenham	£4.4.0
Wolff, Evans	Shoreditch	£5.5.0
O.H.Fox _____	Shoreditch	£5.5.0
G.Roper _____	Shoreditch	£7.7.0
Mr. Hancorn	Shoreditch	£5.5.0
Mr. Burchell	Shoreditch	£3.3.0
- Blackmore & Hicks, Old St. Rd. [sic], £3.8.6. Tottenham Stationmaster, brandy etc. £21.15.0. Helpers at the scene, £19.12.0. Cabs, carriages, £11.8.10. Total of £211.11.4. Addition to Stationmaster of £15. Mr. Pinching, a surgeon from Walthamstow, attended injured passengers, went to Saffron Walden with Mr. Taylor and visited him three times later. His bill, of £68.5.0, is considered exorbitant. ECRy to contest.
- The classic Crewe song. Two ladies and a servant carried on to Ipswich. They did not change at Manningtree, for Dovercourt. They stopped at Ipswich, for the night. Guard Abbott fined two days pay.
- New station, Stratford Bridge opened on 26th. [March 1860?] Buildings already very dilapidated!
- Buckhurst Hill bridge arch collapsed. Shored up. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Loughton Coal Yard to be screened from the station. H.Hills to be Parcels Porter at 12/- weekly, and to have jacket & trousers.
- Lord Stradbroke. Complaint reference through tickets from Brentwood to Darsham. They are available, but not in the Booking Office. The Stationmaster admonished.
- Romford Factory. Additional hay storage required.
- Woodbridge and Saxmundham stations, some sundry work/alterations required. For Sir Morton Peto.
- Halesworth Stationmaster to receive £10 per annum increase to £90 per annum.
- Lowestoft. All cartage stock and staff to be controlled by the Stationmaster.
- Mr. Heseltine, Royal Hotel, Norwich refusing to settle his debts to the ECRy. To be summoned.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Crane required for permanent way work and general use. "Orwell" wreck still lying derelict in the harbour. Tug "Pursuit" to be in Mr. Sinclair's charge.

- Norwich Refreshment Rooms to be extended.
- Fraud case. Ex-Porter Kempton, formerly at Bishops Stortford, contacted Porter Jarvis, of Bishops Stortford, intending to send an order on 34 quarters of unclaimed barley, lying at Stortford. Both men dismissed from ECRy.
- Manure thefts at the Lowestoft factory, windows to be boarded.
- Sawston, Company land, Mr. Fordham paying no rent. Land Agent to report.
- Brick Lane Lamp Room on fire on the 20th March. Soon extinguished by staff.
- Loughton alterations. Call bell, large, to be erected. Extra siding with goods platform.
- Mr. Robertson's salary. Superintendent's case of increased mileage and duties. Committee suggested 1860 - £800; 1861 - £900; and 1862 - £1000 to the Board.

11th April 1860

Chairman - Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Gunpowder Traffic. Circular to all Stationmasters regarding movement by rail in special vans.
- Season Ticket Holders and reduced rates for baskets of fish. Notice to be displayed reference the same.
- Sacks. Mr. Lee reference the Company purchasing when he ceases manufacture
- Tottenham cattle lairs. Revenue for two weeks to 8th April, £15.7.6. Hay, £5.16.10.
- Foreign Cattle Traffic. Danish Railway's large consignment in April. Rates given by ECRy, 5/6 for oxen; 1/- for sheep and 10/- per ton for grain and pork. Harbour dues extra.
- Tilbury Goods Traffic [*LTSRy*] to Mint Street, 2/- per ton for general goods and 9d per ton for coal, allowing ECRy three miles Forest Gate to Bow. ECRy still claim five miles, Forest Gate to Brick Lane.
- Sack demurrage. Messrs. Potter, Smith & Warren of Dereham refusing to pay their dues. Use of sacks to be withdrawn if dues are not paid.
- Unclaimed grain. 51 quarters ex-Bishops Stortford sold at 40/6 per quarter.
- Sundry Claims, page 116.
- Provident Society. Resignation of Mr. Tonge. Mr. Saville to succeed.
- Colne Valley Company. [*CVHRy*] Rates requested from ECRy for cattle, coal and parcels from Chappel to: Bures, Sudbury, Marks Tey, Witham, Maldon, Chelmsford, Romford, Stratford, Brick Lane, Blackwall, Colchester, Ipswich, Mistley, Hythe & Peterborough. ECRy rate to be added to their own rate for Chappel to Halstead. Clearing House to divide through rates on the usual terms. Approved.
- Claims. £183.17.3. Lost turkeys, delayed rabbit skins, wrong cattle delivered.
- Midland Ry [*MRy*] asking for a stable, for one horse, at Peterborough. None available.
- New Stamp Duties Act. Goods valued at 40/- upwards to have a One Penny stamp attached to the order of consignment, and all orders for collection must also carry a One Penny stamp. Dock Warrants to bear a Three Penny stamp. To be confirmed with the Solicitor for Inland Revenue.
- Claims, Goods Department, £116.1.7.
- Romford. Case of pilfering wine & beer. Signalman Stuchbury and Driver Mannoeh dismissed on proven case. Staff changes at Romford? [*rules, discipline*]
- Blackwall station. Cash deficit of £200, false wage sheets, credit purchases. Chairman to continue his investigations.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Ware, Hadham and Buntingford Ry. Mr. Sinclair approved of the proposed entry line to St. Margarets. Decided that the WHBRy to purchase the land to agreement of both Land Agents.
- Peterborough locomotive shed. Repairs to cost £240.
- Timber and sleepers. 3000 loads of Memel timber, 40000 rectangular sleeper blocks and 40000 round sleeper blocks to be ordered. For tenders.
- Water. Wells to be sunk at Leyton & George Lane at £20 each. No water, no payment.
- Peterborough Station roof, dangerous. Repairs to cost £1000/£1500. Removal and sale suggested to produce £2000/£2500. Committee to visit station.
- Lowestoft Harbour. General condition to reported at next meeting.
- Cast iron sleepers. Mr. James Samuel's Patent. Mr. Sinclair not interested.
- East Suffolk Line. [*ESRy*] The ballast pit at Aldboro. [*Aldburgh?*] Lord of the Manor lets at £10 per annum to contractor. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Ilford down siding extension to cost £130.0.0.

- Station Repairs to: Roydon, Burnt Mill, Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford, Stanstead, Elsenham, Newport, Audley End, Chesterford. Chairman to pre-visit.
- Bishops Stortford, a 200 yard siding to cost £100.
- Payments due. Messrs. Neilson & Co., 20 goods locomotives, on account, £3800. Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account, 100 wagons, £167.14.0. Mr. C.Osborn, bearings for 100 wagons, £60.18.9.
- Wagons (Cattle), 100. Order to Railway Carriage Co. at £49.8.0 each. Wagons (Round Ended), 100. Order to Railway Carriage Co. at £31.5.0 each. Wheels & axles, 200 sets. Order to Lloyds, Foster & Co. at £30 per set.
- Bridge. Watlington - Magdalen Gate. Order to Mr. A.Tracey to sink piles and erect walls, abutments etc. at £1173.0.0.
- Bridges. (Seven in total) Ely - Lynn. Order to build abutments to Messrs. Bell & Sons. £154 for each bridge. £1078.0.0 total.
- Bridges. (Three in total) March - Wisbeach. [*Wisbech*] Order to build abutments to Messrs. Bell & Sons at £257 for each bridge. £771.0.0 total.

Superintendent's Report:

- Occurrence on 31st March at Yaxham station. The 3.30 p.m. ex-Norwich, on arrival, went into the siding, one coach derailed. Porter Bush admitted placing a stone to divert the train and was dismissed.
- Tottenham Telegraph. Signalman Harvey guilty of neglect. Dismissed.
- Injury Claim upheld. ECRy to pay Mr. Winters 40/-, but no costs.
- Tottenham Accident. Shorthand writers costs for the two inquests, £47.9.4. Also a writ issued against the ECRy by Mr. C.Wilson.
- Romford Market. A petition for the 9.15 a.m. down train to stop on the Wednesdays (Market Day). Superintendent to consider the case.
- Unclaimed property prior to 1st April 1859 to be sold. Approved.
- Incident on 22nd March at Tidal Basin, when Mr. Burtenshaw was struck by a goods train whilst crossing the tracks to the docks. Slightly injured, some groceries damaged. Claim lodged.
- Chesterford Station. On 3rd April, a man named Boutell lowered the semaphore from "Stop" to "Caution". To be committed for trial.
- Aldboro Branch, [*Aldburgh?*] East Suffolk line, [*ESRy*] ready for opening. One engine in steam. Open on 12th April.
- Incident at Shadwell station on 29th March. Sailor (drunken) fell onto the rails and his head was struck by the guard-iron of a NLRy locomotive. Not expected to survive.
- Fog Detonators. Storekeeper to order the best!
- Colne Valley Co. [*CVHRy*] Long letter regarding the opening of the CVHRy on 16th April. Costs of operating Chappel Junction to be arranged. Copy of the Board of Trade certificate to Messrs. Sinclair, Moseley and Robertson.

Secretary's Report:

- Refreshment Rooms at Cambridge, Mrs. Edlin wishes to continue tenancy. Committee is against this and will terminate the agreement, if necessary.
- Messrs. English and their siding at Peterborough. Now requiring more accommodation. Committee proposed a visit by the Chairman, and defer.
- Steamboat "Orion". Lying at Ipswich, not for sale to Mr. Broughton.
- Monsieur Mousette, railways of France making enquiries (unspecified) ECRy cannot answer.
- Hertford and Welwyn Railway. Mr. Seymour Clarke's proposals to await the receipt of the amount due from that Company.
- Parish Rates. Great Amwell appeal 2nd April. Dispute regarding the ECRy figures offered. October sessions for a hearing agreed. ECRy's relevant books to be made available to Mr. Hammack Jnr. (For the Parish) Mr. Martin of the LNWRy to adjudicate, if necessary.
- Police staffing. Superintendent Kent to produce a list of his staff, completely detailed. Chairman to see each man separately, later.
- Rolling stock. Mr. Sinclair to order 20 passenger brake vans.

25th April 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report

- Colne Valley Co. The Clearing House to be notified of the necessity for a Junction man at Chappel to check wagons.
- Leiston shunting. A horse required. Agreed.
- Norwich Victoria. Messrs. Morgan's Maltings, cost of a siding. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Blackwall cartage. ECRy to take over this work. Carter to work in warehouse between times.
- Essex Agricultural Show. Usual rates to apply:- full rate to the site and free return if not sold.

- Trowse. Cattle loading two nights of 7th & 14th. Men to receive an extra day's pay.
- New Stamp Act. ECRy interpretation (See 11th April 1860) is correct. All Stationmasters to receive circular.
- Brick Lane Fire Engine. To be modified to 24 man operation from 36 men operation. Twelve new lengths of hose required.
- Blackwall Lighterage. Messrs. Thomas & Vokins. Bypassing ECRy accounts with Messrs Marriage, Hicks, Gray & Coote. Mr. Moseley to check & report.
- Ipswich Station. Mr. Dutton requesting some instructions for the fitting up by contractors of the Parcels Office. No action to be taken.
- ECRy sack stuffed with straw and used as a bed by a Somersham tailor. Company to sue!
- Claim for £50.17.6 by Messrs Bolingbroke for loss of Poplin goods on 14th February. For solicitors. For £26 by Messrs Sewell for loss of silks on 12th February. No liability on silk goods.
- Gunpowder traffic. Mr. Byford's road haulage still unprofitable. Asking for £5.17.6 out of pocket expenses. Agreed.
- Wells & Fakenham Co. Letter from Clearing House regarding returns delays and increased costs. Committee against WFRy proposals unless they pay the cost.
- Lowestoft, circus accommodation at the cattle sheds. Captain Daniels has asked £1 and 1/6d per head including provender. Rifle Corps to drill in the warehouse when it is empty.
- Coal traffic. Messrs Prentice & Co in dispute over 172 tons 18 cwts and a payment of £6.4.2 for overweight.
- Tottenham cattle lairs. Income for 2 weeks to 22nd April £26.12.6, hay £8.5.1.
- Claim by Mr. Heseltine for £107.12.3 made up as follows:- £101.19.3 for the cartage of 24471 parcels from the branch office at Norwich to the Thorpe Station at 1d each during period 20/6/56 to 4/1/60. ECRy has previously refuted the claim.
- Aldbro' Parcels and Goods. [*Aldeburgh?*] Mr. Lipscombe willing to operate this road service. Tollgate charges, 2d for a single-horse cart is an obstacle. East Suffolk Company to be asked to provide another entrance to Aldbro.
- Claims. £70.14.1. Mostly stolen goods and delay. Goods dept. £169.15.0

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Brick Lane No. 3 hoist. Repairs to cost £450-£500 including turntable repairs, reduced to £250-£300 by using some second-hand turntables. No. 2 proposal agreed.
- Rails. Additional 2000 tons required as a follow-on order for Messrs Bolchow and Vaughan. Approved.
- Bishopsgate Station. South Façade wall requires repairs. Also a covered way extension to the Open Colonnade at a cost of £85.0.0. The Committee also suggested a "clean-up" for the summer.
- Payments Due. Messrs Westwood Bailey for iron girders for Hilgay Fen bridge. £90. Messrs Bolchow & Vaughan, on account, 3000 tons rails £3000. Messrs Neilson & Co., on account, 20 goods locomotives £1900.
- Bridge, Needham - Stowmarket. Order for abutments, wing walls & pile-driving to Mr. J. Perry at £1197.
- Bridge, March Junction - March. Order to Mr. A. Tracey for pile-driving, wing walls and abutments at £1070.
- Passenger brake vans. Order for 20 to Wright & Sons, Birmingham at £166 each.
- House, No. 38 Anchor Street. Repairs by Mr. E. Condor at £108.
- Timber. 3000 loads of Memel. Order to Stephen Lewin at 64/- per load. Mr. Sinclair to check status of Stephen Lewin.
- Sleepers. 40,000 Memel or Danzig Red Pine square blocks. Order to Mr. D. Gleddon (A), Mr. Sinclair to check his status. Also 2000 Memel or Danzig Red Pine Round sleeper blocks 8' 11" x 10". Order to Messrs T. B. & S. Batchelor (B) if references are in order. Also 20,000 Memel or Danzig red or white pine round sleeper blocks 7' 11" x 9½". Order to Messrs Batchelor of Newport at 3/3 each. (A 5/11 each, B 4/- each).
- Magdalen Bridge. Wrought ironwork, order to Mr. M. Shaw at £504.12.0.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Chairman had visited with Mr. Sinclair and the following was agreed:-
 1. Pier piling to proceed.
 2. Reading Room breakwater to be removed
 3. Fish Market breakwater to be strengthened.
 4. Inner North Pier to be strengthened.
 5. Old Fish Market to be painted. (Red Oxide).
 6. North of Europe cattle shed to become part of Fish Market.
 7. New Quay graving dock. Toilet for six men to be provided.
 8. Timber Yard to be moved.
 9. Dawbarn's Wharf. Six or seven piles to be driven in above wharf site for pilot and fishing vessels at a mooring fee of £7 each.
 10. Ballast at new graving dock be moved to Wharf near Thompson's & ship yard.
 11. Continental Goods Shed to be moved back and a crane installed for unloading.
 12. Vessels taking shelter in bad weather must anchor in the Inner Harbour.

- Rentals. Mr. Webber's dispute re wharf rights and Messrs Dawbarn's office at Lowestoft (unauthorised). "Orwell" wreck to be sold.

Superintendent's Report.

- Tottenham accident. Appeal by solicitors for the widow of Mr. G. A. Falconer for financial assistance. Writs issued by Mr. W. L. Kerton of Cheshunt and Mr. W. G. Gilman of Ponders End for compensation for the injuries received. Also on behalf of the widow of Mr. T. Satchell of Fenchurch Street. Messrs Crowder & Maynard (ECRy solicitors) to act.
- Also Mr. Taylor of Saffron Walden claiming £31.10.0 for Dr. Luke's expenses. Not agreed as Mr. Taylor requested the visits subsequent to a first visit paid by the Company.
- Convictions. Mr. Gluckstein and Mr. Tydeman at Ipswich County Court travelling express with ordinary 1st class tickets.
- Claim. Forest Gate Accident (1st January 1860). Mr. Wakefield for £50. He was offered £20. Superintendent to settle best possible terms.
- Special trains from Lynn, Peterborough and Cambridge to Ely for the Oxford Church Home Mission on 15th May. Superintendent to arrange this.
- Casualty. Old man of 91 knocked down by a light engine at Bury on 12th April. Shocked only.
- Lancaster Crossing. 1½ miles from Stowmarket. A cottage required for £145. (To replace a mud hut!)
- East Suffolk Railway. Thorpe fishermen asking for the Aldboro [*Aldeburgh?*] branch train to stop at the Thorpe gate house. Refused. Rifle Corps on practice shooting at Aldboro to pay military fares.
- Colne Valley Co. Requesting their trains be published in ECRy time-tables and a through coach to run Halstead to Marks Tey. Agreed.
- Woolwich Gardens. Opening at Whitsun for the season. Same fares agreed as for 1859 and 1858. 1st class 1/6d (Gardens 6d); 2nd class 1/- (Gardens 5d); Ferry 6d (Gardens 4½d). Garden entrance inclusive.
- Waltham Abbey Church. Choristers and free passes for 800 years consecrated use on 3rd May. Re-opening after extensive alterations. Concession granted of single fare for a return journey.
- Casualty. On 20th April at Royston a man walking on the 6 ft way was hit by a goods train and died on the 22nd. "Accidental death".
- Ipswich Horticultural Society asking for reduced fares on 24th May for their fête. Last year only £6.4.6 was taken in fares from 31 stations. Refused.

Chairman's Report.

- Blackwall Station. Mr. Osborn arrested for fraudulent use of Company monies - £300 involved. Thames Court, Monday next.
- Mrs. Baldry, widow of driver to receive £10 compensation.
- Brick Lane. Brick wall 12 ft high to replace fence at end entrance. A lamp room to be provided. Lamp room (present) to be a Porter's room. Doors of Archway Gate to be repaired, windows of the N-E shed to be glazed and wire-screened and a notice board erected at all the entrances re trespassing.

Secretary's Report.

- Colne Valley Co. and through bookings. Agreed.
- Cambridge sidings. Messrs Johnson & Headdy. Proposed site, the land is leased from Jesus College by Messrs Johnson & Headdy. Mr. Corrie, the College Master, asks for a connected siding in perpetuity. ECRy disagree and would connect for £100. In abeyance.
- Lowestoft factory, (ex-North of Europe Co.) Mr. B. Wilton requesting terms of tenancy. Smithy, house, iron store and yard.
- Stratford Bridge new station. Mr. Fulcher of the "Albion Tavern" and loss of business. Asking for access gate. Declined.
- Tilbury, Mr. King's claim for injuries settled for £115. TSRy to pay one half.
- East Anglian Co. Coal traffic via Lynn from northern ports. Suggested rate of 3/6 per ton to London from Lynn using owner's wagons. Manager to deal with this matter.
- Forest Gate accident. Mr. Wakefield's claim for £175.18.0 agreed.

9th May 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report

- Royston stationmaster to have a wagon of gravel for station entrance.
- Foreign traffic. Mr. Louth of Royal Danish Railway agreeing on cattle rates but stating that grain rate of 2/9 per qtr. was too high.
- Occurrence. On 2nd May at Ilford a wagon with sheep on fire. All the animals died. Carcases realised £20.12.0. Engine spark ignited straw that Porter Beck had not taken out at Chelmsford. He was dismissed.

- Bury Station on 20th April. Eleven bottles of wine stolen. Porter Courtman and a lad Goods Clerk named Hobbs responsible. Porter for trial and the clerk removed to London.
- Blackwall Co. ECRy fish train to Mint Street station discontinued.
- Midland Railway Co. Mr. Allport appointed as General manager.
- Ipswich Dock station. Electric telegraph no longer required; company informed.
- East Anglian Co. Coal traffic, Lynn to London 4/- per ton and 6d per ton discount if above 50000 tons annually. No accommodation available at London end.
- Claims. £74.13.4. Lost geese, damaged malt, etc. Mrs. Satchell claiming for facial injuries from dog-hooks of a crane whilst a hogshead of sugar was unloaded at Favell's who disclaim responsibility. Goods Dept. £174.3.2.
- Provender. Mr. George Jackson to supply 6 tons of 1st class meadow hay at 90/- per ton, to Royston or Meldreth stations.

Land Agent's Report.

- Peterborough. Coal merchant's offices. Eight are required in a block, 4 up and 4 down near the LNWRy Goods Shed. Problem of the Peterborough agreement re the land. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Surplus land. Simpsons paper manufacturers Ilford land required. £65 asked.
- Bishops Stortford. Messrs Miller & Son seeking permission to put a floor to the Staveley coal stowage for grain storage. Manager to assess and report.
- Ware, Hadham & Buntingford Railway. Junction with the Hertford line and access to St. Margaret's Station on agreed terms of the respective engineers. WHBRy Co. to provide a lay-by for the River Lea Co. with the ECRy's cooperation. Mr. Robertson (ECRy) to report.
- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] fire on 18th April destroyed farm buildings and produce. A claim of £500 submitted. Site visit by Chairman. Amount of claim disputed.

Chairman's Report.

- Trowse. 170 feet fencing to be erected alongside path to cattle layers (lair).
- Chelmsford arches. Nos. 8 & 9 to be lined for £30 by Mr. Wood.
- Lowestoft factory. Fire risk (creosote) to be written into any lease agreements for tenants. Fish manure factory. Mr. Cobb's application for part of this site declined for the same reason.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] land. £17 to be paid to owners for loss of mesne rights over ten years of ECRy usage.
- Refreshment Rooms. Mrs. Edlin for the late Mr. Edlin, accepted as bona fide tenant. Agreement to be prepared.
- Claim (£50) on behalf of a carman's lad injured at work. ECRy to defend as accident was lad's fault.
- Occurrence at Wendling. Stationmaster assaulted by Mr. Horsley's workman. Summons to be issued. Disputed sack demurrage and shunting charges to be assessed by Mr. Fearn.

Superintendent's Report.

- Occurrence on 3rd May at Norwich Thorpe when a carpenter was knocked down when going for an interview with permanent way Inspector. Badly injured.
- Tilbury Company. Through bookings from Bishopsgate - Margate & Ramsgate in 1859. ECRy's share was £7.13.2. Through bookings to cease.
- Tottenham accident. Writ by Mr. W. L. Holden of Broxbourne for injuries. Also for the late Mr. E. Stokes who was killed.
- Forest Gate accident. Mr. Russ of Woolwich. His claim for £500 settled for £230 for severe injuries.
- Occurrence on 27th April at Peterborough. ECRy locomotive knocked down GNRy number taker Oakley who was killed.
- Colonel Hadden, R. Eng. of Colchester asking for reduced cost season tickets to London for Officers. Refused.
- Cambridge Grand Choral Festival on 22nd May. Special reduced fares.
- Staff offence. Stationmaster Taylor of Woodford sent a scurrilous letter to Mr. Godfrey, stationmaster at Loughton. Also closed his booking office at the inconvenience of passengers. Cautioned and reprimanded.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Wheelturning. Night and day shift work due to shortage of lathes. Purchase suggested from Messrs. Whitworth of Manchester at £450. Also require a circular saw bench for cutting sleepers, Messrs. Eborssams of Chelsea at £120.
- Coal contracts, June onwards. (Tenders) For 700 tons weekly as Rickett Smith's contract ends on 31st May 1860.
- Works:
 - Hertford Station repairs now shown to be inadequate at £280. Goods station rebuilding at £900 and passenger station £588 with a long covered way and boundary wall. Visit to be made by the Committee.
 - Norwich Victoria. Siding for Messrs Morgan's Maltings to cost £150.
 - Norwich Thorpe. Refreshment Rooms extension, Mr. R. Hood at £85.9.0. Agreed.
 - Waldersee Drain bridge renewal to Mr. Tracey at £991.0.0.
 - March Junction. Station Bridge. Wrought ironwork (main and transverse girders) Thames Ironworks £477.

- Payments due:
Messrs Bolchow & Vaughan on account 3000 tons rails £2000.
Mr. Tracey, Whittlesea Dyke Bridge [*Whittlesey*], £1000 and Peterborough engine shed, £297.
Mr. Perry, a well at Low Leyton, £20.
Messrs Bray, Waddington for 100 goods wagons on account £894.8.0. Messrs Turton & Sons on account for springs, £347.15.6

Secretary's Report.

- Romford Station. Board of Trade and the dangerous state of the station. Mr. Sinclair to costimate [*sic*] rebuilding.
- Yarmouth. Mr. C. T. Palmer's Association for improved holiday attractions. Proposes fast trains via East Suffolk line and extensive advertising including Bradshaw with timetables. Superintendent to report his views.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Mr. Wilkinson and an opening bridge for ships and sidings. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Bishopsgate Hotel. Mr. W. P. Smith's proposal. No land available.
- Timber contracts, sleepers. Batchelor's approved but Glidden's not approved. Contract to Mr. Lewin (40,000 blocks) who then admitted a wrong price. Contract to Messrs. Wade at 6/8¾ [*6 shillings, 8 pence and three farthings*] each. (Glidden's quote 5/11d and Lewin's quote 6/4d each.)
- Rolling stock. 100 new carriages required, at least, more locomotives and goods wagons. A sub-committee of the Locomotive Superintendent, Goods Manager and General Manager to assess and report.
- Lowestoft Town Quay Tolls. Sir Morton Peto's lease and right of such tolls. Chairman had spoken to Sir Morton and the ECRy could acquire the lease at £80 per annum. Committee agreed purchase.

23rd May 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report

- Maldon. Approach roads. £25 requested for repairs by Trustees. Refused.
- Norfolk Agricultural Show. Usual rates for the exhibitors.
- Cattle traffic, Norwich to Manchester at 10/- per head approved.
- Parcels Delivery Co. offering to call at Brick Lane for "out of area" deliveries. This offer was declined.
- Tottenham cattle lairs. 2 weeks income to 20th. £4.7.10 and hay £11.5.0.
- St. Ives. Telegraph Clerk to receive 15/- extra for 3 weeks evening work, Goods Office.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Dock engine and boats together with men to be under charge of Mr. Sinclair.
- Bury cattle. Six extra pens required. Approved.
- Claims. £99.13.6. Usual delays, losses and damage. Goods Department £106.11.3.

Superintendent's Report.

- Ilford, Romford and Brentwood to come under Mr. Broxup (Central District).
- Norwich Rifle Volunteers. Application to drill in the Victoria Station whenever possible; approved.
- Forest Gate. Petition for 2 or 3 trains to leave for Fenchurch Street daily between 8.00 am and 10.00 am and return between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm. To be considered.
- Essex Agricultural Show, Audley End on 12th June. Additional trains requested. Excursion trains to commence on June 2nd.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Waveney Valley Co. Question of ECRy's percentage of receipts (50%). Line not yet open to Bungay (½ mile short). Agreement is for completed line in a given time and neither has transpired. To Parliamentary & Projects Committee.
- Occurrence on 12th May at Central Junction, Stratford. Light engine struck Platelayer Brothers who subsequently died. A grant of £10 to his widow.
- Payments due. Messrs. Bray, Waddington on account for goods wagons, £1299.16.0. Mr. C. Osborne for brass bearings, £37.1.8. Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan on account for 3000 tons rails, £4000. Mr. J. Perry on account of Wickham Viaduct, £1000.

Secretary's Report.

- Bishopsgate Station. Covered way contract to Messrs Ring & Stanger at £65. Approved. Waldersee Drain Bridge. Ironwork order to Mr. J. J. Headly, £476.
- Period tickets. Messrs. Edwards & Edwards of 25 Southampton Buildings asking for a joint season ticket to Framlingham or Friday afternoon to Monday morning return tickets. Both suggestions declined.
- East Anglian Co. Regarding trains from Lynn to Dereham to meet at Dereham the Wells to Norwich trains. Also proposing a Sunday train from Lynn not later than 8.00 am for Dereham, Norwich, Yarmouth & Lowestoft. To be considered.
- Mr. Jewson's siding at Earith now paid, £29.

- Attleborough, Mr. Long's siding, £20 paid, £22.10.0 still owing. Sum of £14.17.11 over original estimate and Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Roydon. Mead Subway. No progress. Mr. Sinclair to report on same.

Chairman's Report.

- Newmarket - Chesterford Line. Maintenance of bridges. Mr. Witt and other landowners had agreed to use bridge materials to fill in cuttings.
- Claim for £40 by Mr. Hogborough for buildings at Queens Arms, Haddiscoe. £10 offered and refused.
- Peterborough Roads Trustees (Stilton Road). Proposing new road and bridge and removal of the level crossing at £1000 plus. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Rentals. House at Loughton close to the station at £28 per annum. Suitable for stationmaster. Land agent to negotiate.
- Inspector Goody (Ipswich) to be paid 27/6 weekly and receive a £5 gratuity.
- Mr. Durrant, Stationmaster at Florden to move to Needham Market at increase of £10 to £75 per annum. Mr. Grover, Stationmaster at Needham to move to Saxmundham at increase of £20 to £90 per annum.
- Shunting, Yarmouth. Mr. McNamara's contract. Rate to be fixed.
- Sidings. Johnson & Headdy agree to pay £100 for siding at Cambridge.
- Surplus land. Cheshunt Nurseries seek footpath 4 to 5 feet wide by 200 yards near to Waltham Station. Agreed, the annual rent to be assessed later.

6th June 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report

- London cattle steamer forced to return to Yarmouth by the gales. Stock sent by rail.
- Lean stock, Bury to Norwich reduced from 18/4 to 15/- per head.
- Works. Whittlesford, two cattle pens. - Braintree, an extra cattle pen. - Blackwall, turntables to be repaired. - Mutford, extra siding is required. - Needham, extra platform in the Goods Shed is required.
- LNWRy's cattle pens at Peterborough in need of repairs. It was pointed out that Clause 5 of the agreement made LNWRy liable for repairs done.
- East Suffolk Co. Darsham cattle pens in need of repairs. Also other cattle pens need raising to stop pigs and sheep jumping out. Lessee to be informed.
- Middleton. Siding for Mr. Mason, a farmer, was not considered possible.
- Rentals. Bishops Stortford. Staveley Coal store, proposed 1st floor for grain storage. Refused.
- Waveney Valley Co. Terminal charge for coal & minerals 4d per ton. WVRy Co. want 6d per ton. This was declined.
- Foreign cattle traffic. "Swallow" at Lowestoft on the 31st May with 99 head of cattle for Norwich.
- Midland Co. Claiming same through rates as the GNRy for similar journeys. Meeting on 28th June at Kings Cross on this subject. ECRy Manager to attend.
- Liverpool fish traffic ex Lowestoft & Yarmouth. Going via LNWRy because of frequent delays on the GN route.
- Pickford & Co. Dispute over percentages. Long statement by manager of ECRy re SERy rates. (pages 196 and 197).
- Claims. £62.4.10. Lost tea, tobacco, coal and drapery.
- Conviction for Mr. Westley. Fined £2 for packing Lucifer matches into a bundle of newspapers.
- Clearing House. Number taker at Hertford also employed by Hertford & Welwyn Co. ECRy object and want a man solely for ECRy work.
- Lowestoft Harbour. "Orwell" wreckage sold by auction but purchaser now objects to £20 charges. Reduced to £5 and two months to salvage with a reversion to ECRy if this time limit not kept.
- Claim by Mr. Snow for the 26 sheep lost in the cattle wagon fire at Ilford. £50 to £60 offered. (*See above minute, 9th May 1860*).
- Coal storage, Staveley. Wharf worn out. Mr. Coote offering to provide "clunch" if ECRy will transport from Newmarket to Swavesey. (Question Staveley, probably should be Swavesey. HEJ).
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Mr. Coote's enlargement plans already commenced. He must see Mr. Sinclair before altering any of his coal stores.
- Yarmouth. Shunting & cartage work. Mr. McNamara to receive £15.15.0 weekly from August 1st. From then onwards an extra horse and man will cost 30/- weekly, South Town Station. He now employs 15 horses, 6 vehicles and 11 men on ECRy work. Each additional man will cost 15/- weekly. Approved all arrangements. Weekly figures show an income of £10 against costs of £17.5.0.
- Anchor salvage at Lowestoft. Two ECRy barge anchors picked up by fishermen. Reward of 10/-.
- Cutter (boat) hire at Lowestoft. Chairman to make arrangements.
- Suffolk Agricultural Show. Usual rates agreed.
- Unclaimed goods sale realised £340.

- Tottenham cattle lairs. Income for 2 weeks to 3rd. £6.0.0. Hay £14.2.0.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Woodbridge Line. From Mr. Bruff, Engineer of Eastern Union Co. notifying end of contractor's maintenance on 31st May and wishing to hand over to the Eastern Counties Company. Mr. Sinclair to examine the line and report.
- Plans of the Railway. A Mr. Baines offering various plans of the ECRy for £125. £25 to £30 to be offered.
- Payments due. Messrs Bolchow & Vaughan on account for 3000 tons rails, £1000. Messrs Bray Waddington on account for 100 wagons, £503.2.0.
- Locomotives and Rolling Stock. Requirements:- 30 locos., 20 composite carriages, 80 2nd class carriages, 6 smoking saloons, 400 wagons, 100 timber wagons. 60 2nd class carriages to be converted to 3rd class.
- Locomotives. Mr. Sinclair's assessment of value for the tendered price was:-
 1. Stephenson at 100%.
 2. Hawthorn at 92½%.
 3. Beyer Peacock at 92½%.
 4. Sharp Stewart at 92½%.
 5. Kitson at 92½%.
 6. Slaughter Gruning at 85%.
 7. Neilson at 85%.
 8. Fairbairn at 85%.
 9. G. England at 85%.
 10. Rothwell & Co. at 80%.
 11. Vulcan Foundry at 80%.

Tenders opened for 30 locomotives (no details given). All quotes shown on pages 204 and 205. Order for fifteen to R. Stephenson at £2800 each and fifteen to Hawthorn & Co at £2640 each. Penalty clause of £100 rebate for late delivery.

- Composite coaches (20) to Brown Marshall & co at £258 each.
- Second class coaches (40), order to Messrs J. Wright & Co (Birmingham) at £177 each. Messrs Brown Marshall & Co (Birmingham) the other 40 at £177 if agreed.
- Locomotive boilers. Order to Messrs Slaughter, Gruning & Co at £550 each.

Superintendent's Report.

- Occurrence on 2nd June at Brundall Crossing when two boys drove 14 bullocks on to the crossing in the path of the 5.15 pm market train from Norwich to Beccles. Three animals were killed and the last coach of the train was derailed. Mr. Gilbert, the owner, to be summoned.
- Gale on 28th May at Lowestoft caused gable end of Manure Factory to collapse. Mr. Sinclair to visit and report.
- Yarmouth & Lowestoft traffic. Special trains between the two towns from 15th June at fares of:- 1st. single, 1/6; return, 2/- . 2nd. Single, 1/-; return, 1/6. 3rd single, 9d; return, 1/-. Income to be kept apart for inter-company sharing. Trial period agreed.
- Brentwood fares. Reductions as follows:- London Single 1st. 3/9 to 3/6. Single 2nd. 3/- to 2/6. Single 3rd. 2/3 to 1/9. Return 1st. 5/-, no change. Return 2nd. 4/6 to 3/9. Return 3rd. 3/-.
- Claims, personal injury, totalling £1616.1.2 from January 2nd to March 30th. Some expenses (Funeral and Doctor's fees included). Total 43. (Pages 208 and 209.) Other claims £110.0.2.

Secretary's Report.

- Surplus Land. Waltham Nurseries, Mr. Paul to pay 10/- per annum rent for footpath [*See minute 23rd May*].
- Thames Ironworks now withdraw their tender for wrought ironwork for bridge near March Station. Order to Messrs J. J. Headley at £969 was approved.
- Forest Gate. Extra trains to and from Fenchurch Street not acceded.
- Waveney Valley Co. The Clearing House instructed to continue deduction of 75%. Committee strongly objected to this interference in rate fixing.
- Coal contracts. Messrs Coote & Rickett Smith to attend next Monday to explain rate-fixing of 12/9 per ton! Portland Hards quoted.

Land Agent's Report.

- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] fire. Coate's Farm claim to be settled on best terms possible.
- Romford factory. Cottages need repairs. Dry rot in floors, joists.
- Surplus land. Bishops Stortford, Cambridge side. Mr. Garrod, Miller, wishes to erect a steam mill. Mr. Sinclair to assess.
- Bishopsgate. Office in the yard. Messrs Hunt and Wood willing to sell, £20.
- Saxmundham. Stationmaster dismissed for fare swindle travelling to London on a Manningtree ticket. At Stratford he paid for a ticket from Ilford!

Chairman's Report.

- Ware, Hadham and Buntingford Railway. A long letter (p 213) from Mr. Adams of that company regarding a junction at St. Margarets and proposing a parallel track to the road by the station. ECRy to pay the cost and allow the WHBRy Co to use the existing station in perpetuity for an annual rent. Chairman and Mr. Sinclair to confer thereon.
- Lowestoft. Commissioners asking for a piece of land near Salt Houses to erect a morgue. No such land available.
- Bow Rope Walks and surplus land building. ECRy rights to be guarded.
- Blackwall Station. Mr. Southgate to take charge at salary of £130 per annum and use of one half of the house.
- Ipswich Dock Station. Cash box theft of £4.5.6 on 2nd - 4th June. Goods Clerks had £32 together in separate cash boxes. Mr. Cox apparently the guilty party with £6 in his box (broken open) and safe intact. Ordered to pay in the missing £4.5.6.
- Framlingham Station. Also cash stolen between Whitsunday and Monday. £11.1.10 missing. "Put-up" job assumed between Relief Clerk Dow (in charge), Booking Clerk Hammond and Porter Kipps. Hammond dismissed as responsible. Emphasised that staff must not retain Company monies overnight.
- East Suffolk traffic. Earl of Stradbroke suggesting train alterations that were not practicable and the Eastern Counties & East Suffolk Joint Committee were so informed. Agreed. Further to this matter the scale of fares, changes on the ESRy line will not affect the Eastern Counties Company especially the through fare percentage.
- Cambridge Sidings. Jesus College and the siding for Messrs Johnson & Headdy. ECRy to receive £100 from the College free of any condition.

20th June 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report

- Foreign cattle. At Lowestoft on 14th June aboard "Swallow". 54 head for Norwich.
- Roydon goods shed to be extended by 20 feet.
- Hertford & Welwyn Co. Dispute re charge of £70.13.3 for a 30 wagon coal train for Messrs Wood. Despatched via Welwyn from the North instead of Peterborough for Waltham. There is no through rate for coal.
- Claim for £3 for use of ECRy's barges to ferry timber to the wharf at Lowestoft. Messrs. Peto, Brassey & Betts' sleepers. Agreed as mud caused vessel to "lay off".
- Claims. £125.7.1 for hire of gunpowder cart, lost shoes, drapery, oils and tea.
- Dispute on freight charges with GNRy. Earthenware from NERY stations to Devonshire Street [*subject to*] same charge [*as*] via Welwyn or King's Cross the former being 12 miles longer. ECRy prepared to accept four miles and GNRy eight miles. To Clearing House.
- Steamer service twice monthly between Kings Lynn and Hamburg. Through passenger rate to London to be issued.
- Lowestoft fish traffic. Cutter boat hired from Mr. Brasted of Brightlingsea for 3 months from 25th June at £10 weekly. Mr. Coates to operate at £2 weekly. Pilotman engaged at 30/- weekly from 25th June. Total of £13.10.0 weekly. To earn £16.13.4 weekly. Charges to Billingsgate to ...[*incomplete statement*]
- Rolling Stock. Four box wagons to have locks fitted and to be used for light goods traffic from London to Wisbech [*Wisbech*].
- Newmarket Races. 40 horses at Diss to go to Newmarket as hacks. 8d per H. Box [*Horse Box?*] per mile charge.
- Claims. Goods Dept. of £130.14.11.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Roydon. Footpath. The cattle opening under the line is too low for pedestrians. Stile crossing suggested.
- Mr. Garrett's Granary at Bishop's Stortford. Agreed to sell the land to Mr. G. at a good price.
- Lowestoft. Salt House and Stable to cost £50.
- Brick Lane. Siding extension to cost £170. Agreed.
- Payments due: Mr. E. Condor for house repairs on Anchor Street, £117.7.5. - Messrs Ellis for cottage at March, £165.9.8. - Messrs Turton & Sons for bearing springs, £116.12.9. - Messrs Bray, Waddington & Co on account for 100 wagons, £1844.14.0. - Mr. A Tracey for loco shed at Peterborough, £307.6.5. - Mr. C. Osborne for brass bearings on account, £47.11.1. - Messrs Bolchow & Vaughan for 3000 tons of rails, £924.8.8. - Mr. Baines for plans of lines, £25. - Messrs Ransome & Sims on account for rail chairs, £3000. - Mr. J. Perry on account, for Wickham Viaduct - £1000, for Badley Viaduct, £400.
- Rolling Stock. Wagons: 150 from Rail. Carr. Co, £32.15 each. 150 from Bray. Wadd. [*Bray, Waddington*] £35 each. 100 from S. J. Claye, £32.15 each. Wheels and axles for the above still to be ordered.

Secretary's Report.

- Passes to Broxbourne for brothers of incapacitate victims of Tottenham accident (Empson & Manser) for business purposes was agreed with no liability.
- Swaffham gas supply. 6/- per (cubic feet 1000).
- Coal contracts. Messrs. Coote & Messrs Rickett Smith to supply Portland Hards at 12/9 per ton at Peterborough for 12 months. Coote 350 tons monthly and Rickett Smith 300 tons monthly.
- Lowestoft factory. Mr. Wilton's offer declined. Yarmouth shunting. Mr. McNamara accepts the terms offered (6th June).
- Roads, West Ham. The ECRy relieved of all responsibility for the roads from Stratford High Road to the new station.
- Ipswich new station. Water tank, turntable, etc. ordered by Eastern Union (Mr. Ayres Sec's letter). ECRy wish to open on 1st July.
- Bookstalls contract. Messrs Holmes and Rawlinson attended re increase of £500 from Feb 1861. They claimed profits of only £300 p.a. ECRy to consider new tenancy if possible.
- Provident Society. Sums due two-weekly to be deducted from pay.
- Brick Lane to be regarded as an independent station.
- Yarmouth & Lowestoft Fishermen. 200 lives lost, leaving widows and orphans. An appeal for financial help. Committee agreed a sum of 100 guineas be donated to the Mayor of Yarmouth's relief fund. Mr. McNamara stated that the Woolwich Gardens was giving the use of the place on 5th July for a benefit for the above fund and asked for full co-operation.
- Mr. Dutton to receive £20 p.a. for house rent. Mr. Sproul also to receive £20 p.a. house rent. Mr. Ford, stationmaster at Waltham to receive £25 p.a. house rent and £5 gratuity for extra work.
- Widow of ticket collector Elliott of Cambridge to receive 6 months free tenancy of company cottage (52/-).
- Eastern Union Company. Woodbridge. Stable is required and cattle dock alterations. To be informed.
- East Suffolk Company. Darsham, post and rail fence required to retain cattle in safe area.
- Works:
 - Cantley Station booking office extension. Coal shed to have slate roof for part usage, lamps. West side access to house, roof repaired, and porch enclosed against the rain.
 - Norwich. Station stores room at the rear to be used as Auditors Room. Fireplace and wooden floor to be installed, opening window, room papered and painted.
 - Trowse. A roadway 7ft in width at the cattle lairs is required with a gate to Mr. Martineau's meadow for his cattle to avoid crossing the lines.
- Station, Night Security. A circular to be issued to all stationmasters re goods warehouses and safety.
- Stowmarket. Station enquiry office alterations.
- Whittlesford. Stable for the truck horse required. North end of goods shed.
- Wisbeach. [*Wisbech*]. Mr. Cooney and tenancy of 2½ acres of meadow since 1857. He has not paid any rent! Land agent to act!
- Chatteris Dock. Old shed to be removed. Station House walls to be repaired, cess-pit emptied & closed. Porch to the entrance required with inside door and general reps. [*repairs*] decorating & pointing.
- Huntingdon Station-Junction trespassing by pedestrians. Superintendent to act.
- St Ives traffic to London, GNRy competition. Superintendent to report. Booking office alterations. Staff (clerks) [*office*] alterations.
- Mistley. Stationmaster's widow appointed cleaner at Ipswich station 10/- per week
- Lowestoft. Owner of the Stationmaster's rented house offering to sell the house to the ECRy that stands close to the station. Mr. Sinclair and the Chairman to handle the matter.

Superintendent's Report.

- Manningtree. Goods Guard Sharman run over by a wagon on 11th June. Foot amputated.
- Witham. Sidings not adequate for summer traffic. Extra siding required. To Joint Committee.
- Ely. Goods Guard Clements crossing the lines, knocked down in the 6 ft way and killed by loco and wagons.
- Saxmundham. Station Master Mr. Doggett resigned. He had been dismissed on the 6th instant.
- Occurrence on 18th June at Chelmsford when an up excursion train collided with a wagon of coal due to a signalman's error. Nobody injured. Mr. Hood the signalman was new to the box and it was decided that all trains, up and down, must stop at the signal-box for orders.
- North London Co. Employees excursion to Harwich, 28 coaches. Men 1/- each, women and children 6d each with an indemnity against liability.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Accident to pointsman Hewitt. Ballast wagon ran over foot. Amputated.
- Watlington. Stationmaster Mr. Veasey deceased. Widow to receive £10 but must vacate house.

- Mildenhall crossing. Incident on 14th June. Two men working for a Mr. King escaped being knocked down by an up Cambridge express. Both to be summonsed. Driver of locomotive to be rewarded.
- Omnibuses. “King’s Head” Hotel, Maldon. Owner offering to end his service from Maldon-Chelmsford market-days and run a bus from Burnham to Maldon via Southminster at 40/- weekly and 2d for each parcel. To be arranged amicably.
- Midland Railway Co. Joint meeting with GNRy at King’s Cross on 8th June. Mr. Allport, MRy Co proposed equal through rates for the three companies (Goods). ECRy seek 20% at least.

4th July 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

- Chatteris Dock, Coal drop proposed. 1,000 to 1,500 tons per annum. Mr. Sinclair to report
- Old Turntable. Mr. Long of Attleborough offering £20. Mr. Sinclair to report possibility.
- Chelmsford. A stable required for 3 horses.
- South Eastern Railway Company and the Canterbury Show. Waiver on wagon demurrage agreed.
- Lucifer matches. Brick Lane to Yarmouth. Mr. Smith to be summoned for despatch by box but not declared.
- Wreck of “Orwell”. Mr. Chapman agreed and has paid the £5 as requested.
- Lady Abermarle’s claim of £25 for damage to dresses (in transit to Harling). Resisted as they were sent by goods train with no protection provided against the rain.
- Claims. £89.18.7. hops damaged, lost land, butter, delayed sheep etc. etc.
- Sidings. Six Mile Bottom. Mr. C. F. Foster £150. Fence removal agreed.
- Tottenham. Cattle Lairs income 2 weeks to 1st July £4.3.6. Hay £13.0.0.
- Goods Department Claims. £88.2.2. to Audits Committee.
- Hertford & Welwyn Railway Company. Reference Wood’s coal train on 20th June. Supposed labelling error by GNRy. agent. He did not query the route.
- Wheels and Axles order. 150 sets Bray, Waddington at £28.5.0. per set (Leeds), 150 sets Lloyds, Foster at £28.5.0. per set (Oldbury), 200 sets Sandford & Owen at £25.17.6. (Leeds) or £26.10.0. per set (London).
- Pickford & Company. Their proposition of preference not approved. ECRy’s solicitor to advise.
- Ipswich New Station. Yard to be fenced off.

Land Agent’s Report.

- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Fire Claims. Solicitors advise of ECRy’s liability for damage to Ground’s Farm and £425.5.0. to be paid.
- Insurance. Ipswich New Station. £8,000 cover deposit to be paid.

Chairman’s Report

- Mr. Nibble, Ipswich Station Master to assume charge of the new station at £150 per annum.
- Hadleigh Station Master’s house to be repaired at £58.
- Bookstalls, Messrs. Holmes & Smith giving notice of end of lease on February 1861. They had breached their contract by allowing free transport of newspapers by tradesmen.
- Lynn to Hunstanton. Worked traffic costs. Estimated for proposed line. £10. per mile weekly at 50% of receipts, £9 per mile weekly at 52 % of receipts, £8 per mile weekly at 55% of receipts, £7 per mile weekly at 58% of receipts, £6 per mile weekly at 63& of receipts.
- Loughton services, complaints of the late arrivals of the Up early train to Fenchurch Street. Superintendent and Blackwall Company [*London & Blackwall Railway*] to confer.
- Peterborough Station. LNWRy. Meeting at Euston Square regarding the amount owed to the ECRy. by the LNWRy. Mr. Stewart, secretary of the LNWRy., was not available for an interview. Nothing was resolved.

18th July 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

- Forncett, post and rail fence needed to prevent cattle straying on to the line. St. Ives stable floor to be repaired; Sudbury stable to be enlarged; Victoria Dock, an old horse-box to be provided as a lock up for tackle.
- Foreign Cattle Traffic. On 13th July at Lowestoft the “Swallow” with 185 oxen and 84 sheep for Norwich.
- Claims. £81.0.1. usual losses and damage in transit. Superintendent Kent of the police to increase surveillance. Loss on 19th May of two packages from Ely to London. Claim for £17.16.7. Conviction of guard Bryce for stealing shoes, 12 months imprisonment.
- Colne Valley Railway Company. Meat consignments from Halstead to London rate to remain at 20s.0d per ton. Locomotive to Stratford Works and return from repair at the usual rate, no reductions.

- Hawkin's Wharf at Colchester offered at £100 per annum. Declined
- Ipswich. Two stall stable required. For Mr. Sinclair and Eastern Union Railway Company.
- Goods Department claims £159.18.11.

Secretary's Report

- Reference 4th July meeting. Sidings, Six Mile Bottom, Mr. C. S. Foster not willing to pay for siding.
- Passenger duty. The Inland Revenue has waived duty for Rifle Volunteers.

Superintendent's Report.

- Incident on 4th July when the carriages of a special train were derailed at Saxmundham by interference with points. A reward of £10 offered for information.
- Rolling Stock on the Tilbury line on 9th July. Passenger carriages 157 all classes excluding brake vans.
- Steamer service. Lynn to Hamburg abandoned.
- Fatal accident on 4th July at Bishopsgate Station. Engine driver Fagan struck by an engine and dragged along the ballast and run over. Died later. Sum of £10 to his widow.

Mr. Sinclair's Report

- Payments due:- Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan on account, rails £8,013.10.0.; Thames Ironworks, on account, girders for Whittlesea Bridge £500.; Mr. Wood, gate cottage Brundall £140.13.0.; Mr. C. Osborn, wagon bearings £77.17.4.; Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account, wagons £223.12.0.; Mr. Tracey, on account, March Bridge £500.; Mr. Tracey, on account, Magdalen Bridge £500.; Mr. Tracey, on account, Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Bridge £500.; Messrs. Bennett & Sons, on account, Ely Bridge £250.; Messrs. Neilson & Co, on account, 20 Goods Locomotives £900.
- Timber Wagons. 100 ordered from Railway Carriage Company at £34.17.6. each.

Mr. Fearn's Report

- Ledger Accounts granted to R. Lawrence of Ware; Turner, Blewitt of Millwall; Nicholas, Graham & Co. of Isle of Dogs; Messrs. H. & A. Wallis of Ipswich, have settled debts and to have a Ledger Account.
- Claims. £139.12.8. by Mr. R. Lawrence for lost malt dust at Meldreth in 1856-57 allowed. Also for £17.10.0 wharf rentage at Ipswich. Messrs. Prentice & Hewitt allowed.

Chairman's Report

- East Suffolk Railway Company. Surplus land at stations (a lengthy letter on same HEJ)
 1. Melton. Site for a granary.
 2. Wickham Market. Site for letting with right of Siding.
 3. Parham. Granary site
 4. Framlingham. Granary site and plot for letting.
 5. Snape. Land for leasing.
 6. Saxmundham. Granary site to be given up (? HEJ).
 7. Leiston. Land for leasing. ECRy. to retain old loco shed and siding plots.
 8. Yoxford. Land for leasing. ECRy. to retain.
 9. Brampton. Granary site.
 10. Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*]. Land for lease.
 11. Beccles. Some for lease and some to be retained.
 12. Sidings, Wickham Market and Leiston under ECRy. control. All approved
- Great Northern Railway Company. (Page 261). Letter from the secretary, Mr. Seymour Clarke, re the Luton - Welwyn traffic. GNRy wish to work all the traffic from Hertford to Dunstable with present agreements preserved. To pay 60% of earnings from Welwyn Junction to Kings Cross. Luton Company's section not complete. Midland Railway Company agreement mentioned. Status Quo approved.
- Works. Brick lane. The Cambridge Bank, extension to boundary on west side of goods shed. Fencing from platform to roof on north side.
- Norwich Thorpe. Old shed for timber to be demolished and brick shed roof to be repaired.
- Steamboat "River Queen" lying derelict. Mr. Marriott offering to purchase.
- Staff. A grant of £10 to Mr. Morris, Cambridge for a sea side holiday to recover after illness.

1st August 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Managers Report.

- Stratford Coal Cells. Mr. Daldy to have the late Mr. Tyler's report.
- Gunpowder. War Office enquiry on rates for metal-boxed consignments. No reduction as Magazine will still be used.
- Coal traffic. Glasgow meeting on 26th July. LNWRy. Proposed 3d. per ton terminals but amendment was carried for deferment.
- Electric Telegraph between Ipswich New Station and Goods Station required.

- Woodbridge. A crane required for heavy goods. Eastern Union Railway to provide
- Works. Lock-up Trucks (fitted with Chubb's locks) for use as follows: 8 - London to Norwich Thorpe; 4 - London to Norwich Victoria; 2 - Peterborough to Ely; 4 - Peterborough to Norwich Thorpe; 4 - London to Lynn, Downham and Swaffham; 2 - London to Bury St Edmunds; 4 - London to Ipswich; 4 - London to Cambridge; 2 - Ipswich to Cambridge; 2 - Norwich Thorpe to Ely; 2 - London to Yarmouth.
- Great Northern Railway Co. Use of ECRy's wagons between Sandy and Potton and no notification to the Railway Clearing House. Mr. Seymour Clarke (GNRy) says the amount is very trifling but ECRy insists.
- Lady Albermarle's claim (4th July Meeting). The Earl presses claim, ECRy still resists claim.
- Claims. £72.15.2. usual lost tea, drapery and delayed cattle etc.
- Hertford & Welwyn Railway Co. Through goods traffic decrease due to routing to Camden, Kings Cross and Hackney Wick.
- Lucifer Matches. A Mr. Smith guilty of sending such matches in an undeclared parcel. 40s 0d fine.
- New Stamp Act. Not clear on changes (Goods). Inland Revenue to be contacted for advice.
- Goods Department Claims of £184.5.2. to Audit Office.
- Blackwall Pepper Warehouses to be whitewashed.

Chairman's Report

- Horses, Carriages and dogs. All to be invoiced and accounted through the Parcels Office. Mr. Snow, Clerk, to particularly check Excess Luggage. All injury complaints to the Manager. This order dated 28th October 1875 is cancelled. To be in charge of Mr. Robertson with excess luggage costed by Booking Offices. All injury claims to the Superintendent.
- Round timber, by day trains if possible.
- Cartage Accounts. Manager and Mr. Scully. 1859. No accounts presented. System to be altered. Accounts Office to know of all agreements.
- Norwich Staff. Alterations as follows:- G. Abbott (Assistant Number Taker) to be Numbertaker vice Mr. Slack at 8s 0d weekly. Mr. W. Hall, Booking Clerk, to receive 7s 0d weekly. Mr. G. Brazier to be scotchman at 4s 0d weekly. Mr. Rushmore, scotchman, to be stableman at 8s 0d weekly, etc. etc.
- Bentley Station House to be repaired.
- Pickford & Co. Proffered agreement (4th July meeting) rejected on solicitor's advice. Pending litigation to be the business of Mr. Moseley. Basis of 3s 0d per ton for London cartage and 1s 6d per ton for Cambridge.
- Chelmsford Sessions. Stratford or Ilford at 1d per mile on any train by 2nd Class, constable and prisoner to Chelmsford. Exception the 11.30am. and 4.25pm. ex Bishopsgate Station.

Mr. Sinclair's Report

- Elmham Siding extension to cost £200.
- Needham. Extra platform to Goods Shed to cost £20. Approved.
- Adelaide Gate Crossing coal store (Mr. Coote) to be extended.
- Payments Due. Mr. Perry, on account, Wickham Viaduct £500. and Badley Viaduct £500.; Mr. Bennett, Ely Bridge £123.14.10.; Mr. Hill, Tottenham 2 cottages £300.; Messrs. Bell & Sons, on account, bridges Lynn - Ely and March - Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] £400.

Secretary's Report

- Board of Trade. Colonel Yolland's Report on Romford Station. A new station to be built.
- Bookstalls. Messrs. Smith, Holmes & Co. over charging complaint by the "Times" newspaper. The contract is due to expire.
- Great Yarmouth Regatta. Donation of £10 agreed.
- Rainham Cemetery. Seeking same concessions as the Woking Cemetery Co. in Surrey. Declined.

Land Agent's Report

- Bury Sidings. Messrs. Borlingham's proposed granary and siding next to Prentice's Siding. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- River Walls (West Ham). Repairs generally requested. Marsh Bailiff quotes £80.17.6. for the work. This was approved.
- Station Gas. Usage after working hours is becoming excessive. Superintendent Kent to investigate.
- Excursion for Loco & Permanent Way staff on 11th August was approved.
- Peterborough staff. Station Master Mr. Ketcher to receive £20 per annum increase; Goods Clerk, Mr. Eveleigh to also receive £20 per annum increase.

Superintendent's Report

- East Suffolk Railway Co. Leiston Station sidings. Mr. Garrett's - Fields [?]. Also carriage dock alterations. For Sir Morton Peto.
- Works. Ipswich Station. Cross-overs required for station end of ticket platform between ESRy & EURy [*East Suffolk and Eastern Union*] Up lines and at Dock Junction, 20 yards south of signals. Additional Up Auxiliary Signal at south end, for East Suffolk traffic.

- Loughton. An extra train from 1st August departing at 9.10am. arriving at Bishopsgate at 9.45am and an additional departure from Bishopsgate at 4.45pm. arriving at Loughton 5.20pm. Complaints regarding the first Up train from Loughton 1st June to 21st July the average late arrival at Fenchurch Street was 6½ minutes. Nine cases out of ten the delay was on the Blackwall Railway.
- Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*] Denton's Crossing and gate cottage required.
- Walthamstow & Leyton. Complaints regarding the number of trains as being inadequate. Suggested extra train to call at Lea Bridge at 11.30am. was rejected.
- Custom House (Hotel). Man carrying a case of champagne slipped on the platform steps and broke a leg 14th July.; Harwich on 24th July. Driver Garrett trapped between Loco and brake van buffers. Died later.
- Norwich Musical Festival Mid-September special train arrangements. (page 278).
- Sundry convictions. Assault, interfering with signals, stealing luggage, ticket offences (6 cases).
- Loughton Line Bridge collapse on 25th July. The centre arch of bridge between Loughton and Buckhurst Hill fell down just after the first Up morning train obstructing both lines. Up side arch began to collapse later and was demolished. Mr. Sinclair to report on this matter.
- The Ipswich Dorling "Dummy". Case settled for £130 out of Court (What was this all about ? HEJ).

15th August 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Bentley Station Master's House enlargement to cost £67. and station improvements £25. To Joint Committee.
- Brick Lane. Cambridge Bank improvements to cost £195 agreed to proceed.
- Coal Shed for Mr. Frost at Norwich Thorpe. Mr. Moseley to report on same.
- Payments Due. Mr. Penny for well at George Lane £20.; Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan, on account, Rails £4,500.; Messrs. Wade & Son, on account, Timber £2,000, Sleepers £800, 2nd Sleepers £2,428.15.0.; Messrs. T. B. & S. Batchelor, on account, Sleepers £790.16.0.; Mr. Osborne, wagon bearings, (1st) £64.1.3. (2nd) £64.9.7.
- Bridge, Witham - Wickham renewal. Order for girders to Mr. J. Perry at £744.0.0. approved.
- Romford New Station. Contract to Mr. J. Perry at £2,496.0.0. approved

Manager's Report

- Oakington Goods Shed. Extra platform required. Mr. Sinclair to estimate.
- Coal Traffic. Blackwall to Huntingdon. Bishops Stortford to Ely to become a coal district? (Sea-borne coal to Blackwall). Mr. Maynard to report.
- Sundry claims in Court (£2.4.11)(£1.8.10)
- Clearing House at Stratford and Chappell. Accommodation requested Agreeable to pay rent.
- Sacks. Mr. Lee has withdrawn his sacks and ECRy to apply at Boston as required.
- Claims. £101.8.4. Six cases of lost property. Police Superintendent Kent to investigate these cases; Goods Department £128.3.0.
- Pepper Warehouses sewers in need of repairs
- Norwich Festival Week. Mr. Gillman and picture exhibition. From London by train 50s 0d quoted for collection to Norwich.
- Wells & Fakenham Railway. Timber ex Wells extra siding required. Wells & Fakenham Railway Co. to provide. Heavy groceries etc from London to Wells 1st Class rate reduced from 23s 4d per ton to 16s 8d per ton.

Superintendent's Report

- Ipswich. Fatality on 1st August when painter named Willoughby placed ladder between the rails in the Woodbridge Station Arcade to paint the roof interior. Shunted carriages struck the ladder. Painter was run over and died later.
- Fares revision from Chappell to Colchester. Road distance to be the guide. Also from Halstead to Sudbury likewise. Halstead & Colne to go on the Weekly Excursion List for London and Harwich at the same fares as from Bures and Sudbury. All approved.
- Trowse Junction. A slight collision on 11th August. A passenger train running into an engine. One passenger complained of shock. Driver Pitts dismissed for ignoring signals.

Secretary's Report

- Bookstalls. Messrs. Smith & Holmes offering stalls and stock or alternatively an extension after December 31st to clear same from the stations. Offer declined and date of December 31st to be final. Three S. & H. employees seeking employment, Messrs. Sillitoe, Goodman and Heyward, all declined.
- Higham, the Inn owner Mr. Dunning seeking the Directors' support for a full licence, agreed so to do.

- Coal. Messrs. Booth Bros. of Nottingham complaining of earlier refusal for a site at Norwich Thorpe now granted to another. The Manager (ECRy.) to report. Also from Messrs. Johnson & Headdy re Mr. Coote's monopoly at 44 stations. They ask for sites at Brandon, Cambridge, Ely, Manea, Littlebury, Swavesey, March and Whittlesford. Manager (ECRy.) to report.
- Eastern Union Railway Company. Pass granted to Mr. Bruff.
- Yarmouth Races. £10 subscription agreed.
- Snape. Additional trains requested by Mr. Garrett. This was declined.
- Coal, Ipswich, Messrs. Butcher & Girling wishing to fence their site. For Mr. Maynard's opinion.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Shortfall on the 50% agreed through traffic receipts. Committee decide to demand the sum due or cease through bookings.
- Locomotive Stock. (Mr. Sinclair's statement, page 289 & 290).
 - To 31st December 1856 Average. Passenger work 60, Goods work 60, Pilot and Shunting 15, Repairs 133.
 - To 30th June 1857, Passenger work 65, Goods work 61, Pilot and Shunting 13, Repairs 127.
 - To 31st December 1857, Passenger work 57, Goods work 61, Pilot and Shunting 15, Repairs 125.
 - To 30th June 1858, Passenger work 66, Goods work 56, Pilot and Shunting 15, Repairs 128.
 - To 31st December 1858, Passenger work 62, Goods work 63, Pilot and Shunting 15, Repairs 104.
 - To 30th June 1859, Passenger work 74, Goods work 69, Pilot and Shunting 17, Repairs 104.
 - To 31st December 1859, Passenger work 69, Goods work 71, Pilot and Shunting 23, Repairs 103.
 - To 30th June 1860, Passenger work 71, Goods work 70, Pilot and Shunting 23, Repairs 136.
 Further economies were to be discussed.

29th August 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

- Sacks, 432 lost in fire at Messrs. Marriott's Mills at Lynn on 22nd August. Marriott to be charges 2s 0d each, £43.4.0.
- Loading Gauge needed at Victoria Dock
- Norwich Corn Exchange. ECRy's Collector to have a season ticket.
- Tottenham, Cattle lairs. Receipts 2 weeks to 26th August 11s 3d., Hay £1.3.0.
- Grain unclaimed. 15 quarters of barley at Newmarket since February. Sold for £24.
- Cherry Hinton Lime Works. Messrs. Colman's royalty cheque for last half year received (£15.4.6.) suspected underpayment.
- Blackwall Sidings to cost £250. For Joint Committee.
- (Pages 293 & 294) (A very long article HEJ) Hertford & Welwyn Railway Co. GNRy. to lease from the 1st September. Agreement of 16th January 1852 to hold good; the 662/3% on Hertford to London traffic (between Welwyn Junction and London) also to hold good. Welwyn traffic to Hertford will continue to October 1st. The ECRy. loco working Hertford to Welwyn will cease. Through rates Hertford via Leighton Buzzard to LNWRy. Rates requested for stations east of Hertford. Cartage rates also requested for London. The Chairman to consider.
- Claim by Mr. Leather for £26 for damaged silk dresses due to wet. The Blackwall Company was held responsible. Claims £134.4.6. Mainly lost in transit.
- Unclaimed goods sold £261.19.8.
- Bramford Lime Works. Mr. Mason's siding at Dovercourt. Mr. Sinclair to costimate.
- Goods Department Claims of £181.7.5. to Audit Department.
- Passes for Coal Co's Wagon Inspectors. Mr. Coote's has expired, he asks for a free pass as Mr. Sinclair issued to Messrs. Rickett Smith. Mr. Sinclair to explain.
- Pickford & Company. Manager to report to Committee at next meeting.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Goods cartage; Mr. Cressal used to take the goods via Braintree from Halstead. Due to some difficulties Mr. Cressal now takes his goods to London by road. Mr. Moseley to see C. V. Company to negotiate.

Superintendent's Report

- Fatal accident on 23rd August at Stratford, North London platform. Mr. Kayes crossing the lines was knocked down by engine and killed. "Accidental death".
- Fares, Peterborough to Norwich via Lynn. Via Ely to be the same, both routes to be available. Swaffham to Thetford 1st Class Single 5s 0d, Return 7s 6d. 2nd Class Single 4s 0d, Return 7s 6d. 3rd Class Single 3s 0d, Return 4s 6d. All approved.
- Lowestoft. Denmark Road lamp to be gas lit and an all-night lamp

Mr. Sinclair's Report

- Payments Due. Messrs. Losh, Wilson & Bell, Fishplate chairs £586.6.3.; Messrs. Lewin, timber, on account, £1,000.; Messrs Ransom & Sims, on account, chairs £2,000.; Messrs. Batchelor, on account, sleepers £791.12.0.

Secretary's Report

- Coal Stores, Bishopsgate. Messrs. Rickett Smith and the £400 cost of alterations. ECRy. unwilling to assist.
- Bury St Edmunds. Messrs. Burlingham's siding adjacent to Messrs. Sinclair & Gibson to report.
- Ipswich. Messrs. Pye Bros. Request for a tiled drain under the ECRy tramway and towing path and emptying into the river. Agreed at 2s 6d per annum and good brick heading.
- Lowestoft Pier Band. Donation of £20 for the Lowestoft Amusement Committee.
- Waveney Railway Co. Independent working from 15th September. ECRy Board to discuss.

12th September 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Pass for the Manager, Mr. Brown, declined. Rate for his furniture London to Harlestone [*Harleston*], ref Mr. Moseley. Use of ECRy. grain sacks also declined.
- Foreign Cattle Traffic. S. S. "Swallow" Lowestoft on 31st August with 100 oxen and 145 sheep.
- Coal traffic into City of London during August:- LNWRy. 41,378 tons 1859, 58,030 tons 1860; GNRy. 29,232 tons 1859, 26,586 tons 1860; ECRy. 7,652 tons 1859, 11,235 tons 1860; GWRy. 11,174 tons 1859, 7,271 tons 1860; MidRy. 2,372 tons 1859, 4,592 tons 1860; SWRy. 2,093 tons 1859, 2,685 tons 1860; Hertford Luton 570 tons 1859, 570 tons 1860.
- Sacks. Summonses against Mr. White of Chelmsford and Messrs. Potter of Dereham for improper usage. Mr. Lawrence of Ware to have usage withdrawn.
- Foreign Grain. (page 304) Peculiar minute regarding sacked grain and railway sacks (HEJ).
- Parcel Carts. Three more required. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Coal Stores. Messrs. Booth & Co. Norwich site not used as coal depot and Loco Department could use for wagon repairs with siding available. Messrs Booth to lose their application.
- Leiston Staff. Porters, difficulty of recruitment. Garretts work people occupy available housing. Sir Morton Peto to be asked to erect four cottages for rail staff.
- Eastern Union Railway Co. Sudbury Goods Shed, road in need of repairs.
- Pickford & Co. New arrangements submitted:-
 1. All law suits to be suspended pro-tem.
 2. Pickford to cease the packing of "smalls" parcels.
 3. Pickfords to operate only at Norwich, Ipswich, Colchester, Cambridge.
 4. Pickfords to charge no lower than the ECRy rate.
 5. Pickfords not to solicit our customers.
 6. Pickford to have an ECRy. weekly account.
 7. Pickford to have 10% discount.
 8. Pickfords to pay 50% of their own law costs.
- Lowestoft. Hire of the cutter "Victoria" to cease on 25th September, notice to be given to Mr. Coates and Pilot.
- Bury St Edmunds Cartage Contract. To be at 2s 4d per ton.
- Maldon Wharf. The Northumberland & Durham Coal Co. rental of £60 is due for collection.
- Claims. £143.12.10. for lost vitriol, tobacco, drapery and damaged goods.
- Claims generally. The District Superintendents all in attendance to discuss the heavy losses. It was resolved that the Manager must inform the District Superintendents of any losses from 30th June to 12th September.
- Newmarket Station Master Mr. Kew to be moved elsewhere and a more capable person to take charge.
- Goods Department Claims of £75.18.1. to Auditors.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Tivetshall, numbertaker required, Railway Clearing House to provide a person.
- Working Expenses. Anxiety re last half-year figures, economies were discussed. Loco Dept !

Superintendent's Report

- Brentwood on 1st September a loaded horse box van from a siding on to the Up Main Line. No accident occurred however as the Up Norwich train had not arrived. Station Master Cole was cautioned and Porter Dennison dismissed. Littlebury on 21st August the Up Parliamentary train was stopped by the signalman awaiting the "All Clear" from Audley End. Stratford "Narrow escape". Trucks shunted 15 minutes before train was due fouling the main line. "All Clear" given to Angel Lane but the signalman saw the trucks and held the train back. Signalman Moore and Guard Elson of Stratford were suspended for one week and cautioned. Ipswich on 6th September. Steamboat "Prince" on fire. Damage of £60, police investigating. Mr. Sinclair to repair the boat at once. On 29th August a horse killed between

Beccles and Carlton. No damage to the train. Also on 29th August at Hertford a temporary shunter was trapped between wagon buffers and killed whilst in process of coupling up. On 1st September at Stratford Bridge Station a man named Russell fell from the platform and was run over and killed.

- Convictions. Seven in number for assault, drunk and disorderly and pocket picking (page 311).
- Works. Lankester's Crossing. The mud hut was no longer usable and a cottage had been authorized. For Mr. Sinclair.

Mr. Sinclair's Report

- Brick Lane Smithy to be moved to an arch nearer to the stables. Cost £150.
- St. Ives Branch. Duke of Manchester seeking to enlarge a water course beneath the line. The bridge piles would be affected, request refused.
- Sidings, Great Ryburgh Mill, Fakenham Branch proposed tramway for Messrs. Foster Son & Co. Agreed, Fosters to pay.
- Chatteris Coal Shoot. Cost £120. Existing shoot to be repaired, cheaper !

Mr. Fearn's Report

- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Station Master to be moved nearer to London.
- Advertising Income. 8/6/1859 to 30/6/1860 was £453.3.0. Not paid the amount of £284.5.11.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Several disputes, a Mr. Ayres and Stores Ticket Cases sold, cheque for £150.17.6. and another for £50 (all very devious HEJ). Also rails lifted from the sidings at Harlestone [*Harleston*] and used on the running lines (again devious HEJ).
- Ipswich Stables, non-existent. Horses in the open, tarpaulin shelter proposed.

26th September 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report

- Coal Rates, Peterborough and Lynn to Bury St Edmunds to be based on road mileage, Ely to Newmarket, Ipswich to Ely also on road mileage. Mr. Moseley to consider; Coal Stores, Messrs. J. & C. Wood in financial trouble, arches at ? [*HEJ not sure where*] to remain in their tenancy. Land Agent; Also a train of coal arrived at Peterborough for T. W. Wood & Co. and trains at Blackwall for Wood to be held.
- Silk Traffic, Kelvedon to London. Two lock-up vans to be provided.
- Foreign Cattle Traffic. S. S. "Swallow" arrived at Lowestoft on the 16th September with 45 oxen and 140 sheep for Norwich Market.
- North Eastern Shed at ? [*HEJ not sure where*] roof leaking, malt storage for Trueman's. Mr. Sinclair to make good.
- Bury St Edmunds. Office hut for cattle clerk required.
- Blackwall. Horses' water of poor quality. Well existent, pump requires repairs. To be done.
- Wickham Market. A 5-ton crane required for Messrs. Whitmore's agricultural implements (Outgoing goods). For Sir M. Peto.
- Woolpit Fair 19th September. 24 trucks of cattle in and 68 trucks of cattle out.
- Norwich Musical Festival. Two pianos from London to be charged the full rate.
- Claims Goods Dept. £169.10.1. to auditors. General £191.11.11. More discussion on these claims. £25. for damaged scenery. £20. for lost linen etc. etc. Carriers partly to blame.

Secretary's Report

- Refreshment Rooms, Ipswich New Station. Mr. Guiver, "White Horse Hotel" £100. plus £30. for the Cab stand. Chairman to try for £150. from Guiver.
- Ware, Hadham & Buntingford Railway. From ECRy's Solicitors, Crowder, Maynard & Co., 57 Coleman Street, London 6/6/1860. A letter stating that the connection proposed at St. Margaret's Station will be westward and suggesting that the ECRy. lay down a third rail from this junction to the station. Toll to be paid by the WHBRy. It was resolved that :- the ECRy. Secretary writes to the WHBRy. agreeing on payment of £250. per annum for the usage of rails and station. Also 3/4d for each passenger booked or set down and Goods at Clearing House Rates. Any extra land required would also be on additional charge.
- Gas Meters to be fitted at Beccles, Yarmouth, Framlingham, Woodbridge for Station Master's Houses. Swaffham to have a gas supply laid on.

Superintendent's Report

- Lady passenger Sawyer at Downham Station, was alighting from Excursion train on 15th September when a platform board broke and she fell injuring one leg; Ilford - Romford on 24th September, a woman named Aken was run over and killed.
- Excursion trains to cease in early October.
- Convictions, nine in number mostly Yarmouth. (page 323)

- Wagon on fire, 14th September on Up Cambridge meat train, Audley End Station. Destroyed before flames could be suppressed; Occurrence at Norwich Thorpe on 13th September when the engine of a special passenger train arrival had uncoupled to proceed to the turntable. A passenger on the train was knocked down and one foot run over; Also on the 14th September at Stratford, Goods Guard Hills slipped whilst re-coupling wagons and one arm was run over
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. to have use of ECRy Horse Boxes and Carriage Trucks when available.
- London Rifle Brigade, London and return Forest Gate when in uniform for drill meetings. 1st Class at 6d, 2nd Class at 4d. was approved.
- Chatteris. Gas at 6s 8d per 1,000 cubic feet, agreed to connect to mains.
- LNWRy. Casualty. Goods Porter Wright of Fletton Crossing carrying cask on his shoulders was struck by a loco and died.
- Mellis - Finningham on 19th September a trolley on the line was struck by a train. No train damage, the Platelayer dismissed.
- Casualty on 12th September at Ingatestone when lady passenger traveling to Brentwood fell off the end of the platform looking for a seat. Slight injuries.
- Finningham Station. In need of repairs, new station suggested. Joint Committee.
- Casualty on 23rd September similar to that of the 12th September at Cheshunt, a woman passenger Reavel ran to the end of the platform to board the train from Hertford, missed the carriage steps and struck her head. Legal proceedings to come. Resolved that platform ends must have slopes.

Mr. Sinclair's Report

- Romford Worker's cottage repairs (32 dwellings) to cost £404. Approved.
- Oakington platform extension to cost £60. Agreed.
- Parcel Carts to cost £35 each. Three ordered.
- Sidings. Messrs. Burlingham at Bury St Edmunds. Rent 10s 0d per annum, they to lay siding.
- Lowestoft. Complaint re smoke from Creosote Works. Mr. Sinclair to act.
- Rails. 400 tons in stock, 4,000 tons to be purchased.
- Payments Due. Mr. J. Perry, on account, Witham Bridge £400.; Mr. Tracey, on account, Whittlesea Dyke Bridge [*Whittlesey*] £700.; on account, Magdalen Gate Bridge £500.; on account, March Bridge £300.; Mr. Shaw, girders for Magdalen Gate Bridge £504.12.0.; Messrs. Bell & Sons, on account, Bridge, Ely - Watlington £400.; Mr. J. Perry, on account, Wickham Bridge £145.1.1.; Railway Carriage Co., on account, 100 wagons £395.4.0., and 100 wagons round-ended, on account, £375.; Mr. W. Hill 2 Gate Cottages, Tottenham £61.0.8.; Messrs. Bell & Co. gate cottage at Prickwillow £184.5.7.; Mr. R. Hood enl [*? enlarge*] Refreshment Rooms Norwich £94.; Mr. C. Osborne, brass bearings £54.13.9.; Railway Carriage Co. 100 round-ended wagons £562.10.0. and 100 cattle wagons £592.16.0.; Messrs. Lloyds Foster & Co 50 sets wheels and axles for wagons £1,412.10.0., 8 sets for 2nd Class carriages £274.; Mr. C. Osborne, brass bearings (wagons) £74.16.3., brass bearings for carriages £37.3.9., for Brake Vans £38.8.4., for carriages £37.16.6.; Messrs. Bowen & Co brass bearings for timber wagons £160.; Messrs. Heywood, Tyler & Co brass bearings for wagons £240.17.6.; Messrs. T. Turton & Sons, springs for 150 wagons.; Bray, Waddington £252.10.11. springs for 20 Brake Vans, Wrights £192.16.7. springs for 2nd Class carriages, Wrights, £69.2.0.; Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan, rail contract, £1,000.; Messrs. Wade & Son, sleeper contract, £2,000.; Mr. Lewin, on account timber contract, £2,000.; Messrs. Losh, Wilson & Co., on account fire plate contract, £892.19.9.; Total Sum of £14,530.6.8.

Land Agent's Report

- Waltham right of way Bethlehem Hospital and the station platform ext. Mr. Sinclair and Land Agent to confer on this problem.
- Chelmsford. Passenger Luggage Shoot from the platform to the Booking Office. Superintendent to report.
- Spalding. "Hawkes House", Mr. Harvey and his accounts due.
- Bishops Stortford. Messrs. Miller's Granary at Chesterford. Right of way through station yard. Mr. Sinclair to report. Also a piece of land at Braintree for Miller's to erect a Granary, for Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Coal Stores. Mr. Walsh at Attleborough wishing to erect a shed. For Manager.
- Fakenham surplus land. Mr. Orbiston wishing to erect a granary. Refused.
- Hythe Station, also Mr. Holland was refused, land for timber storage.

Chairman's Report

- Steam Boats. "Orion" sought by Mr. Broughton for breaking up. Mr. Sinclair.
- Goods Accounts at stations, errors, etc. No lad to keep accounts until examined by auditors.
- Ipswich. All property to be fenced securely.
- Brick Lane Accounts. A deficiency of £8.9.11. The three clerks interviewed and two were dismissed.
- Advertising. Mr. Handley dismissed as Agent.

- Working expenses. Mr. Sinclair gave his views on this subject. Mr. Robertson was told to improve matters and Mr. Moseley's diminished Goods Receipts were criticised. Resolved:- Mr. Sinclair to supply a two weekly return for receipts per mile passenger and goods, number of locos in steam daily and he be thanked for his views.
- Harwich Excursions. Mr. Robertson to supply a return of the number of passengers both to Harwich and Ipswich at 2s 6d return during past season compared with the number at 3s 6d in 1859.
- Messrs. Sparkes, Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, asking for free return of exhibits for Canterbury Show. Charge of £12.15.6. was waived.
- Fakenham Cattle Siding. Extra points to be laid.
- Ipswich. Mr. Bond's rates for hide and leather to be increased to 10s 0d per ton.
- Ely Waterside Warehouse. Underneath floor for Lee's sacks for foreign traffic

10th October 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Coal Rates. The road mileage again. Mr. Maynard to give his opinion.
- Claim. Yarmouth. Man killed on quay settled for £25. ECRy to pay half.
- Hertford. Hut required for the Railway Clearing House Clerk.
- Foreign Cattle Trade. S. S. "Swallow" on 28th September at Lowestoft with 80 oxen & 87 sheep for Norwich Market.
- Grain Season. Extra staff required at St. Ives, Narborough, Chatteris and Dock, Swavesey, Long Stanton and an extra horse at Stowmarket and St. Ives. All approved.
- Wells. Carting, Shunting new contractor Mr. Spicer.
- Coal Traffic, into the City of London, September; LNWRy 53,389 tons (1860) 39,403 tons (1859); GNRy 34,062 tons (1860) 32,099 tons (1859); ECRy 9,384 tons (1860) 5,710 tons (1859); GWRy 816 tons (1860) 1,170 tons (1859); MidRy 5,950 tons (1860) 3,775 tons (1859); SWRy 1,610 tons (1860) 1,220 tons (1859).
- Woodbridge Station. Shunting facilities needed, Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Unclaimed Grain. 8½ quarters sold for £22.15.0.
- Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*] Station complaints, Station Master Stubbins to be dismissed.
- Claims. £42.2.0. only. Goods Department £131.15.5.; Mr. May's claim for £32. 15.0. for four pieces of timber allegedly lost in transit, ECRy to defend the case.
- Ipswich Station. Marshes additional sidings required.
- Finningham Station in a bad state and goods shed roof leaking. New station suggested, goods shed roof to be repaired.
- Dunmow cartage. The manager to visit and report.
- Coal stores. The Woods affair. Messrs. T. W. Wood & Co. seeking the relinquished sites of Messrs. J. & G. Woods (bankrupt) at Waltham, Enfield, Ponders End, Loughton. Messrs. Rickett Smith & Co. want Waltham and Mr. North (Babbington) wants a site at Bishopsgate. Manager to report.
- Peterborough. Chairman had met Mr. Johnson of Messrs. Johnson & Headdy re sites for coal storage and spoke of J. & H.'s letter of complaint to Board of Trade. Matter deferred.
- The Board of Trade and Messrs. Johnson & Headdy. Manager ECRy to acquaint solicitors ECRy, with facts.
- Wells & Fakenham Railway Co. Mr. Hutt (W&F) to Mr. Moseley (ECRy) regarding access to Wells Quay for ECRy's wagons to load. Tolls to be charged to ECRy limit. Mr. Moseley to assess and report to the Chairman.
- Tottenham & Edmonton Gas Co. Rent due from them for their siding at Water Lane and also overcharges for coal delivered. Dispute unresolved.

Secretary's Report:

- Locomotive tubes. Messrs. A. Everett & Co. 8d per lb. For new tubes was the accepted tender.
- Yarmouth Town clerk requesting £10 for 2 years hire of an office. To be paid if certified by Mr. Moseley.
- Pickford & Co. (See June 6th 1860). Long letter regarding agreement proposals, generally accepted but legality in doubt. Resolved that Manager and Solicitors to act.
- Blackwall Railway Company. Credit claims. 6 months to 31-12-1856 working Bow Junction. Overcharge £58.5.8.; Expenses for signal at Old Bow Station 5 years to 31-12-1859 £209.19.6.; Special Excursions to North Woolwich Gardens during 1859 £23.18.0. Agreed to be allowed.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Loughton Line buildings, report submitted, matter was deferred.
- Payments Due. Railway Carriage Co. on account, Cattle wagons £494. and round end wagons £687.10.0.; Messrs. Lloyds, Foster & Co. on account, wheels and axles for wagons, £621.10.0.; For Carriages £376.15.0; Messrs. Sandford & Owen, on account, wheels and axles for brake vans £112.10.0.; Messrs. Wright & Co., on account, 20 Brake vans £1,992 and 40 2nd Class carriages £885.; Messrs. Lewin, on account, timber contract £1,500.; Mr. Headley, on account girders for March Bridge £400. and girders for Waldersea Bridge £200.; Messrs. Turton & Sons.

Springs for bearings £500.14.7., £436.4.2., £125.14.9., £60.17.0.; Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan for rail contract £574.2.6.; Messrs. Headley two accounts held over due to a claim for £59.16.0.

Superintendent's Report:

- Stratford. On the 1st October a down Loughton train was turned on to the main line by signalman Hancock. He was down-graded to Pointsman. Also on the 26th September a dispute arose between Yardsman Rowland and Driver Holmes and the Guard Fleckner. Guard was suspended for one week and Yardsman reprimanded.
- Train Alterations. On Tuesdays and Saturdays the 12.35pm ex Sudbury to run to Colchester with 3rd Class tickets available. Also on these days a special to run from Colchester to Sudbury at 5.0pm all stations.
- Chappel Junction. The platform requires extending by 105 feet at south end and a crossover needed from Main Line to Second Line south of Junction. Colne Valley Railway Co. The Junction Siding is totally inadequate for the Traffic. Secretary to write to the CVRy.
- Haughley Level Crossing. Cottage to be erected.
- Clothing. Outdoor staff, Coaching Department. Stores Committee to decide.
- Blackwall Railway Co. Toll claim of 17/65 of 1d. (?) on all tickets used over their lines. Arrangement was for Day Ticket to be one passenger but Blackwall Railway Co are now treating one half of Day ticket as one passenger. Interview with Blackwall Railway Co. to be arranged by Chairman.
- Third Class trains. Morning and Evening each way. 1st and 2nd Class only to carry 3rd Class passengers to Cambridge. The 2.30pm. 3rd Class from Broxbourne to Ely, Peterborough. The 4.55pm. from Peterborough to be 3rd Class to Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] and Ely. The 7.35pm. from Ely to be 3rd Class to Norwich and the 3.20pm. ex Norwich to be 3rd Class Norwich to London. The 7.0pm. ex Cambridge to Bury St. Edmunds to be 3rd Class. (Loop Line) the 4.55pm. Wisbeach to Cambridge to be 3rd Class and the 7.2pm. Cambridge to Wisbeach to be 3rd Class. (Hitchin Branch) the 6.0pm. from Cambridge and the 7.35pm. to Cambridge to be 3rd Class. (Colchester Line) the 3.0pm. ex London to be 3rd Class from Colchester to Bury St Edmunds and Norwich. The 3.25pm. ex Norwich Victoria to be 3rd Class Norwich to Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich to London. To be discussed at next meeting on 24th October.
Other proposed changes. Extending the Cambridge train due at Bury St Edmunds 8.20pm. to Haughley and the 6.20pm. to run later to arrive at Haughley at 9.45pm. (seventy minutes later) to enable Norwich passengers to return to Bury St Edmunds at 9.30pm. an extra 24 miles daily. To improve Ipswich to Cambridge services. Agreed.

Chairman's Report:

- Ely Station. Sundry work to be carried out. (page 350).
- Cambridge Gas. Station Master to pay half rate.
- Lowestoft Fish Traffic. Reported fall-off, Manager to take action.
- East Suffolk Railway Co. Chairman's visit. Bricks at Saxmundham Station. Mr. Garrett's Granary opposite Booking Office. Site questioned as being correct. Secretary to check the agreement.
- Tottenham. Station Master Boyes to receive salary increase of £25 per annum and gratuity of £10 for last Christmas Cattle traffic.
- Peterborough. Gas lamp outside Goods Shed required. Two more book shelves for the Goods Counting House.
- Ipswich Refreshment Rooms. Mr. Guiver tenant at £150 per annum.
- Cambridge. £5,000 scheme of Mr. Sinclair to improve working of trains. Mr. Sinclair to prepare plans and estimates.
- Wages. Way & Works, Loco Department increases referred to the Chairman.

24th October 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Colne Valley Railway Co. Application for copies of correspondence with Mr. Moseley, June 1860.
- Waltham Cartage. Messrs. Rickett Smith & Co. (via Butcher & Girling) to carry out cartage and shunting.
- Roydon Goods Sidings in need of repairs.
- Foreign Grain Traffic ex Blackwall September 23rd to October 22nd was 23,600 tons.
- Norwich Cartage. Grain season. Teams to be hired at 1s 3d per ton. Approved.
- St Ives Stables. Extra stall also at Sudbury. Chelmsford horses a temporary tarpaulin shelter to be erected. Stable to be built later.
- Bishopsgate. Road to Messrs. Rickett, Smith's coal depot to have 6 wagons of broken granite laid.
- Elsenham. Granary for Mr. Barnard of Newport. Conditions of Agreement requested. For Mr. Gibson.
- Westerfield Station. A 10cwt. Pooley weighing machine required. Agreed.
- Trowse Cattle lairs. Drainage needed and also an ash floor.
- Waltham Coal Stores. Messrs. Rickett, Smith to have the coal stores.
- Midland Railway Co. Peterborough coal traffic train/ marshalling costs. The Midland Railway Co. costs to ECRy in rent etc. is £1,000 per annum reduced by 50% upon agreement. A meeting to be arranged with Mr. Allport.

- Blackwall Station Master suggesting a connection between Pepper Warehouses and the main line.
- Claims of £28.13.0.
- Mint Street Station. GNRy. Long term lease acquired. ECRy fish traffic affected. Chairman to consider.
- Ipswich Marshes. Goods Depots near the Docks proposed. For Joint Committee.
- Tottenham & Edmonton Gas Co. The Manager (ECRy) stated that the siding lies between stations and is difficult to work with a loco from Stratford, specially at times to move in loaded coal wagons and take away the empties. Secretary to press for the charges due to ECRy.
- Dunmow Cartage. Mr. Oakley to continue the work as being satisfactory.
- Gunpowder Traffic. War Office still asking for reduction in rates due to use of iron cases but ECRy insist on magazines and charges as status quo.
- Claims, Goods Department of £155.2.7. To the Auditors.
- Fish traffic ex Yarmouth and Lowestoft to north of Peterborough. The two ports to telegraph Norwich each afternoon stating amount dispatched. Delays due to telegraph. Mr. Fourdrinier (Telegraph Co.) to be contacted.

Superintendent's Report:

- Guard Hatswill's case. Joined ECRy in February 1846. Locked up at Worship Street Police Court in 1848 on suspicion of stealing a port-manteau but was acquitted. Due to ill-health claimed by Hatwill caused by working in wet uniform, he was put to Porter's work on the Woolwich platform at Bishopsgate (£1.7.0. weekly). Hatswill quoted Sir C. P. Roney making a promise to honour pay whilst off work sick. Committee could not consider such unproved statements
- Harwich to Ipswich steam boats. Loss of £648.19.6. for year ending 30/6/1860. Decided to cease winter operations.
- Fatality at Devonshire Street. Platelayer King knocked down and killed by a train as he watched two boys fighting in a field.
- Lord Townshend's complaint re lack of 2nd Class accommodation for Captain Seymour R. N. from Fakenham to London on 13th October. Excuse given was heavy traffic at Wymondham.
- Royal Mail service. Mail bag conveyance from Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] to Peterborough by the 3.17pm. down at £10 per annum, agreed.
- Kelvedon. On 17th October during shunting, a child run over and killed. It was raining and the child with her sister was sheltering under the trucks; Romford Goods on 13th October when the down Colchester Beer Train was leaving, Inspector Southgate fell from the brake van and a foot was run over, later amputated; Dovercourt on 9th October, fireman Lord on the Up Harwich train was on the framework to oil the cylinders whilst the train was moving. He slipped and one leg was trapped between driving wheel and the frame. Later amputated. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Lynn. West Wynch [*West Winch*] on 6th October five beasts on the line down side. One run over and killed. Claim for £11.10.0 made.
- Convictions, seven in number for assault, no tickets, drunkenness etc. (page 363)
- Station Indicating Boards. Many in need of repair. Mr. Sinclair.
- Train services between Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Lowestoft branch engine (and train) to run from Beccles to Lowestoft to connect with the 10.45am. ex Yarmouth returning at 1.15pm. to Beccles to meet the Down train to Yarmouth due at Yarmouth 2.25pm.
- East Anglian Railway Line. Train alterations. The 8.05am ex Norwich to cease and a 9.00am. to run to Lynn arriving at 11.05am. to connect with the 11.15am. to London. A new train to leave Dereham at 8.00am. for Lynn arriving at 8.45am. and Peterborough at 10.20am. Discontinued trains. The 6.45am. Lynn to Dereham and the 9.15am. Dereham to Lynn. The 6.20am. Lynn to Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. New train from Lynn at 8.50am. to Peterborough arrive at 10.20am. The 7.45pm. ex Wisbeach to Lynn to cease and a train to leave Peterborough at 6.0pm. and Wisbeach at 6.50pm. to arrive at Lynn at 7.15pm. to depart from Dereham arrive at 8.10pm. The 10.35am. ex Lynn to cease and a new train to leave at 8.50am. for Wisbeach. All from the 1st November. Also the coach on the goods train Ely to Lynn (Market Days) be cancelled.
- Doctor Luke's fees, 17th March to 29th July at £52.10.0 to be paid.
- Cambridge Works. Mr. Sinclair's plans submitted.
- Ipswich Sidings. Mr. Sinclair costimated at £350. To Joint Committee.
- Station Repairs. Cost-estimates for Whittlesford, Shelford, Waterbeach and Ely submitted. Also repair of Gate Cottages at these stations. Chairman to visit.
- Romford Cottages. Mr. Chapman to repair at £217 agreed.
- Payments Due. Railway Carriage Co., on account, 100 round end wagons £812.10.0., cattle wagons £741.; Messrs. Bowen & Co. brass bearings for timber wagons £60.9.10.; Messrs. Lloyds, Foster & Co., on account, wheels and axles (1) £791.0.0. (2) £226.0.0.; Messrs. Wright & Sons, on account, 20 brake vans £1,328.0.0. and 40 2nd Class carriages £537.0.0.; Messrs. Wade & Son, on account, sleepers £2,000.; Messrs. Batchelor also on account, sleepers £1,000.;

Thames Ironworks & Co., on account, girders for Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Bridge £300.; Mr. Penny for well at Tottenham Gate Cottage £20. All to be paid.

- Woodbridge Sea Wall in need of repairs £10.0.0.
- Ashwell Station Accounts. Chairman to interview the Station Master, Mr. Balchin at Ely and Station Master at Ashwell re outstanding accounts.

Secretary's Report:

- Coal Traffic. Booth Bros. Rep to travel by Goods Train at ordinary fare in times of an emergency. For Mr. Maynard.
- Harwich - Rotterdam in connection with the Dutch Rhenish Railway Co. Chairman agreeable but not at ECRy's expense.
- Peterborough, Messrs. Johnson & Headdy wishing to move their office. The Chairman to interview.
- Ely Dock. Mr. Petchell asking permission to "angle" (fish) in the Dock. This was refused.
- Mr. Martin's offer of 500 loads of timber at £5 per load was declined, ref. Mr. Sinclair who apparently advised against purchase.
- Driver Holmes using coal from Mr. Coote's 7 trucks was cautioned.

7th November 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- LNWRy Complaining of the crossover at Peterborough being removed. Agreed to reinstate.
- Salt, Droitwich to Victoria Dock to be the same as from Bromsgrove.
- Lowestoft Harbour. South Side Quay to have mooring posts and rings. Bonded warehouse siding to be extended. Captain Small the French Consul requesting that harbour dues for storm-bound French ships be the same as for British shipping as per treaty of 1826. Opinion to be sought. Traffic ex London. New reduced rates were approved.
- Ipswich cattle pens to be repaired and a gas lamp installed.
- Bishopsgate. Coal stores (cells) ex Messrs. J. & C. Wood (bankrupt) still open to offer, Messrs. Clay Cross Colliery Co. having declined.
- Coal Traffic. Messrs. Rickett, Smith & Co. having fulfilled their obligation of 50,000 tons to London ex Peterborough in 12 months to October 1860 and exceeded by 15,604 tons. Rebate agreed. Also be allowed stores at Loughton, Enfield, and Ponder's End (one there for the Gas Co., Alderman Abbiss); Yoxham [*sic - Yaxham?*]. Mr. Frost of Norwich demanding the removal of the coal shed; Harling. Retailer not popular, Messrs. Rickett, Smith to be invited to place an agency there.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Rates to be equalized and coal at stations on the extension line to be under Harlestone [*Harleston*] district.
- Foreign Cattle Trade. Steamer "Tonning" in accident off Lowestoft. Cargo of cattle on to London by rail at 5s 6d per head plus 9d a head harbour dues.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Letter from solicitors enclosing Resolution of Protest against Clearing House terminal charges on traffic to the ECRy from CVRy and refusing to accept such proposals.
- Foreign Grain Trade. Two weeks ending 3rd November 9,190 tons were forwarded from Blackwall.
- Fish Traffic. Two weeks ending 3rd November, 631 wagons holding 1,810 tons were forwarded from Lowestoft and Yarmouth to stations on the LNWRy, GNRy, MRy Companies.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Halstead to London meat trade. Mr. Cressall conveying by road and ECRy's rate by rail to be reduced from 30s 0d to 22s 6d per ton.
- Thetford cattle pens and sidings improvements still not done. Mr. Sinclair to give this early attention.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Coal from Peterborough to be booked to Chappell. Also requesting that a locomotive be allowed to run to Colchester for turning, agreed.
- Claims of £72.12.0.; Goods Department of £144.19.4.
- East Suffolk Railway agreement and charges for over-run of goods traffic due to circumstances. This is covered in the Agreement and therefore Clearing House rep. Reference to the 78½ miles is already covered.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Gas. Offer to supply at 6s 8d per thousand cubic ft. Agreed to accept

Superintendent's Report:

- Romford on 2nd November Driver Keary broke his arm as he oiled engine with arm between spokes of driving wheel and the locomotive moved. Also on same day at Ryburgh three sheep killed on the line. Two cases of crushing between goods wagon buffers and the body of a platelayer (Speller) was found between Brentwood and Ingatestone Stations struck by either the 1.10am. Down or the 1.10am. Up ex Colchester Goods trains. "Accidental death".
- Convictions, five in number, pocket picking, bad language and disorderly conduct at Fakenham.

- Signalman Warnes struck by timber whilst coupling wagons. To be allowed wages for short period of recovery.
- Hunting horses. Day ticket at fare plus one quarter or 2-3 at a reduced rate if owned by one person.
- Claims. Messrs. Wilcoxson, Upholsterers of Monument Yard claim £319.5.0. for loss of a Traveller's sample case lost business. No trace of missing case. ECRy to contest the claim.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Suggesting that fares Harlestone [*Harleston*] to Bungay and stations between to Norwich be the same as from Harlestone to Norwich by ECRy. Agreed ECRy to receive their proportion of same.
- Carriage on fire on 6th November at Brandon on the 11.00am. Down passenger train, luggage on roof caught fire (last carriage). Composite with nine passengers. Seen at Lakenheath by Station Master who telegraphed Brandon. Most of the luggage was destroyed, part of the roof but nobody was injured. Lucifer matches and oil were found in the luggage and spontaneous combustion was adjudged the cause (page 381).
- Train fares. Lynn to Dereham and between to stations between Elsenham and Fakenham to be reduced to approx the road distances.
- Bookstalls. Tenders opened. Chairman, Manager and Superintendent to confer.
- Driver Garrard's widow to receive £10 gratuity.
- Victoria Dock Road, a drinking fountain to be erected near level crossing. Mr. Sinclair to advise.
- Eastern Union Railway Co. Woodbridge line still not taken over, contractor's time has expired. (June 1st) They will continue to December 1st and charge the EURy for extra six months. Mr. Sinclair to report on same.
- Sidings. Prepared letter of application now ready, solicitor to approve with Mr. Sinclair's co-operation.
- New Projects. Proposed railway from Bartlow to Audley End. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Gibson of Audley End attended meeting and suggested that the line be part of the Sudbury & Clare Railway. Directors would like an indication of support for such a project.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Report of two surveys made for a line to Colchester.
- Norwich Corporation Town Clerk requesting the removal of two old railway bridges at Thorpe. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. locomotive repairs. Mr. Sinclair advises against acceptance of such work.
- Houses, Bishopsgate area; Police notice ordering repairs to same.
- Hardingham Goods shed. Mr. Tingey offering to hire the shed and add a wing with ECRy materials.
- Ely Station. Mr. Lee's Sack Shed available if Mr. Crick can have the lower platform to convert to a granary. Chairman to decide on all three matters.
- Elsenham Granary. Mr. Barnard's application. The land is Mr. Coote's property. Mr. Barnard also wishes to hire the old cattle pen as a salt store at £20 per annum. Chairman again to decide.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. still owing the 50% Through Booking revenue for four weeks ending 17th October .

Chairman's Report:

- Edmonton Station. A rustic fence from Platform and diagonally to buffer stops to fence off coal wharf. Approved.
- Peterborough Goods Shed. Mr. English promised the siding access and to the LNWRy across the ECRy tracks, also to Goods Shed.
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] Six truck siding to be laid to Mr. Land's Timber Wharf.
- Peterborough. Crossover north of the Goods Shed main line to outer siding opposite the crane. Lock up shed and small pit for coal and a water closet near the stables.
- Telegraph instrument in Lynn cloakroom to be removed and the Lamp Room to become Telegraph Room. New Lamp Room at east end of station on north side. Mr. Sinclair to cost.
- Wells & Fakenham Railway Co. Long statement (page 387) on working arrangements. ECRy agree to work the branch and tramway to the quay charging these rates :- Grain, oil, cake etc. 6d per ton and coal 4d per ton. This is to include shunting and weighing. Further half mile allowed to the W&F Railway's allowance over the branch and tramway all receipts to that company. ECRy to deduct same percentages as hithertofore. No demurrage charges or tarpaulin hire by the ECRy. Approved.
- Coal Rates. Peterborough & Bury unchanged.

21st November 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Fulborne Station. Grain Shed for Mr. Toller was declined.
- Stable repairs required at Marks Tey (roof, floors), Sudbury (extra stall), Devonshire Street (slate roof manager and water supply), Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] (drains and general), Braintree (floors).
- Peartree Hill, Cart Road Warehouse additional roofing required.
- Waltham Coal Roads in need of repair and Coal Stores are under two feet of water.
- Brandon. Road to Cattle pens and siding to be repaired, Mr. Wood to pay one half of the costs.

- Lowestoft Water, Captain Daniels reporting on poor quality and supply. Referred to Mr. Sinclair to see in what manner the evil can be remedied. (Quaint phraseology HEJ).
- Timekeeper to be appointed at Ware for the maltings season.
- Potato traffic. Brick Lane arrivals for 2 weeks ending 16th November was 307 tons as against 896 tons last year's period.
- Coal traffic to London; LNWRy 70,526 tons (1860) 44275 tons (1859); GNRy 53,142 tons (1860) 33,414 tons (1859); ECRy 11,669 tons (1860) 6,121 tons (1859); GWRy 7,289 tons (1860) 4,014 tons (1859); MidRy 7,068 tons (1860) 3,577 tons (1859); SWRy 1,192 tons (1860) 878 tons (1859); SERy 2,751 tons (1860) 1,660 tons (1859).
- Grain Traffic, Brick Lane and Blackwall. Two weeks ending 16th November a decrease of 7,910 tons compared to same period in 1859. Cattle traffic also showed a decrease. Foreign grain ex Blackwall. Two weeks ending 18th November was 5,073 quarters.
- Lowestoft coal, Mr. Dawbarn asking for 1s 0d per ton rebate for providing his own wagons. Agreed.
- Messrs. Hill & Underwood (Wine, vinegar and spirits) asking for single rate of 12d 6d per ton London to Norwich. This was refused and existing rates to stand (vinegar at 12s 6d per ton, wine and spirits at 17s 6d per ton).
- Smithfield Cattle Show. Last years' rates to apply.
- Flour traffic, Maldon. Allowance of 1d per sack to Mr. Gibson if he loads the wagons for London. Yarmouth to London at 8s 0d per ton for Mr. Gambling of the Buxton Flour Mills.
- Colne Valley Railway Co. Terminal Charges. CVRy proposes that: instead of a 4d terminal on coal from ECRy Ports a 6d terminal to each company with Peterborough coal a terminal of 9d or invoiced to Chappell only. Mr. Maynard (ECRy's solicitor to advise. Also, Colne Valley trucks are being sent to Hythe from Halstead for coal. (page 393). (Obscure minute re charge of ½d per mile and 6d per ton truck hire HEJ).
- Peterborough weighbridge to be moved.
- Ware, proposed siding to River Lea; Mr. Sinclair to costimate.
- Distance table. A corrected copy to the Clearing House approved.
- Traffic arrangements. Bill to Parliament for LNWRy, GNRy, MRy and MS&LRy. Board to consider the subject.
- Great Northern Railway and Hertford & Welwyn Railway Act of Parliament re minimum charge of 2s 6d per ton to Ware. The proposed through rate would yield less to the ECRy. GNRy to be reminded.
- "Blossoms Inn" London. SWRy complaining of the state of the yard. Mr. Sinclair, cost of paving?.
- Claims of £32.19.0. Mr. Ellis for bundle of corks £30. Chairman to decide. Goods Dept. claims for £144.15.6.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Lynn. New lamp room etc. to cost £50. Agreed. Elmswell lamp room to cost £20. (small one).
- Lankaster Gate Crossing Cottage to cost £131. Mr. Betts (near Stowmarket).
- Payments due. Mr. Penny. Well at Water Lane £18. Messrs. Bell & Son, on account, bridges between Lynn - Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] - March £400.; Mr. Batchelor, on account, sleeper blocks £600.; Messrs. Lewin, on account, 3,000 loads timber £1,500.; Railway Carriage Co., on account, 100 round end wagons £437.10.0., 100 cattle wagons £49.8.0.; Mr. Hawkes fees £10.10.0.; Mr. J. Taylor's fees £9.10.0.; Mr. J. Perry, on account, new station Romford £500.0.0.; Messrs. Wright & Son, on account, 40 2nd Class carriages £885.0.0.; Messrs. Ransome & Sims, on account, rail chairs £2,000.; Mr. J. Perry, renewal of Witham Bridge £241.13.2., ? Badley Viaduct £98.15.10.; Mr. Headley, Iron girders for March Bridge £569.0.0.; Messrs. Batchelor, on account, sleepers £600.; Messrs. Sandford & Owen [*Sanford & Owen?*], 100 sets wheels and axles £500.0.0.; Messrs. Turton & Sons, for bearing springs for 40 2nd Class carriages, £254.13.3., for 20 Composite carriages £135.8.0., for 100 round end wagons £251.4.9.; Messrs. Turton & Sons, for bearing springs for 150 wagons £250.10.8.; Mr. C. Osborne, for brass bearings for 150 wagons £253.5.8.; Messrs. Wright & Sons, on account, 40 2nd Class carriages £531.; Messrs. Sanford & Owen [*Sandford & Owen?*], on account, wheels, axles for 100 round end wagons £388.; Messrs. Lloyds, Foster & Co., on account, wheels, axles for 40 2nd Class carriages £376.15.0., and for 20 Composite carriages £616.10.0.; Railway Carriage Co., on account, 150 round end wagons £491.5.0., and 100 round end wagons £250.0.0.; Messrs. Brown, Marshall & Co., on account, 40 2nd Class carriages £533.17.0.

Superintendent's Report:

- Smithfield Show. Passenger fares. First and Second returns on the 11th to 14th to London to include the 15th. On the 11th the 7.0am. ex Wells to Norwich to start at 6.0am. to connect at Wymondham with the Up London express.
- Trowse Swing Bridge. Trespassing on the line, a foot crossing and a path to be fenced off.
- Wymondham on 10th November Guard Hearn's arm was crushed between buffers of goods wagons. Amputated
- Lynn Harbour Junction on 1st November a sheep was killed (Mr. Wakes of Swaffham).
- Sudbury - Bures on 20th November, several sleepers placed across the metals. The train ex Marks Tey was not derailed. Reward of £10 offered for information was approved.

- Claims. Mr. Woodroff, a painter from Ely, thrown from his cart at Adelaide Crossing a claim for £10. Alleged to be drunk at the time. ECRy to defend case.
- Horses and Dogs. St Ives to London, rates to be similar as Cambridge to London. The Huntingdon Loop Line charges to be modified.
- Swainthorpe [*Swainsthorpe*] Station, two wall lamps on platforms and a lamp by the booking office required.
- Ipswich Station Yard. Pedestal with two lamps in centre of the bridge over the river, 27 yards from the parapet.
- St Ives - Swavesey. On 15th November a bullock run over and killed by a goods train.
- Train services. Mid-day connection via Bury from Cambridge be resumed.
- Harling Road Up Side Signalman's hut and a urinal to be erected also a small lamp room and a water closet.
- Cambridge Express to have a smoking coach.
- Brandon Siding to have a 5 truck extension.

Secretary's Report:

- East Anglian Railway Co. Telegraph Lynn - Ely and Lynn - Dereham. Directors to decide.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Returns of through traffic still not to hand from the Clearing House. Secretary to write a request.
- Roads Trustees. St Ives. Proposal to light the road from the station to the town together with drainage. Mr. Sinclair to report his view thereon.
- Sudbury. Mr. Hemming's proposal to run a traction engine with road wagons to one or more towns from Sudbury Station. ECRy not against but disclaim all liability.
- Mile End Station not to be moved to Devonshire Street. Clerk of Mile End Old Town's suggestion not acceptable.
- Waltham. Application by Messrs. Butcher and Girling to build a stable on spare ground at the station, a rent of £20 per annum. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Metropolitan Cattle Market, the ECRy office to be decorated.
- Stratford. Cheese pilferage. On the 7th November a truck with 99 cheeses arrived from Ipswich for Audley End. Whilst awaiting onward transmission two cheeses were stolen. A Mr. Bolton (Status not given) was dismissed.
- Bookstalls contract. This included advertising, sale of newspapers, books, periodicals at certain stations. Four Railways listed ECRy, East Anglian Railway, East Suffolk Railway and Wells & Fakenham Railway. Messrs. W. H. Smith awarded all contracts at £1,800, £60, £130 and £10 respectively. (First mention of W. H. Smith). Additional clause added to the agreement:- "Provided the aggregate weight from all stations in one day does not exceed one cwt. And if exceeded the excess to be paid by the contractor at the rate of 2s 8d per cwt. Agreed.

5th December 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Bishopsgate Station. Two turkey sheds to be erected for Christmas traffic. Approved.
- Cambridge stables. Loose box and hot water in cart shed for sick horses.
- Ipswich. Two gas lamps for Up Siding required.
- Hythe stables. Loose box and stall required.
- Loughton coal wharf to be extended.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Complaining of delays at Tivetshall Station due to poor siding facilities. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Snaresbrook. Messrs. Kirk & Parry asking for a siding to unload building materials. To cost £40, Messrs. Kirk & Parry to pay.
- Grain traffic. Five bushel sacks now being used against normal four bushel sacks. All staff to be vigilant of size.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Requesting that all coal from Peterborough now be charged to Tivetshall, Waveney Valley Railway Co., to take over at the junction for their line. This was agreed.
- Potato traffic to Brick Lane for 2 weeks ending 3rd December was 325 tons against 913 tons in 1859, same period.
- Grain traffic to Blackwall for 2 weeks ending 3rd December was down by 5,799 quarters and flour down by 3,971 sacks against 1859, same period.
- Cattle traffic. Lean cattle at Trowse from 1st January to 4th December (1860) beasts 47,740, sheep 64,548, pigs 5,930. (1859) beasts 58,253, sheep 72,372, pigs 2,926.
- Hares stolen from hamper in transit. On 26th November, twenty six Wells to Newgate Market and on 29th November, twenty nine Wells to Leadenhall Market. Police investigations in hand.
- Claims of £70.17.2. Lost Coprolites (?). Goods Department £94.17.3.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Channelsea West Junction. Bridge renewal £250
- Contract for coke, Messrs. Palmer contract ends on 31st December. New contract for 400 tons weekly (100 tons less) to go out to tender.
- Waltham. Stables for Messrs. Butcher & Girling at £20 per annum. Agreed.
- “Blossoms Inn” paving to cost £80. Approved.
- Peterborough, weighbridge. Mr. Sinclair proposed a site at Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] with two sidings to cost £1,270. Decision deferred.
- Staff. Second draughtsman Mr. Gray had left the company. Mr. Morgan to fill the vacancy at £2.10.0. per week, saving 13s 0d weekly.
- Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*] Mr. Burlingham’s Mill Siding to cost ECRy nothing.
- Roads Trustees, St Ives. Mr. Sinclair suggested a sum of £6.10.0. towards the cost of lighting and drainage by Road Trustees. Approved
- Payments due. Railway Carriage Co., on account, 100 cattle wagons £98.16.0., 150 round ended wagons £196.10.0.; Messrs. Lloyds, Foster, wheels, axles for 100 wagons £1,299.10.0.; Messrs. Sandford, Owen, wheels, axles for 100 wagons £295.0.0., and 100 round ended wagons £284.12.6.; Messrs. Bray, Waddington, 150 round ended wagons £183.0.0.; Messrs. Brown, Marshall, 20 Composite carriages £521.18.0., 40 2nd Class carriages £355.18.0.; Messrs. Wright & Sons, 40 2nd Class carriages £885.0.0.; Mr. C. Osborne, brass bearings for 150 wagons £97.13.2.; Messrs. Turton & Sons, bearing springs for 100 wagons £76.17.4., and same for 150 wagons £249.3.6.; Messrs Bell & Sons, on account of 10 bridges, £300.; Messrs. Losh, Wilson & Bell, on account rail chairs, £1,133.1.8.; Messrs. Wade & Co., on account 40,000 sleepers £1,200.0.0.; Messrs. Lewin & Co., on account 3,000 loads timber, £1,000.0.0.; Messrs. Batchelor, on account 20,000 sleepers, £1,000.0.0.; Mr. Chapman, Station Master’s house Stratford, £200.0.0.

Superintendent’s Report:

- A market train to leave Huntingdon on Saturdays for Cambridge at 11.30am. calling at all stations.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Request for fares reduction Bungay to London to stop passengers travelling by road to Halesworth (9 miles). For the Chairman’s attention.
- Yarmouth Bus & Cab services. Mr. Haggis to operate at £40 per annum. Mr. Brown of the “Angel” has passed away.
- Mr. Keppell (Hon. and Rev.). Visiting Justice to Walsingham Prison regarding fares charged for prisoners and the attitude of Cambridge Station Master upon the refusal to pay the 2nd Class fare for a prisoner. Governor, Assistant and prisoner were booked Walsingham to London at Parliamentary rate. At Wymondham there was 1st and 2nd Class only so party was put into 2nd Class. At Cambridge the difference in fares was requested for the prisoner. The extra fare will not be claimed and Cambridge Station Master’s action upheld.
- Sawbridgeworth Station Master dismissed for persistent absenteeism.
- Royston on 27th November twelve sheep killed by a train. Owner, Mr. Pearson, claiming £21.18.10. for loss.
- Bury on 30th November a Lad Greaser McDonald slipped and fell from the ticket platform. Horse shunted wagon ran over leg.
- Tivetshall. Platform awning to be erected. Also at Tidal Basin.
- Blackwall Sidings. Third line proposed from Pepper Warehouses siding to Victoria Dock branch with connections to Blackwall sidings. Mr. Sinclair to cost.
- Hertford Station. Platform and fencing to be repaired and sundry small work carried out.
- Chelmsford Telegraph Office to be enlarged.
- Broxbourne Junction. Signalman’s hut with lamp room to be built.
- Newmarket. Signalman’s hut to be moved to bank by semaphore signal and gas laid on to the signal.
- Tottenham Accident. Unsettled claims; Mr. Hadrill, Mr. Hotckins and Rev. C. Milner. ECRy solicitor to act.

Secretary’s Report:

- Insurance, Norwich Union Co. £177,940., policy just expired for £38,040. This to be transferred to the Guardian Company at £146.17.6. and later the Norwich Co. cover reduced to £89,900 by transference to Equitable & Guardian Companies.
- Old sleepers at Ingatestone £2. per 100. Mr. Tuck seeking to purchase. Chairman to decide.
- Gas. Thirteen more meters required for station checking. Agreed. Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*] Station Master’s house to have gas supply.
- Lowestoft. Mr. Newson enquiring re slipway and dock, also the Manure Factory. Mr. Gibson to report.
- Stowmarket drains under line. Mr. J. Marriott reporting blockage which Mr. Sinclair refutes, saying the land ditches nearby cause flooding.
- Norwich & Norfolk Hospital. Donation to be increased from six to ten guineas annually.
- Waveney Valley Railway Co. Cheque for £400 received for through traffic and a protest. Resolved that Clearing House do not handle such cheques.
- Norfolk Railway & Eastern Union Railway companies requesting details of injury claims settled in past two years.

- Waltham Nurseries. Mr. Paul's footpath over an ECRy siding. Mr. Sinclair suggesting a light footbridge. Proposed that he costimate same.
- Bishopsgate Station. Office for District Superintendent and three police boxes made, one for Brick Lane.
- Usual books on table [*sic*].

19th December 1860

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Goods Guard Hall injured on 14th September at Stratford to resume work as Gatekeeper on 1st January 1861 with 15s 0d weekly pro tem.
- Bishops Stortford to have a shunting engine for a few days.
- Victoria Dock to have a loading gauge erected.
- Romford Cattle Dock to be fenced.
- Potato traffic to Brick Lane for two weeks ending 14th December, 330 tons as against 706 tons in 1859.
- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall for two weeks ending 17th December was 9,774 quarters less than in 1859 and flour was down by 6,320 sacks.
- Foreign grain ex Blackwall was 4,112 quarters.
- Norwich - Beccles. Road competition (goods). Charge reduced by ECRy to 8s 4d per ton and smalls to 6d each.
- Tilbury & Southend. Company rates for certain goods ex London reduced from 1st January and requesting ex Brick Lane also be reduced.
- Claims. Cattle delayed and injured, Mr. Fenner £104.13.0. on 13th August. Negotiations in progress. Also the usual £109.15.5.
- Blackwall Railway Co. Willing to erect a warehouse opposite St Katherine's Dock. ECRy to let the matter rest.
- Sidings. Mr. Patrick at Dovercourt. Mr. Sinclair to costimate.
- Ipswich Goods Yard roads to be repaired.
- Norwich stables to be lime washed.
- Colne Valley Railway line. Allowance of 9d per ton on inland coal traffic and 6d per ton on seaborne coal traffic. Request for 6d per ton on meat traffic, Halstead to London. Clearing House rate of 4d agreed.
- Chelmsford arches to be grain stores when leases expire.
- Maldon Wharf leased by Northumberland & Durham Coal Co. to be retained by ECRy when lease expires.
- Claims against Goods Department £122.9.7.

Secretary's Report:

- Waveney Valley Railway Co., Loco repairs by ECRy workmen, matter deferred.
- Lowestoft Manure Factory, slipway and dry dock not for letting.
- East Suffolk Railway. Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*] extension across turnpike road for building estate. House passes declined. Mr. Sinclair to report on an extension.
- Waltham Level Crossing. Bethlehem Hospital Governor. Mr. Sinclair says the crossing is a good one. For solicitors.
- Mr. Morley to receive an increase of 27s 0d per week to £70.4.0. per annum. Engineer's Department.
- Stratford. Mr. Kitson's house repairs to cost £60.
- Police boxes (sentry). Mr. Sinclair to make 6, three on wheels.
- Porter Conroy to receive a sovereign for vigilance upon a man picking pockets at Bishopsgate Station.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Waltham Nurseries. Footbridge to cost £50. Approved, Mr. Paul to pay.
- Hythe, stall and loose box to cost £55.; Cambridge. Loose box and water heater copper £30. Tidal Basin, two covered ways £90. Agreed; Broxbourne, signalman's hut and lamp store to cost £30.; Trowse Swing Bridge, footpath and fence to cost £85. Agreed; Roydon Goods Sidings. Mr. Sinclair proposed to fill in the timber work with spoil as cheapest method of repairs £300.
- Payments due:- Railway Carriage Co., on account 150 round end wagons, £917.; Lloyd, Foster & Co., axles and wheels for 100 round end wagons, £254.5.0., and second account same, £342.10.0.; Sanford & Owen, axles and wheels for 100 timber wagons, £344.10.0., also for 100 round end wagons, £258.14.0.; Brown, Marshall & Co, on account 20 composite carriages, £1,043.16.0., also on account 40 2nd Class carriages, £1,067.14.0.; Wright & Sons, on account 40 2nd Class carriages, £708.0.0.; Messrs. C. Osborne, brass bearings for 40 2nd Class carriages, £64.6.6.; Messrs. T. Turton & Sons, bearings for 150 wagons, £125.17.4., also repeat order £125.12.11., bearings for 100 wagons £125.11.5., bearings for 40 2nd Class carriages £42.11.0.; Messrs. Wade & Sons, on account 40,000 sleepers £300.0.0.; Messrs. Batchelor, on account 20,000 sleepers, £500.0.0.; Messrs. Bray, Waddington, on account 150 round end wagons, £2,257.0.0.; Mr. Headley of Cambridge, girders for Walderssea Bridge, £276.

Superintendent's Report:

- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] 12th December, baulk of timber across the line. Ely train driver reversed locomotive and averted derailment. Workmen of contractors on the bridge was dismissed.
- Woolwich Line on 5th December, a rail chair on the track between Barking Road and Stratford Bridge. Train not derailed. Reward of £10 for information.
- Fatal accident on 7th December between Woodford and George Lane stations. Door of a ballast wagon became unfastened and Platelayer Bush fell heavily to die later; Also at Woolwich on the 15th December an unknown man was run over and killed. A 2nd Class ticket was found in his pocket; On 17th December at Stratford Bridge a North London train was leaving when Signalman Hicks tried to board the train but was hit by one of the bridge pillars. One leg severely injured and he is critically ill in the London Hospital.
- Stow Station. Gate to the fence required.
- On 28th November at Bishopsgate, Guard Slade on a Yarmouth train allowing a man to travel with him from Beccles. Case proved, Slade dismissed; On 3rd December, Porter Durrant of Enfield Station travelled to London and back without leave. Case proved and he was dismissed.

Chairman's Report:

- Steam boats. Mr. Dorling wishing to purchase the Ipswich boats. Declined.
- Lowestoft Reading Room times. Suggested 6.0pm. closure refused.
- Bishops Stortford Station Master to be allowed gas at half rate.
- Fakenham Station improvements to cost £270. For Joint Committee.
- Wells Tramway. To open for goods traffic on 19th December 1860.
- Brick Lane Staff Supper. £10 contribution, also same for Bishops Stortford staff.
- Bishops Stortford. Loft for the stable required and new drain gratings.

END OF RAIL 186/46

START OF RAIL 186/47

2nd January 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love. Committee:- J. Goodson, R. Walters, Lightly Simpson, J. Pack, S. Anderson & R. G. C. Fane.

Manager's Report:

- Shunting. Long Stanton. Horse required at 3/- weekly hire! Agreed.
- Fish Traffic. Season closed on 20th December. Train to Mint Street stopped on that day.
- Cattle Wagons. To have length painted on the sides for charging.
- Rates. Messrs. Gilby Wine Merchants, Oxford Street, London seeking a reduction. Declined. Potato Traffic to Brick Lane. 2 weeks ending 28th December 160 tons as against 186 tons in 1859. Grain Traffic at Brick Lane and Blackwall station. Foreign grain 5799 quarters. (To 30th December).
- Maldon Wharf. Haulage and wharfage at 6d per ton, goods and coal.
- Wells Tramway. Mr. Spicer to work same pro tem. with two horses, one man and a boy at 50/- weekly.
- Ice, Yarmouth, 936 tons at 6/- per ton purchased. Lowestoft, 100 tons purchased at 3/- per ton. Approved.
- Brick Lane fire. A wagon of malt damaged.
- Through rates. SERy parcels to the continent. Mr. Eborall, manager, preparing a list.
- London terminals. (Rates for loading, unloading). 2/3d per ton, Clearing House agreed also Waveney Valley & Wells, Fakenham. Four years ago reduced to 1/6d. Agreed by ECRy at the 1/6d per ton.
- Law case. Theft of a truss (bundle) of Corduroy at March on 25th November by porter Berryman and platelayer Silt. Both men committed for trial on 31st December. Mr. Fenner's claim for £104.13.0. Mr. Moseley to settle on best possible terms.
- Claims. £34.5.3 (three).
- Parcel rates, Ipswich to Harwich reduction to 6d each to 28 lbs. Over rate of 2/- per cwt.
- Salvage, Lowestoft. Russian brig "Hermann" award of £140 less expenses, nett £117.0.1.
- Rates. Messrs. Ransome & Sims heavy goods at 7/- per ton with Messrs. Ransome & Sims loading at Ipswich.
- Colne Valley Company. Asking for a parcel terminal of 2d each. Clearing House charge of 1d each upheld.
- Claims on Goods Department £95.2.3 to audit committee.
- Manure, Brick Lane. 12 month contract to December 31st 1861. To John Tingey at £250 to Enfield carriage excluded.
- Coke Contract. To 31st December 1861. Messrs. Rickett Smith at 19/11 per ton at Peterborough.
- Waveney Valley Company. Locomotive repairs, ECRy not to do same.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Cart road in warehouse, Pear Tree Hill for grain storage to cost £27 to cover.
- Payments due:- Railway Carriage Company on account. 100 cattle wagons - £98.16.0; 100 round ended wagons - £131.0.0. Messrs. Lloyds Foster. Wheels, axles for 20 carriages - £68.10.0; for 40 carriages - £308.5.0. Messrs. Sandford & Owen. Wheels, axles for 100 timber wagons - £265.0.0; 100 round ended wagons - £258.15.0. Messrs. Brown, Marshall on account. 40 second class carriages - £1067.14.0 and 20 also composite - £1565.14.0. Messrs. Wright & Son on account for 40 second class carriages - £708.0.0. Mr. C. Osborne. Brass bearings for 40 second class carriages - £29.4.5. Messrs. T. Turton & Son. Bearing springs for 40 second class carriages - £103.15.3. Also a repeat order at £105.12.0. Messrs. Bray, Waddington on account. 150 round ended wagons - £61.0.0. Messrs. Ransom, Sims for rail chairs - £2110.5.1. Mr. W. Chapman for cottages at Romford factory - £150.0.0. Mr. J. Perry for Romford New Station - £1000.0.0. Messrs. Lewin & Co. on account. 3000 loads of timber - £700.0.0. Messrs. Batchelor on account. 20,000 sleepers - £350.0.0.

Superintendent's Report:

- Law. County Court summons by Mr. Good for £6.6.0 for late delivery of patterns. ECRy (Mr. Ashley) to defend.
- Snow storm, 22nd December. Norfolk area blockages of line and Hitchin branch. Also on the 30th, Beccles.
- Conviction. James Weals for placing a wooden key (wedge) on the down line at Forest Gate Junction on 25th October last.
- Fatal accident on 21st December on Wells Tramway. Mr. S. Cable, a farmer, trapped between wagon buffers. "Accidental death".
- Accident on 26th December to guard Williams who fell from his van at Chesterton Junction not having properly secured the door. Died in Cambridge Hospital on 28th December.
- The Woolwich fatality of 15th December. Open verdict "that the deceased met his death on the North Woolwich Railway but that how - he there [*sic*], there was no evidence to prove." (Also not identified - HEJ).
- Fatal accident on 21st December at Custom House Station. Mr. Langley jumped from train that had overshot the station, ignoring warnings to remain on the train. He fell between two carriages. Died on 30th December. "Accidental death."
- Woolwich Gardens. £22.4.0 rent long overdue from Mr. McNamara. Chairman to act.
- Excursion traffic. London - Ipswich and Harwich last season. 15043 passengers, £1967.17.0 receipts, an increase of 8767 and £811.3.0.
- Highway robbery. 28th December, Framlingham booking clerk Swann and lad porter Lawrence were committed for trial on a charge of "robbery with violence" upon a blacksmith from Kettleburgh between 11.00 p.m. and midnight on the 23rd December. Inquiries to be made.
- Pony killed on 29th December at Watlington. Mr. Harrison claiming £7.0.0.

Secretary's Report:

- Wharf at Maldon. Dispute with the Northumberland & Durham Coal Co. who have sold the wharf and tramway to Messrs. Piggot & Co. of Langford. Land agent to report on this matter.
- Stowmarket drains. Mr. Marriott asking for an iron drain pipe under the archway. Declined.
- Staff. Ref. minutes of 19th December. Mr. Morley to receive £10 only, previous awards rescinded.

16th January 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love. J.T.Norris M.P. attended.

Manager's Report:

- Parcel traffic. Bury. Mr. A. Hayward to be an official agent.
- Hertford warehouse in need of repair.
- "Blossoms Inn" cottage not occupied. Mr. Snow, ECRy agent to occupy? Mr. Gibson to report.
- Colne Valley Co. on coal terminals of 9d per ton ex Peterborough back to 16th April 1860. This was absolutely refused.
- Potato traffic at Brick Lane for 2 weeks ending 11th January was 202 tons against 914 tons for 1860.
- Foreign grain at Blackwall was 5799 quarters for 2 weeks to 13th January. Grain & Flour no figures submitted.
- Unclaimed goods at Brick Lane. Chest of tea and 2 titlers [?] of sugar. To be sold.
- Coal traffic into London. 1859 figures in brackets. LNWRy 693,418 tons (533,730); GNRy 502,813 tons (431,500); ECRy 121,225 tons (102,651); GWRy 63,944 tons (51,882); MRy 58,490 tons (39,570); SERy 14,585 tons (12,891); Hitchin & Luton 4,416 tons (7,787); LBSCRy 958 tons (731); LTSRy 104 tons (508).
- Marks Tey. A cattle pen is required. Agreed.
- Colchester - Halstead rates reduced. 1st class 5/- per ton; 2nd class 5/- per ton; 3rd class 5/- per ton; 4th class 7/6 per ton; 5th class 10/- per ton. Including Halstead Cartage.
- Ice purchases. Houses at Lowestoft and Yarmouth full, (1,541 tons at Yarmouth), (224 tons at Lowestoft).

- Wells Tramway. The receipts from 20th December were £4.14.0 at 6/3d per day.
- Messrs Ind Coope Ltd. Asking for a heavier and stronger turntable. ECRy not obliged to do this.
- Mr. Byford, carrier Braintree, Halstead and Sudbury areas to put goods to Halstead at the same rates as Sudbury.
- The Stolen Cheese. Characters:- P.C.'s Goodwin & Johnson, Porters Loose, Bennett, Spinks, Spears Sutton & Green. Scene of crime:- Ipswich station. Date:- Sunday 19th December. Superintendent Kent quite sure that one of the men had acquired the cheese! Warehouse to be in the charge of some responsible person on Sundays. (Real Gilbert & Sullivan stuff).
- St. Ives. Messrs Potto & Brown's new mill. Rates to be fixed when the mill has been built.
- Claims of £87.10.11. Lost Jewellery, drapery and a hamper of game etc. Against goods department £101.8.6. To audit office.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Tivetshall Station. Cost of covered way for branch and up main platform 60ft long will be £150. For down platform £60.
- Payments due:- Railway Carriage Co. on account 100 cattle wagons - £197.12.0; On account 50 round ended wagons - £65.10.0. Messrs. Sandford & Owen. Wheels, axles for 100 wagons - £338.2.6. Mr. C. Osborne. Bearings for 150 wagons - £254.1.3. Messrs. Wade & Sons on account of sleepers - £170.0.0. Messrs. Lewin on account 3,000 loads of timber - £590.0.0. Mr. Claye on account of 100 round ended wagons - £360.5.0. Messrs. Bell & Sons on account. Bridges Ely to Lynn - £200.0.0. Thames Iron Co. Girders for Whittlesea Dyke bridge - £132.1.8. All Approved.
- Frost precautions. Monday last with the directors at the Audit of Accounts Committee Mr. Sinclair said that while frosts continue he had arranged for express and certain other trains to make unscheduled stops for wheel and axle checks. Also doubled permanent way inspections. Committee fully approved and suggested reduced speeds to be advertised in the press.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Captain Andrew's report. (not recorded HEJ).
- Cheshunt Steeplechase, near the station on February next. Committee decided not to support.

Superintendent's Report:

- 1st January. Two landslips between Westerfields and Bealing blocking both lines until mid-day.
- Brake vans. Ten to be ordered for passenger work.
- Shelford. Request by Mr. Headley for the 10.57 a.m. down train and the corresponding up train (due London at 3.40 p.m.) to stop when required. Matter deferred.
- Harwich Pier. Mistress asking for 8 weeks wages (£14.11.8) due from 31st October 1860 when steamboats ceased operations. Secretary to check on the claim.
- Waveney Valley Co. Asking for a reduction of through fares, this was declined.
- Bishopsgate No.1 signal box. A brick hut with stove to be built for the shunting staff.
- Peterborough. A signal hut to be moved to a better position of vision.
- Colchester accident, Sunday 13th January. Collision between the down parliamentary train and a down goods train. Some passengers slightly injured. Chairman had held an inquiry and the committee now heard evidence etc. Stationmaster and inspector blamed for ignoring rules. Stationmaster reprimanded and inspector downgraded.
- Goods train operation and supervision. Mr. Sinclair's report not recorded. Resolved. From 1st February 1861 all delays etc. arising to be the responsibility of Mr. Robertson. All goods guards to be under the superintendent's care all charged to goods department.
- Rifle butts. Volunteers in uniform from Ilford Station to site not quoted. 1st class 9d, 2nd or 3rd class 6d. Single / return.
- Occurrence on 14th January at Bishopsgate. Afternoon Ipswich express. Smoke coming from a portmanteau (Mr. Beck's) in which wax lights had ignited. Superintendent to report.

30th January 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report:

- Goods to Dumfriesshire to go on to the Midland at Peterborough. Agreed.
- Norwich Victoria. Extra lamps at cattle pens and goods shed.
- Brick Lane. Six extra gas lamps for granary cellar required.
- Woolwich Arsenal. Re signatures not given for timber delivered. Manager to see the storekeeper at the Arsenal.
- Pilfering. Ipswich warehouse on Sundays (the stolen cheese) a man had been appointed and all stations notified of the goods foreman's duties on Sundays.

- Law. Mr Dye's claim for £15 for delayed fish Yarmouth - Longton. Solicitors to advise. Lad named Greenwood suing for 10/- wages on a claim of being paid with a new farthing.
- Grain traffic. Foreign from Blackwall, 2 weeks to 27th January was 3717 quarters.

- Ilford, on 3rd January, a cask of sherry was damaged, ten gallons being lost. Stationmaster severely reprimanded.
- Waveney Valley Co. Coke rates reduction requested ex Lowestoft from 5/2 to 3/7 per ton and from Ipswich from 4/6 to 3/3 per ton. Both declined.
- Claims on Goods Department £114-9-0 to Audit Department. Listed claims of £66-13-11, losses, delays.
- Robbery. Bundle of corduroy, Manchester to Ipswich cut open and material taken. Traced to shunter Bunyard and number taker Harding, both in custody from the morrow.
- Goods wagons. Too many under repair. Mr. Sinclair to speed the work.
- Lowestoft harbour. Captain Daniels again criticised by the board for ordering goods without sanction.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Good's claim was non-suited. Several convictions for petty offences as usual. Several occurrences including a donkey killed.
- Special trains. H.R.H. Prince of Wales on 18th January from Windsor via Kew and Stratford to Cambridge. Prince Albert by the same route on 31st December.
- Park Station alterations suggested for passenger convenience and safety.
- Dovercourt Station to have a gas supply..
- Swaffham stationmaster Mr. Clifton to go to Wells at £100 per annum.

Secretary's Report:

- East Suffolk Railway. Director's and Secretary's free passes extended from Ipswich to Woodbridge.
- Lowestoft harbour. Graving dock & slipway, Mr. Metcalfe seeking a lease. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Custom House Quay - Tower Hill and other approach roads. Miss Rosetta Rist had sanded these roads during the hard weather, to receive 2 guineas.
- Mr. Langley's widow to receive £25 gift as act of charity. Ref:- Min. 2nd January.
- Hardingham landslips. Mr. Tebbutt enquiring about restitution.
- Brandon, occupational crossing for Mr. Claxton was declined.
- Waveney Valley Co. Mr. Sinclair had loaned a tank locomotive as the Waveney Valley Co.'s locomotive was under repair.
- Harwich Pier mistress. Request for wages due was not agreed.
- Brandon stationmaster seeking a loan of £110 to pay creditors. Refused and to be moved elsewhere as a goods clerk (same salary).
- Superintendent of Police Mr. Kent proposing a London police conference to discuss methods of crime prevention on the railways. This was agreed. Secretary to write.
- The Stolen Cheese. Ref:- 16th January last line. Porter Bolton exonerated and restored as porter.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Communications, guard - driver. Modified Great Northern method proposed and model submitted. Cost 8 guineas per set with 100 to 120 sets required. Resolved to test on express trains only.
- Lowestoft harbour. Lock repairs with piling to maintain water level in inner harbour.
- Frost precautions. Emergency stopping of express trains to cease. Normal services resumed.
- Old locomotives. Mr. G. Richardson wishing to purchase No. 95 suggested at £400. This was approved.
- Steel tyres. Krupp's patent quoted as Mister Krupp. Credit to locomotive revenue account £518.17.6. His judgement was highly praised by the committee.
- Blackwall sidings. Pepper Warehouse extensions cancelled due to the access via Mr. Mare's land.
- Chelmsford arches for grain storage £110. Matter deferred.
- Payments due:- Mr. Chapman stationmaster at Stratford - £144.7.9. Mr. Tracey Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke bridge - £650; Magdalen bridge - £150; Waldersay Drain bridge - £300; March bridge - £400. Railway Carriage Co. on account. Cattle wagons - £98.16.0; On account round ended wagons £262.0.0. Messrs. Sandford, Owen. Wheels, axles for timber wagons - £106.0.0; Axles for round ended wagons - £51.15.0. All agreed.
- Axles and tyres. Breakages during the frost. Locomotives - 7 tyres, 0 axles; Tenders - 6 tyres, 3 axles; Carriages - 9 tyres, 0 axles; ECRy wagons - 51 tyres, 0 axles; Other wagons - 47 tyres, 0 axles. No comments made, HEJ.
- Stratford station, new footbridge. Order to J. Perry at £1093.0.0.

13th February 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love. J. T. Norris M.P. present.

Manager's Report:

- Coal into London (city). January 1861 figures first. LNWRy 58,116 tons 62,539 tons; GNRy 49,964 tons 46,659 tons; ECRy 14,013 tons 8,815 tons; GWRy 7,329 tons 4,361 tons; MRy 4,396 tons 3,347 tons; SERy 3,000 tons ---; LTRy 82 tons ----.
- Foreign grain from Blackwall, 2 weeks ending 10th February, 1,936 quarters.
- Lowestoft lifeboat. ECRy launched for test, satisfactory performance.
- LTRy, searchers pass granted.
- Maldon wharf. to the 3rd February (7 weeks). Receipts haulage £35.12.0, costs £11.4.0.
- Law. Brick Lane scaleman named Wiseman in custody for stealing a leg of mutton and a bottle of stout from a hamper. Also at Brick Lane on 11th February, J. Bateman & C. Smart stealing hides. 4 months each in prison. Theft of 7 sovereigns from a parcel from London to Maldon. Mr. Butter claiming, ECRy to defend.
- Peterborough. The two travelling cranes in need of repairs.
- Claims made £60.14.7. All for lost goods.
- Wells Tramway. Mr. Spicer asking for 60/- weekly for the working due to high expenses. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Claims on goods department. £108.3.4 to audit office.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Lowestoft harbour. Slipway and graving dock re Mr. Metcalfe, January 30th. Cost of repairs £1,500. Matter deferred pro. tem.
- Somersham. Mr. J. Warner proposing the closing of one level crossing. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Roads trusts. Hertford, Mr. Wylson of the Conservative Land Society asking permission to lay a drain under the railway to the society's land, this was agreed on usual terms.
- Payments due:- Railway Carriage Co. on account. 100 wagons - £98.16.0; On account 150 wagons - £196.6.0. Messrs. Lloyd Foster. 12 sets wheels, axles £411.0.0; Wheels, axles for 100 round ended wagons - £226.0.0; Wheels and axles for 40 2nd class carriages - £616.10.0. Messrs. Sandford Owen. Wheels, axles for 100 timber wagons - £503.10.0. Messrs. Bray Waddington on account. 150 round ended wagons - £1037.0.0. Mr. J. Claye for 100 round ended wagons - £556.16.0. Messrs. Brown Marshall on account. 20 composite carriages - £1565.14.0 and 40 2nd class carriages - £1067.14.0. Mr. C. Osborne. Brass bearings for 150 goods wagons - £70.6.3. Messrs. Turton & Sons. Bearing springs for 150 round ended wagons - £253.3.1. Messrs. Wade & Son for 1,000 loads of timber - £432.14.1; 100,000 sleepers - £95.7.5. Messrs. Batchelor Bros. on account. 20,000 sleepers - £128.15.10 and 20,000 round sleepers - £271.4.2. Mr. John Perry, Romford New Station - £500.0.0 on account. Messrs. Bell & Son. Ten bridges Ely, Lynn, March - £671.15.0 on account.
- Yarmouth water works. £157.0.6 due for payment. Resolved that Mr. Sinclair deals with all water accounts.

Superintendent's Report:

- Ipswich Dock branch. Green Lane to become a road and level crossing gates and gate keeper's cottage required. To the Joint Committee.
- Accident at Griffin Wharf on 30th January when wharfman Clarke received head injuries and a broken arm.
- Two injury claims, one at Woodford on 9th October, the other at Forest Gate on 1st January 1860. Solicitors Crowder & Maynard to act.
- Ipswich, Stoke Bridge Wharf. ECRy property since 1854 by way of Eastern Union lease supposedly expired on 14th December 1860 (Town clerk's letter on same). Eastern Union had granted several sub-lease agreements. Solicitors to advise on the subject.
- Bye-laws infringements. Mr. F. Clowes owing 2/6 for Norwich - Ipswich excess fare and refusal to pay. Mr. Ashley to act.
- Claims. Mr. Marshall Wood's equestrian statue of the Prince of Wales with two damaged feet. Left overnight in Bishopsgate cloakroom. Claim £60. Solicitors to defend. Mr. Jones (Pantheon Club) claiming £49.5.0 for missing portmanteaux £21.0.0, Jewellery £28.5.0, paid into court.

Secretary's Report:

- Tottenham accident. Mr. John Hills asking for employment (injured in crash). Non suitable.
- Brick Lane. Back gate exit needs extension of stone paving by four feet to preserve the road contour. Parish authorities to be asked for permission.
- Lowestoft reading room times. Mr. Johnson again asking for 6.00 p.m. closing. This was now agreed.
- Newmarket stationmaster Mr. Heavens asking for the disused offices to be converted to a stationmaster's house. Mr. Sinclair to costimate.
- Staff alterations:- Goods department. Greasers to the superintendent's department. Lamp (train) lighters to the superintendent's department.

- Brick Lane. Hoist office floor to be repaired and office cleaned, decorated. Fireplace to replace stove and gearing closed off.
- Foxton stationmaster Mr. Verlander to receive a £7 per annum increase.
- Waltham crossing. Bethlehem Hospital ref. 19th December. Letter from their solicitor, ECRy's to confer with Mr. H. Love.
- Chelmsford station yard. Mr. Hardcastle seeking renewal of his lease of arches, stables and cab work. Mr. Duffield also seeking the lease. Chairman and Mr. Moseley to confer on the matter.
- Coke Wagons. Rickett Smith & Co. proposing to purchase wagons to £8,000 and seeking agreement for the ECRy to hire (3 years), if the ECRy contract lapses £12.12.0 per annum each wagon. Mr. Sinclair to give his opinion.
- *The minutes unsigned !*

27th February 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report:

- Messrs. Meux's brewery. Carman Hatfield struck by a falling sack of malt. Broken spine, in hospital. No date given.
- Blackwall crane. Chain broken when lifting an Oak tree into a barge which was also damaged. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Grain traffic decline. Brick Lane & Blackwall, 2 weeks to 23rd February 5,177 quarters grain less. 3,557 sacks of flour less. Foreign grain from Blackwall 2,058 quarters in the same period.
- Potato traffic also less at Brick Lane, 76 tons down for the same period.
- Lowestoft fire engine (town's purchase). ECRy to pay transport from London as a contribution to same.
- Coal storage, Messrs. Rickett Smith, Brentwood to Mr. Daldy. Transfer approved. Mr. Cameron at Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] in difficulties, transfer to Johnson & Headdy of Peterborough. Also approved.
- Brick Lane. Granary cellar to have lifting gear for sacks of grain into the carts.
- Stonea. Warehouse road and shed entrance to be improved.
- East Suffolk Co. Requesting the use of the south side of Lowestoft harbour. Deferred.
- Law. Scalesman Wiseman of Brick Lane sentenced to 9 months prison with hard labour (see law 13th February). Horsekeeper Kitchen of Lynn selling ECRy provender to a carman named Burley. Both sent for trial.
- Claims. Mr. Dyes delayed fish settled for £18.13.9. Also Mr. Lincoln £30.0.0, horse killed at Saxmundham. Mr. Selby £6.7.3 for lost tea chest. Mr. Hodgsons £7.6.0 for lost drapery. Messrs. Foster & Co. £25.0.0 also for lost drapery. Goods department £110.19.9.
- Brick Lane arch, let to Messrs. Garretts, Leiston is required for sick horses.

Superintendent's Report:

- Two convictions for non payment of fares.
- Fatal accident to a child, Elizabeth Hart, at Lower Wharf Blackwall, crushed between buffers.
- Incident at Reedham. On 21st February a person wedged two points with stones setting line to the sidings. Down goods train passed the first but stopped in time. Reward of £10 offered for information.
- Six Mile Bottom. Roof and wall of down platform blown down on 21st February. Mr. Sinclair to make good.
- Claim. Mr. Linton awarded £9 for bullock killed on 21st November.
- Mails, GPO asking for an up day mail from Harwich to Manningtree at 2nd class return. This was agreed.
- Cambridge - Hitchin. GNRy asking for better service. Deferred.
- Kelvedon stationmaster Mr. Dodds dismissed for book alterations etc.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Wells Tramway not suitable for steam locomotive operations.
- Newmarket station. Old offices into dwelling at cost £125, approved.
- Somersham landslip. Mr. Tebbutt's land and A. N. Other. Concession of fence siting for £150, ECRy to pay conveyance. Agreed.
- Roads trustees. Loughton station approach road. Mr. Maitland and others agree to improve the road if the ECRy will provide 100 loads of gravel. Agreed, as local gravel is available.
- Payments due:- Railway Wagon & Carriage Co. For cattle wagons - £49.8.0 and goods wagons - £294.15.0. Lloyds Foster & Co. Wheels and axles - £791.0.0. Sandford & Owen. Wheels, axles - £25.17.6 and £424.0.0. Messrs. Bray, Waddington. Goods wagons - £1,403.0.0. S. J. Clay. Goods wagons - £163.15.0. Brown Marshall & Co. 2nd class carriages - £533.17.0. Messrs. Turton & Sons. Bearing springs - (1) £126.17.5; (2) £509.1.1; (3) £122.15.3. R. Stephenson & Co. Locomotives and tenders - £5,400.0.0. Messrs. Wade & Sons. Sleeper contract - £130.9.11.
- Rails contract for 4,000 tons. Mr. Sinclair to advise on tenders.

Secretary's Report:

- Peterborough. Messrs. English offering land and asking for drain to be a brick structure into ECRy sewer and road to be repaired. Mr. Sinclair to report his views.
- Mr. Cooper's survey of ECRy's property. Mr. Sinclair to report on state of survey.
- Eastern Union Co. Ipswich station. Mr. Goddard's fittings for gas supply £403.13.6. To the Board 28th February.
- East Anglian Co. asking for a statement on the number of passengers weekly Lynn to Dereham and intermediately. Also the number booked beyond Dereham and Lynn and the revenue obtained 1st June to 31st September 1859 and 1860. Also the goods and coal ex Peterborough etc. to Ely and on to Dereham, tonnage and receipts. A like statement for Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] and Dereham to all places beyond 30th June to 31st December 1860. Manager to report.
- Works. Marsh bailiff regarding repairs to East Ham levels and local board regarding repairs to brick road.
- Sidings. Draught agreement from Mr. Sinclair to be printed. All private siding lessees to send in details of same.
- Stratford approach road. Mr. Martin seeking improvement of line and offering Oak and Elm valued at £500 to enable him to purchase the necessary land. Mr. Sinclair recommended acceptance of proposal.
- Coke wagons. Rickett Smith & Co. ref. 13th February. Mr. Sinclair approved of the three year contract scheme with certain conditions. Any new coke supplier to use the Rickett Smith wagons.

1st March 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love.

- Special meeting re rails 4,000 ton contract. All tenders shown. Messrs. Bolchow & Vaughan 2,000 tons only at £6.15.0 per ton to be confirmed.

13th March 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love.

Manager's Report:

- Grain traffic, Brick Lane & Blackwall. Falloff for 2 weeks to 9th March against 1860 same period was 6,443 quarters grain and 6,327 sacks of flour. Foreign grain from Blackwall same period was 3723 quarters. Potato traffic to Brick Lane same period was down by 286 tons against 1860 same period.
- Carman Duffield's death from accident at Meux's Brewery, £5 to the widow.
- Fish. Night delivery to Ipswich. Charges must be prepaid.
- Loading gauges to be installed at Baldock, Blackwall, Ingatestone, Kelvedon, Long Stanton, Needham, Royston, Sawbridgeworth, Shepreth, St. Margarets, Stanstead [*Stansted*], Swavesey, Sudbury, Tivetshall, Walsingham, Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*], Witham & Woodbridge.
- Coal traffic, Hythe. Tolls reduced, traffic increased and delays to shipping. Mr. Hawkin's wharf available at 60 guineas per annum, make levy of 3d per ton to pay the rental to 25th March 1862. Secretary to write to Mr. Hawkins.
- Cambridge. Mr. Rowe asking for a siding to his land near the goods yard. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Waveney Valley Co. cancelling all through rates for coal traffic, charging their rates from Tivetshall.
- Brick Lane arches. Ref. 27th February. No. 33 available for sick horses. Approved. Also lock-up to be partitioned to take tea, tobacco for overnight storage.
- Theft. Harding and Bunyard sentenced to 6 months imprisonment for theft of corduroy.
- Claims. Mr. Gray £38.0.0 for damaged malt. Mr. Scott £10.7.10, lost tobacco. Messrs. Coupland & Cobb £8.16.9 for lost drapery. Mr. Bunyard £13.18.6 for lost tea chest. Mr. Gowing £7.7.6 for lost fish and Mr. Muggeridge £24.10.0 for undelivered oats.
- Fish traffic. Trawl fishing catches going to Yarmouth. Ice to be offered at 15/- per ton at sea and 40/- per ton at dock. Mr. Moseley to see the fish merchants.
- Great Northern Co. Hertford goods traffic proposals.
 - 1). All transfers to be made by the Great Northern Co.
 - 2). Allowance of 2 miles out of ECRy mileage.
 - 3). Cartage free to ECRy.
 - 4). Hertford station to station cartage, ECRy to pay GNRy 6d per ton.
 - 5). Minimum charge 1/6 per wagon on all traffic.These proposals were rejected.
- Claims. Damaged barge at Blackwall, ref. 27th February. Repairs £29.12.6. Depreciation £25.0.0. Mr. Sinclair to get a boat builder's opinion. Second claim for a barge damaged by a wagon falling into it at Blackwall £15.0.0. Mr. Moseley (Manager ECRy) to offer £12.10.0. Goods department £209.1.4. Special case settled for £427.15.7. No details.
- Horses, 183 from Winnold Fair in cattle trucks by goods train. Revenue to Horse, dog & carriage account.
- Sudbury. Goods losses overnight from wagons. Night watchman to be provided.
- East Suffolk Co. Lowestoft harbour, south side usage. Mr. Robertson to report.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Tottenham accident. Widows of driver Rowell and fireman Cornwell to the board of directors on the 14th.
- Brick Road, West Ham, repairs to cost £10 and local board to adopt.
- Steamboat "Kent" of Woolwich requires repairs costing £423. Approved.
- Brake vans. Messrs. Brown, Marshall & Co. to supply 10 at £158 each.
- Newmarket station. Offices to dwelling, work to Messrs. Worswick and Morley at £121.0.0.
- Payments due:- Railway Carriage Co. 100 cattle wagons - £98.16.0 and 100 round ended wagons - £294.15.0. Messrs. Lloyds, Foster & Co. Wheels, axles 100 sets for wagons - £28.5.0 and for 40 carriages - £445.5.0. Messrs. Sandford & Owen. Wheels & axles for 100 wagons - £103.10.0. Messrs. Bray, Waddington. Wheels, axles for 100 round ended wagons - £793.0.0. Messrs. Wright & Sons for 40 second class carriages - £354.0.0. Mr. S. J. Claye for 100 round ended wagons - £229.5.0. Messrs. Brown, Marshall & Co. for 40 second class carriages - £1,067.14.0. Messrs. R. Stephenson & Co. Locomotives (15) and tenders - £4,800.0.0. St. Leonards Parish of Shoreditch for paving opposite Bishopsgate station - £94.6.3. Mr. W. Chapman for cottage repairs at Romford factory - £109.4.4. All approved.

Superintendent's Report:

- Great Northern Co. Through bookings Dunstable & Luton to Royston & Cambridge. This was approved.
- Woodford stationmaster dismissed for not reporting a passenger alighting from a train in motion. His second offence, the first case going against the company. Also Mr. Traylor stationmaster at Park station for assaulting a passenger.
- Wells Tramway. On 7th March a lad was run over by wagons and has since died.
- Bentley & Ardleigh stationmasters houses not considered suitable, of wooden construction. For the Joint Committee.
- Hertford. An old man named Wright missed the last London train and fallen into a hole on the way to the station. He was attended by Doctor Reilly for light injuries.
- Peterborough. Porter Bancroft assisting the moving of a carriage on the turntable on 6th March. "Accidental death".
- Ipswich New station. 15th August 1860, a Mr. Willoughby killed. Widow claiming and will sue if necessary. For directors.
- Harwich and Ipswich steamboats, 1861 season. Boats to be repaired for the summer.

Secretary's Report:

- Survey of property. Land agent to be appointed.
- Surplus land. Mr. J. D. Taylor re small piece of land near Bishops Stortford station. Not for sale.
- 11th Herts. Volunteer Rifle Corps asking for free transport Cheshunt to Ordnance Factory station and return. Refused.
- Whitechapel area houses and also Bethnal Green area houses, small repairs needed. For Mr. Sinclair.
- Smoking carriage requested for Enfield to Water Lane and Bishopsgate trains. Refused.
- Bury. Mr. Burlingham's siding, £60 received, the agreement to be signed.
- Sidings (private). List still not complete.
- Stratford Bridge. Stationmaster Mr. Murfitt to receive increase of £10 to £80 per annum.
- Stratford approach road, Mr. Martin's offer. On Mr. Sinclair's advice the committee rescinded previous acceptance.

27th March 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love. J. T. Norris M.P. present.

Manager's Report:

- Claim. Mr. Delieu for personal injury by a company cart. Willing to negotiate via solicitors.
- Shunting at stations. On 20th March at Ipswich a cask of oil damaged and on 23rd March a cask of oil damaged at Cambridge. Heavy claims liable. Locomotive drivers to be reminded of their duty.
- Coal traffic into London February 1861 and 1860 (in brackets). LNWRy 68,633 tons (53,982); GNRy 55,885 tons (42,970); ECRy 11,791 tons (8,322); GWRy 7,626 tons (3,965); MRy 4,530 tons (2,950); LTRy 144 tons (192).
- Grain traffic into Brick Lane and Blackwall. Falloff for 2 weeks to 23rd March against last year was 11,309 quarters and 4,272 sacks of flour.
- Foreign grain from Blackwall same period was 3,882 quarters.
- Potato traffic to Brick Lane same period was 410 tons against 472 tons for 1860.
- Goods train work. London - Peterborough 3 times weekly discontinued. 612 miles weekly saved. London - Lynn now 3 times weekly, a mileage saving of 600. Night train London - Witham withdrawn, a mileage saving of 456. From 1st April the Hertford branch goods will be worked by two of the London and Cambridge trains, the branch goods locomotive to cease operating.
- Lock-up goods wagons. 10 wagons to be altered to run :- London - Ware - Audley End - Bishops Stortford - Maldon - Swaffham.

- Chelmsford arches. Lease as stables to be renewed to present tenant.
- Maldon wharf. Fence to be replaced and a siding relaid.
- Peterborough. Messrs. English & Co., all wagons with loads going or coming out of that company's sidings to be charged 1/- each.
- Victoria docks coal siding extension, Mr. Sinclair to report.
- Brick Lane, north eastern shed paving in need of repairs.
- "Blossoms Inn". A weeks notice to Mr. Simmonds who occupies one of the cottages.
- Lowestoft harbour. Dues paid by French fishing vessels. For the chairman's attention. East Suffolk Co. south side harbour coal "drops". Messrs. Easthaugh willing to hire the "drops".
- Ice house, Yarmouth. Southtown to be let at £40 per annum.
- East Suffolk Co. & foreign grain. 4/- per ton terminal charges. ECRy receives 2/6 per ton. ESRy receives 1/6 per ton. To 31st March 1860 £90.2.2 received by ECRy less hire of cartage. For next joint meeting.
- Colne Valley Co. requesting waiving of wagon hire to coal merchants rates. Agreed.
- Claims. £99.19.0 mostly for lost goods and injured cattle. Goods department £351.16.6.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Bishopsgate station. Roof to be cleaned for the summer season.
- Carriage; Station indicator, to show the stations passed. Rejected.
- Stonea. Approach road and entrance improvements to cost £100. Manager to assess and report.
- Payments due:- Robert Stephenson & Co. for 15 locomotives & tenders - £2,700.0.0. R & W Hawthorn for 15 locomotives and tenders - £2,400.0.0. Messrs. Lloyds, Foster & Co. for goods wagons wheels and axles - £452.0.0. Sandford Owen as above - £103.10.0. S. J. Claye for 100 round ended wagons - £262.0.0. Brown, Marshall & Co. for 20 composite carriages - £527.18.0 and for 40 2nd class carriages - £1067.14.0. J. Wright & Sons for 40 2nd class carriages - £354.0.0. C. Osborne for wagon bearings - £27.1.8. Messrs. Sandford, Owen. Wheels & axles for timber wagons - £185.10.0. Bray Waddington & Co. for 150 round ended wagons - £1,586.0.0. Mr. A. Tracey, Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Dyke bridge - £223.0.8; Waldersea Drain bridge - £303.5.11; March bridge - £205.2.6. All approved.

Superintendent's Report:

- Rye House excursion traffic. Electric telegraph to be installed.
- Stratford. Signalman Cooper downgraded to a porter for bad timekeeping.
- Colchester. Deputy Inspector of Her Majesty's Hospitals asking for 1st class season tickets for officers at 2nd class rate. Superintendent to enquire of other railways.
- Tidal Basin. Death of stationmaster Mr. Pilbrow on 14th March. £10 to his widow.
- Lowestoft station. Extra sidings required for fish and goods traffic. Mr. Sinclair to cost and report.
- Sudbury - Halstead train services. The 4.15 p.m. Sudbury to Marks Tey to be extended to Colchester returning at 5.30 p.m. to Sudbury and Halstead. Approved.
- Omnibuses. Mr. Bradstock to take over the Waltham - Cheshunt service, Mr. Hunt having retired.
- Magdalen Gate station to have a proper platform.
- Yarmouth & Lowestoft traffic, via Beccles. 15th June 1860 to 13th October 1860 increased passenger traffic by 5,594 and receipts by £144.6.2. Extra mileage was 17,056.

Secretary's Report:

- Steamboats. Sold the "River Queen" for £140 to Mr. Silburn.
- Maritime Steam Co. Prospectus received. Use of Harwich approved.
- Waltham level crossing and Bethlehem hospital. Correspondence again. Committee desiring some specific complaints.
- Hythe coal traffic. Mr. Hawkin's wharf leased for 12 months to 12th March 1862 at £60. Approved.
- Claim against ECRy successful. Mr. Dousberry for £50 (injuries) and £85.16.0 costs. Woodford 9th October 1860 upon alighting from a train.
- Conservative Land Society, Enfield. Mr. Harvey, a house purchaser, to have a 1st class free ticket to London. (Does not minute season, day or ?)
- Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] stables. Water closet still not built.
- Appeal for the dependents of the Blakeney lifeboat crew lost in the recent gale. Noted.
- East Suffolk land tax fully redeemed.
- Peterborough station. Chairman's visit. The siding accommodation to be increased. Locomotive stock also too low. Mr. Sinclair to act.
- Mid Eastern scheme, Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Corporation would support ECRy, but not financially. Solicitors to advise on the matter.

10th April 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall for 2 weeks to 6th April. Fall-off against 1860 was 6070 qtrs grain and 6024 sacks of flour. Foreign Grain from Blackwall same period 3983 qtrs.
- Potato Traffic to Brick Lane , same period was 331 tons against 350 tons for 1860.
- Coal into London City. [*presumably 1861 vs.1860*] LNWRy 68396 tons 54468; GNRy 62185 tons 9217; ECRy 13848 tons 9217; GWRy 7566 tons 5229; MRy 6429 tons 4414; SERy 1818 tons 3614; SWRy 4004 tons --; H&LRy (Herts & Luton) 875 tons --; C&DRy (Chatham & Dover) 505 tons --; T&SRy 76 tons --.
- Wells Tramway Seven weeks to 31st March. The receipts were £34.2.9d; expenses were £21.0.0d.
- North Staffordshire Co's rolling stock taken over by the LNWRy. Claim by NSRy for 4/6d Terminal charges for cartage was resisted.
- Ammunition movements. Committee adhered to the two days notice requirement.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Damage to North Pier in December 1860 by the vessel "Iron Master" with licensed Pilot aboard. Owners refuse to pay the £20 claiming that the Pilot is liable. Captain Daniels (ECRy) to advise Committee.
- Chatteris Gas Co. requesting a siding from the station. Agreed, Mr.Sinclair to estimate and Gas Company to pay same.
- Brick Lane, unclaimed goods to be stored in the cellar below the granary.
- Chesterford, platform to be extended for warehouse use. Mr. Sinclair.
- Devonshire Street, Siding parallel to the canal to be extended by six rail lengths.
- Various small repairs listed, stables mostly.
- SWRy company to share the ECRy stand at Mark Lane Corn Exchange, paying half rent.
- Leeds, Royal Agricultural Show, usual arrangements as per 1860.
- Fat Cattle from Trowse to the North on 6th April.
- Claims. £49.19.3d lost tea, drapery, meat late delivery; Mr. Chamberlain £20 16/10 for lost hamper of silk London to Norwich on 19th Oct. 1860.
- Robberies on certain train, Driver Ryder and another ten on Driver Starkey's train. Mr. Sinclair to be informed.
- Police Super, Mr. Kent reported on pilfering at Stratford Yard. As a result, Yard Inspector Hamer, Signalman Mordan and Porter Webb were all dismissed.
- Claims Goods Dept. for 2 weeks £321.9.0d.

Superintendent's Report:

- Drunk in Charge. Driver Kearn, Fireman Wilson on up cattle train ex Lynn on 16th March. Case not proven despite or because of attendance of Stationmasters of Broxbourne, Tottenham, Loco foreman of Cambridge & others at Committee Meeting hearing.
- London General Omnibus Company to the City from Tottenham has added extra vehicles, at fares of 8d inside and 6d outside, one way.
- Fatal accident on 4th April at Wymondham. Horseman Manthorpe on coupling wagons was trapped between buffers and died later. £5 to his widow.
- Claim by Rev. R. Watts for lost carpet-bag on 15th Jan between Peterborough and Norwich.
- Fatality on 7th April at Grantham's Crossing near Shelford. Platelayer Dean run down and killed by an up Norwich Goods Train. Dean apparently intoxicated.
- Norwich Assizes. Two boys for trial for placing a rail chair on the lines at Santon, near Brandon on 6th Feb.; also at Huntingdon Petty Sessions, two youths on trial for placing a plank across the rails at Chatteris on 3rd April.
- Shooting Target. Mr. Biddle of Playford near Bealings has placed a target in a field near the railway and shooting takes place towards the railway lines. Mr. J.Packe (Committee) to speak to Mr. Biddle.
- City of London Volunteer Corps travelling to Woolwich. In uniform at half fare, 1st or 2nd Class.
- NLRy Southend Excursions via Hackney Wick and Stratford agreed on a proportional rate revenue.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

- Cambridge Station stairs and waiting room repairs to cost £50.0.0d
- Gas economies at Brick Lane and Bishopsgate. Regulators, £130, installed 1859 have made 20% savings or £330. This agreed to install further regulators at £330.
- Lowestoft additional sidings to cost £500. For the Joint Committee.
- Resignation. Clerk in the Accounts Dept., Mr. Campion at 27/- weekly. Boy to fill the vacancy.
- Brick Lane Arch No 33. Conversion for sick horses (Ref 13th March) Cost of £465. Matter deferred.

- Payments Due. Robert Stephenson & Co. 15 locos and tenders £2700; Messrs Slaughter Gruning and Co 5 Loco boilers £1650; Railway Carriage Co. on acc. 100 cattle wagons £197.12.0d, on acc 150 wagons £589.10.0d; Messrs Wright & Sons on acc 40 2nd cl. Carrs, £354.0.0d; Brown, Marshall & Co. on acc 40 2nd cl. Carrs, £355.18.0d; Bray, Waddington and Co on acc. 150 RE wags, £793.0.0d; Messrs Sandford, Owen on acc. Wheels, axles £207.0.0d
- Asst. Engineer, Mr. Henry Davis to receive £50 per annum increase.

24th April 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 21st April. Fall-off of 1509 qtrs and 2737 sacks of flour. Foreign Grain from Blackwall same period 4906 quarters.
- Potato Traffic same period, fall-off of 50 tons against 1860
- Darsham. Mr. Ludbrook Coal Store, 3 or 4 wagon loads of ballast required as a foundation. Approved.
- WVRy Co. Tivetshall goods Traffic worked by ECRy who receive the terminals.
- LTSRy Co. grain traffic to Mint St. Depot often re-consigned to ECRy's stations. Terminal of 2/- per ton agreed to LTSRy.
- Long Stanton [*Longstanton*]. Sheep pen to be erected.
- Ipswich Dock Station. Small lock-up required.
- Coal Stores. Mr. Mitchell at Balsham requesting a store at Six Mile Bottom. Not to sell at the station.
- Ice Sales. Yarmouth to boats fishing off the Dutch coast = 6 tons.
- Train Workings. As from 12th May all fish and meat Sunday trains to cease saving 934 miles per week.
- CVRy Co. Wagon hire allowance from CVRy Co. bill for £56 (May 1860- March 1861) Agreed subject to Clearing House mileage proportion being transferred.
- Coal Stores. Messrs. Butcher & Girling wish to erect a shed at Waltham [*Waltham Cross*] Agreed on the usual terms.
- Sale of 22qtrs barley damaged at Bishops Stortford. £26.4.2d realised giving a loss of £4.11.3d. Also the sale of £36 stale flour at £1 per sack.
- Burston shunting. Mr. Scales's allowance to be increased from 5/- to 8/- weekly.
- Brick Lane. Carman Tryell to face trial for theft of an empty cask, 22nd April.
- Sidings at Sudbury. Messrs Higgs & Co. asking for a siding to cross the road to their premises. Mr. Sinclair to report.
- ESRy Co. Messrs. Garretts of Leiston hire of teamed horses to move the heavy equipment. To 31st Dec 1860 cost was £21.14.7d. Receipts to ECRy from Clearing House was £90.2.2d.
- Wrong delivery of a roll of lead to Messrs Bailey & Skinner valued at £12.9.9d. That company refuses to pay. Solicitors to apply in writing.
- Bishops Stortford. A company barrow found in the possession of a Mr. Clayton. Mr. Ashley to prosecute.
- Claims. £96.0.9d Mr. Rotton for £76.0.9d of the total for wrong delivery of herrings, sold later at £34.7.0d.; Barge "Amazon" damage assessed at £29.12.6d by Mr. Allan. Agreed to pay that amount.
- Claims Goods Dept. of £375.4.6d to Audit Dept. Sub-committee formed to deal with claims. Horatio Love, James Goodson and Samuel Anderson.
- Unprofitable trains. One Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] connection to cease. One Ely to Peterborough to cease. Train mileages to be reduced. Mr Sinclair and the Superintendent to consider the means.
- Timber. Messrs Batchelor of Newport and rejected sleepers & Mr Lewin of Boston and rejected timber. Mr Sinclair's report to the Committee. Both decisions confirmed.
- Mid-Eastern Railway. Visit by Mr Sinclair and Mr Robertson & Moseley to proposed route and also to Wisbeach [*Wisbeach*], Long Sutton, Lynn, Swaffham, Thetford, Bury, Sudbury, Castle Hedingham and Haverhill on 18th, 19th and 20th April.

Superintendent's Report:

- Whitsun Holidays. Excursions, London to Ipswich & Harwich on Sundays. Returns 1st class 7/6d, 2nd class 5/-, 3rd class 3/-; to Epping Forest (Loughton ?) on Sundays and Mondays to start in May.
- Woolwich Gardens. To open at Whitsun. Fares 1st class 1/6d (1/-), 2nd class 1/- (7d). Figure in brackets is ECRy share. Ferry Boat charge 6d, 1½d to ECRy.
- Norwich Tombland Fair. 20th March increase of passenger revenue £95.11.3d against 1860. But on the following Saturday receipts were down by £4.0.3d against 1860.
- Norwich Saturday Traffic, Sept-Oct nine Saturdays only. 1856 13976 passengers £1154.0.4d; 1857 8818 passengers £1067.5.3d; 1858 8617 passengers £1061.4.6d; 1860 11468 passengers £1269.17.1d
- Incident on 18th April at Bishops Stortford. Two goods trains in collision blocking the line for several hours. Driver Ryder and Fireman Christopher dismissed.
- Trowse. Twelve sheep run over and killed on 13th April.

Mr Sinclairs's Report:

- Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*]. Mr Garrett's siding extension to cost £30. To proceed when he pays this amount.
- Stratford Works. A carriage fitter, Mr Wright trapped by buffers and wall of Lifting Shop with fatal injuries. £10 to widow.
- Brass Tubes. Messrs Everett & Sons, 7½d per lb. For old and 10½d for new.
- Tivetshall Station. Two covered ways. Contract to Mr R.Hood at £118.18.0d.
- Payments Due. Messrs Hawthorn on account 15 locos and tenders £2400; Messrs Slaughter, Gruning & Co on account 5 boilers £1100; Messrs Lloyds, Foster & Co wheels and axles for 150 wagons £734.10.0d; Messrs Railway Carriage Co on account 100 cattle wagons £642.4.0d, 150 R.end wagons £327.10.0d and 100 timber wagons £697.10.0d; Mr S.J.Claye on account 100 R.end wagons 3163.15.0d; Messrs Bray, Waddington on account 150 R.end wagons £610; Mr J.Perry on account overline bridge Stratford £400; Mr F.Betts Gate cottage Stowmarket £151.2.9d; Messrs Losh & Co. Chairs £191.17.5d. All approved.

Secretary's Report:

- Steam Boat "Orion". Mr McKee & Mr Braughing both wishing to purchase. For Mr Sinclair.
- Bealings. Mr Biddle's Rifle Range. Mr Packe unable to contact the person. Solicitors to deal with the matter.
- Parish Rates. The Fletton Appeal that went against the ECRy. Now advised that wrong presentation of certain points called for a fresh hearing. Meantime the Company was advised to pay the £94.9.9d rates.
- Roads. Bill for £50 for one year's maintenance and use of North Woolwich Road to 25th March.
- Enfield. National Freehold Land Society asking for a free ticket for Mr J.W.Thomas a house purchaser. Agreed; Also at Park, all existing House Tickets to be retained (Northumberland Park Estate house owners) for the present time.
- Lord Elcho and the National Rifle Association Prize Meet at Wimbledon. Single fare for a return; Rifle Volunteers, Mr G.Birt asking for fares Stratford to the Victoria Docks. Single fare for return journey. Ilford Station Accounts. £2.17.11d deficit in cash; Stationmaster Hargreave given one month's grace; Mile End Station Accounts. Deficit of £20.5.0d. Stationmaster Shepherd had paid in £10 and was given one week to pay in the remainder.

8th May 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane & Blackwall for 2 weeks to 4th May was up by 1319 qtrs but flour was down by 448 sacks against same period 1860; Foreign Grain from Blackwall same period 5108 qtrs.
- Potato Traffic to Brick Lane same period was down by 50 tons against 1860.
- Coal into City of London [*1861 tons / 1860 tons*] LNWRy 69553 / 62578; GNRy 42431 / 51571; ECRy 13934 / 10859; GWRy 7506 / 7139; MRy 4506 / 5387; SERy 888 / --; SWRy 1505 / 7568; H&LRy 1549 / 594.
- Timber Sales in Station Yards. Mr Gibbons of Ipswich. Agreed for 20/- each at Ardleigh, Braintree, Elmswell, Framlingham, Hadleigh, Newmarket, Cambridge, & Saxmundham.
- Stratford water source has dried up. Mr Sinclair to "divine".
- Ashwell, a loading gauge required.
- Harston, extra grain storage required, board over one Cart road?
- Romford, Essex Agricultural Show. Usual rates for exhibitors.
- Coal Stores. Messrs Johnson & Headdy applying for Wisbeach [*Wisbech*], March, Stonea and Norwich Victoria, all agreed on usual terms.
- Prosecution for theft of a chest of coffee and chicory. Mr Smith sentenced to nine months. Carman Tyrell (ECRy) also nine months for stealing an empty cask from Brick Lane.
- Claims. Loss of bullock, ref 24th April, plaintiff Mr Beldon won the case; Messrs Garretts for broken shaft £13.13.0d; Messrs Hill & Underwood for 6¾ galls wine £7.11.2d; Mr Kent also lost wine £6.16.0d; Mr Rich injured bullock £7.19.3d; Mr Hurst for lost tobacco £15.8.8d; Goods Dept. £307.5.6d.
- Sunday Goods Trains. Ref 24th April, fish and meat Yarmouth. Tradesmen agree to cancellation but ask for extra trains in the summer. Agreed.

Superintendent's Report:

- Steamboats Ipswich-Harwich to start the season on 15th May.
- Stratford Polygon. Signal to have an extra arm & lamp for the line at the back of the down Cambridge platform.
- London District Telegraph Company. Lines placed over the ECRy tracks at Barking Road station. Agreed if Mr Sinclair approves.
- 1862 Exhibition. Secretary requesting permission to place a placard on each station. Agreed.
- Donation of £5 to Mr Gwynn of Forncett for his injured employee, a Mr Goose.

- Rifle Volunteers, Yarmouth. Capt / Comm asking for reduced rates. Agreed, single fare return Yarmouth to Norwich.
- Commissionaire Corps. Captain Walter asking that a commissionaire attend at Bishopsgate station.

Mr Sinclair's Report:

- Staff reductions. Mr Brooks, Inspector, moved elsewhere due to lesser workload.
- Payments Due. R & W Hawthorn for locos and tenders £2400; R. Stephenson & Co for locos and tenders £2700; Railway Carriage Co 100 cattle wagons £296 and 100 timber wagons £279; Lloyds, Foster & Co for wheels and axles £452; Mr J.S. Claye for 100 goods wagons £327.10.0d; Bray, Waddington & Co. for 150 goods wagons £183; Railway Carriage Co for 150 goods wagons £425.15.0d; J. Perry for Romford new station £1004.9.10d; Messrs Worswick, Morley Stationmasters house, Newmarket £158.3.10d. All approved.

Secretary's Report:

- Lowestoft Fish Market. Superintendent's dismissal, petition for his reinstatement; refused, he was drunk on duty!
- Parcels Offices in City of London. Mr Sollas' scheme, the Superintendent to consider.
- Bealings. Rifle shooting by Mr Biddell still continuing despite the Solicitor's letter.

22nd May 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane for 2 weeks ending 18th May decrease over 1860 same period 612 qtrs and 4048 sacks flour. Foreign Grain ex Blackwall same period was 7511 qtrs.
- Potato Traffic to Brick Lane same period was 279 tons less than same period 1860.
- Siding. Mr Furness, Contractor for Metropolitan Sewers for a siding to be laid at site of lowering of Woolwich line. Cost of siding and operation to be met by Mr Furness.
- South Western Co. Half share of stand at Mark Lane Corn Exchange to cost SWRy Co £15 per annum from 1st June.
- Fire in furniture in a wagon on 17th May. Fire discovered at Needham; £14 damages; also fire on wagon of empties at Downham on 1st May.
- Wine Rates. Messrs Hill & Underwood asking for a reduction to Norwich from London. Present charges:- Vinegar 12/6d per ton, wines, spirits 17/6d per ton. No change to be made.
- Chelmsford Stables, Low level, more lights and ventilation required.
- Oranges. London to Leiston, rate to be reduced to 22/6d per ton.
- Running Costs. Goods Train mileage for two weeks to 28th May was reduced by 4441 as compared with same period in 1860. Further reductions to be made.
- Wine Rate. Norwich to Peterborough (Messrs Hill & Underwood) 15/- per ton.
- Claims. Four totalling £91.7.3d; Goods dept. £252.5.10d.
- Unclaimed Grain, Flour. 40 small lots grain and 100 sacks flour to be sold.

Superintendent's Report:

- Whittlesea [*Whittlesey*] Station. A cross-over required, March end of down siding to up main line to save delays.
- Tottenham Accident. Writ served on the ECRy by Mr Palmer for injuries. For the Solicitor.
- Train Stops. Shelford, the 10.57 am London to Cambridge to stop if required.
- Donation of £10 to widow of Guard Williams. Agreed. [*He fell from his van at Chesterton Junction on 26th December 1860 - see the Superintendent's Report for 2nd January 1861.*]
- Lea Bridge station on 12th May, Jacob Everett descending the steps to the platform slipped and fell. Died the next day.
- Four Cases of non-payment of fares, all convicted; two drunks at Woolwich station convicted and one assault proved.
- 1862 Exhibition. Passes for Her Majesty's Commissionaires. Agreed a limited number to be issued free.
- GPO Room at Ely for mail sorting requested.
- Special Trains. Earl of Dudley on 19th January was charged £47.12.6d Wymondham to London. As yet still unpaid.
- Cattle Dealer, Mr Charles Wasey charged at Dereham on 17th May with three offences of non-payment of fares. Still not resolved. Solicitors to press for a conviction.
- Steam Boats. "Prince" on 16th May mechanical failure. No service at the moment Ipswich-Harwich.
- Excursion Traffic. Ipswich-Harwich-London, boat competition. Special trains to run at 5/- first class and 2/6d covered class return, on Saturday returning on Monday during the season.

Mr Sinclair's Report:

- Stratford. Water for cattle, supply from main tank to cost £45.
- Victoria Dock Account. Dock charges on sleepers £343.6.0d for 1856 be allowed. Also for Dock charges on sleepers and Elms £28.19.4d & £3.1.5d be referred to the Storekeeper. Deduction of £56.4.11d for repairs to Dock Company's Salt Vans be not allowed.
- Low Leyton Cemetery footpath from up platform to the highway at £5.
- Timber Contracts. Rejects, Messrs Batchelor 3712 sleeper blocks. Mr Lewin's timber 559 loads rejected. Suppliers both asking ECRy to buy at reduced rate. Refused.
- Payments Due. Mr J.Perry Overline bridge at Stratford £500; R&W Hawthorn 15 locos & tenders £2400; Messrs Wright & Son 40 second class carriages £177; Railway Carriage Co 100 timber wagons £209.5.0d and 150 R.end wagons £229.5.0d and 100 cattle wagons £641.4.0d; Messrs Bolchow, Vaughan on account 2000 tons rails £2500; Messrs Lloyds, Foster & Co wheels and axles £579.2.6d. All agreed.

Secretary's Report:

- East Suffolk Company [*ESRy*] asking for connection at Woodbridge. EURy Co to bear the expense.
- Workmen's Cottages 7 to 10 miles from London. Secretary of Society for the Improvement of the Working Class asking for 1d fares. Suggestion was rejected.
- Chelmsford Stables. Mr Duffield seeking tenancy.
- Inspector Southgate. Leg injury at Romford in October last. London Hospital to provide an aid at £6.6.0d. ECRy to pay one half of cost.
- Loco Foreman Winter keeping an ale house at Stratford. Against Company rules; he must give up ale house or leave the Company.

5th June 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall for 2 weeks ending 1st June decrease over 1860 same period 8316 qtrs and 8669 sacks flour. Foreign Grain ex Blackwall same period was 5706 qtrs.
- Norfolk Agricultural Show at Swaffham. The usual rates to apply.
- Thetford Wharf, a 6-ton crane required. To be supplied.
- Ipswich. The Company's Sick Horse Pasture to be fenced.
- Chelmsford. Embankment at timber loading site. Mr Sinclair to report on same. Ballast required?
- London Parcels Office, Mr Sollas. No changes to be made.
- Chittisham [*Chettisham*] station. Mr Wright, Surveyor of Isle of Ely asking for Warehouse and Cattle Pens. Declined.
- Coal Traffic. Messrs Rickett, Smith to supply their own wagons at Blackwall; usual allowance to be made. Lea Bridge Stationmaster cannot take their orders against Company rules.
- Ipswich-Leiston and Ipswich-Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*] traffic goes by road. Rail rates to be lowered to Ipswich-Saxmundham.
- War Department Goods to be charged as per LNWRy and GNRy at actual weight and not minimum of one ton.
- Coals on, to, or from trams at Woodbridge & Melton at 4d per ton; other goods at 6d per ton.
- Cash Lock-up Rooms, small, to be provided at Audley End, Braintree, Dereham, Hertford, Lowestoft, Norwich Victoria, Stowmarket, Bishops Stortford, Attleborough, Fakenham, Hythe, Norwich Thorpe, St Ives, Woodbridge.
- Unclaimed Grain Sale. £420 realised.
- Cattle Traffic Decline. Manager gave report, no details recorded.
- Claims. £60.15.8d for lost oil, draperies and damaged chimney pieces. Goods Dept. £338.14.11d. Resolved that a book for claims be kept.
- Colne Valley Co [*CVRy*]. Halstead - Hedingham soon to open. The Through Rate to remain unaltered but Coal will be charged on mileage.
- Goods Train Mileage. Mr Groom of Harwich to have his fish loaded onto the last up passenger train on Sundays at Goods Rates. Any extras to be run to Manningtree by branch loco to meet up Mail on Monday mornings.

Superintendent's Report:

- Loughton station. An additional siding required for spare carriages, coal wagons etc. For Mr Sinclair.
- Through Bookings from Histon, Oakington, Long Stanton, St Ives, Somersham & Chatteris to Ely, Norwich, Yarmouth and Lowestoft at Cambridge fare rates. Approved.
- Casualty at Loughton on 24th May; a lad named Ducker at the Junction crossing was knocked down by locomotive. One fractured arm and concussion, to London Hospital. Mr Sinclair to report on such crossings.
- Mile End Station. London end of both platforms to be stepped down and handrails provided; also a bracket lamp on the up side. Cambridge Heath Road bridge parapet to have a handrail fitted.

- Fatal Accident near Brentwood station on 31st May when platelayer Cast, who was lying across the track, was run over and killed.
- Haddiscoe Cow Sheds on fire after the up Lowestoft Fish train had passed, 27th May. Cattle out safely; Mr Thraxton, the owner, to be compensated.
- Tidal Basin. Porters Room, lamp annexe and a urinal to be provided.
- Barking Road level crossing, Company to purchase the field if possible to stop the various nuisances. (It was an occupation crossing - HEJ)
- Electric Telegraph Company to open Aldborough [*Aldeburgh?*]; 3/- per week to ECRy.
- Ponders End Stationmaster now missing for a week. Dismissed.
- Custom House Rifle Butts, Volunteer Corps. All trains to call up to 9.00 pm.
- Claims. Mr Cobbins, farmer, injuries to a mare on 13th April £14.10.0d. Occupation crossing near Ely-Mildenhall with rotten plank. Mr Sinclair to repair the crossing.

Mr Sinclair's Report:

- Gipping Bridge near Ipswich; a carpenter fell 24 ft to the roadway. Died on 31st May in Ipswich Hospital. £10 to widow.
- Sudbury. Siding across the High Road to Higgs & Co yard to cost £20.
- Chatteris. Siding for the Gas Co. would cost £290; Gas Co to pay. Agreed.
- Ely GPO Sorting Room. Nothing available. Room to be built at £40 max.
- Woolwich Sewerage Works Siding for Mr Furness, the contractor, cost £20; working of points to be paid by Mr Furness.
- Stratford. Additional Maps & Plans Room to cost approx. £50.
- Payments Due. Messrs Bolchow, Vaughan on account 2000 tons rails £5000; Messrs R. Stephenson & Co on account 15 locos & tenders £2700; Railway Carriage Co 150 R.end wagons £163.15.0d, 100 cattle wagons £148.4.0d, 100 timber wagons £418.10.0d; Mr S.J.Claye on account 100 R.end wagons £425.15.0d; Messrs Sandford, Owen on account, wheels and axles £77.12.6d; Mr William Hill, gate cottage near Tottenham, £20. All approved.

Secretary's Report:

- Waveney Valley Co [*WVRy*] Clearing House regarding the London terminal of 1/6d per ton and withdrawal if *WVRy* work the line. Agreed.
- Train Services. The Down Night Mail to Harwich not to be reinstated. Average number of passengers - two!
- Lowestoft Harbour. French fishing vessels seeking refuge only in bad weather are exempt from harbour dues under the 1826 agreement.
- Yarmouth Ice House. *ESRy* to receive a rent allowance of £50 per annum.
- East Suffolk Company [*ESRy*]. Cartage terminals. Hired teams to 31st March from *ESRy* opening have cost £21.14.7d; gross receipts £90.2.2d; to the *ESRy* £68.7.7d.
- Lowestoft Harbour. South Side Coal Drops; coal landing charges to be the same as those on the North Quay. (*ECRy*)

19th June 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall for 2 weeks to 16th June against same period 1860, decrease of 1376 qtrs and 9905 sacks flour. Foreign Grain ex Blackwall same period was 3121 qtrs.
- Coal into City of London Month of May [*1861 tons / 1860 tons*] *LNWRy* 61086 / 50078; *GNRy* 45025 / 36515; *ECRy* 15125 / 10314; *GWRy* 8816 / 9103; *MRy* 5987 / 4866; *SERy* 2665 / 4606; *SWRy* 1326 / 741; *H&LRy* 1999 / 270.
- West of England sheep fairs. Through facilities to be advertised at Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Chelmsford & Colchester.
- Parcel Rates (smalls). Ipswich to Framlingham to be reduced to 8d and 6d including cartage.
- Devonshire Street. Mr Sinclair to costimate an additional siding.
- Bishops Stortford stables to be whitewashed and coal road repaired.
- Brick Lane stables to be whitewashed.
- Whittlesford, cattle pen to be erected.
- Clearing House. Meeting on earlier closing of London Goods Collections. No details.
- Ordnance Factory station. Petition for Goods facilities. Refused.
- Brampton coal. Messrs Strathern and Ramsey to have a store.
- Peterborough Messrs Johnson & Headdy to have their coal store reinforced with old sleepers and fencing repaired.
- Wells Tramway now losing money at 3/5d per week. No comment.

- Claims. Mr Swan for damaged chairs £7.0.0d, company to defend case. Also Mr Felton delayed goods £11.16.3d, company to defend.
- Ex-employee riding on a locomotive. Driver Wilson fined two days pay and cautioned.
- Unclaimed grain. £300 realised from a sale.
- Bookstall Contract. Messrs Smith & Son to have free transport of their stalls when moving.
- Claims. Two only for £18.16.0d. Messrs Pickford & Co one claim for lost butter and cheese. Goods Dept. £558.0.5d.

Mr Sinclair's Report:

- Harston, Cart roads to be boarded over at £6.
- Sidings, Ryburgh. Messrs Foster & Son and Burroughs & Robberds Mill. Proposed Granary. Siding to cost £236.0.0d. Agreed. Millers to pay.
- Loughton crossing. Mr Sinclair spoke of a footbridge unless footway can be diverted to the overbridge.
- Woodbridge and the East Suffolk connection (now made) has cost £480. To Joint Committee.
- Payments Due. Railway Carriage Co on account 100 timber wagons £313.17.6d; Messrs Lloyds, Foster & Co on account wheels and axles £776.17.6d; Messrs Wright & Sons on account 40 second class carriages £177; Mr C. Osborne on account brass bearings £24.19.6d; Messrs R. Stephenson & Co on account 15 locos & tenders £5400; Messrs R & W. Hawthorn on account 15 locos and tenders £4800; Messrs Bolchow, Vaughan on account 2000 tons rails £3000.

Superintendent's Report:

- Ref 27th March and H.M. Inspector General of Hospitals' application for reduced rates for Medical Officers travelling to Colchester Garrison. Refused.
- Flordon on 14th April. William Balls, servant to Mr Westgate (merchant) tried to stop two horse-boxes but was run over. Donation of £10 agreed.
- Incident on 11th June at Manningtree when a down goods train was run into by a second down goods train. Driver Whittaker of the second train fined three days pay and cautioned for passing signals.
- Wickham Flag Station. Mr Smith of Wickham Hall asking for a small waiting room. Mr Sinclair to look at platelayers' room to use bay window area with a partition.

Secretary's Report:

- Steam Boat "Orion". Mr Broughton willing to purchase. For Joint Committee.
- Victoria Docks. Sir Morton Peto and the tramway extension past his land at the dock entrance. Quid pro quo suggested by Mr Sinclair with land at Blackwall or elsewhere.
- Locomotive Coal. Next 12 months. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Lowestoft Ballast. Sir Morton Peto's foreshore rights. From 1st January last for 21 years. Also 2d per ton for the two years previous. The Joint Committee to confer.
- Hadleigh inhabitants asking for an express to London. Joint Committee.
- Troop movements. Conversion of cattle trucks for saddled horses in state of emergency. Messrs Sinclair, Moseley, & Robertson to report.
- Woodford coal siding. Mr B.M. Tite's proposal declined.
- Solicitors' expenses claimed £18.11.4d for work by Messrs Heffell & Salmon on leased land at Trowse. More details requested.

3rd July 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall for 2 weeks to 29th June. A decrease against 1860 same period, of 1993 qtrs and 9588 sacks flour. Foreign Grain ex Blackwall same period an increase of 504 qtrs.
- Halesworth shunting. Mr Sawyer at 20/- per week.
- Wells Tramway. Mr Spicer to receive £2 per week in the summer. Winter rate is £3.
- Darsham cattle pens to have a gate added.
- Saxmundham goods shed to have a corner lock-up. ESRy to pay.
- Fire Precautions at Blackwall and Cambridge. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Lowestoft Harbour dues down, no tug now available to Norwich. No decision made.
- Unclaimed Grain. £115.2.2d realised at a sale. To Loss and Damage Account.
- Coal Traffic. Castle Hedingham (CVRy) to be in No.8 District ex-Peterborough.
- Hertford Coal Stores to be repaired and let to Messrs Rickett, Smith & Co.
- London & North Western Company [LNWRy] Complaints regarding cattle traffic from Peterborough going to GNRy and MRy in preference. This was denied and cattle counting alleged. LNWRy denied cattle counting officially.
- Claims against Goods Dept £392.16.2d.

- Joint Committee. 1. Market tickets; 2. Season tickets; 3. Trains - East Suffolk. It was resolved:-
 1. Single fare for a return journey subject to limits in the Appendix;
 2. 1st Class Annual Season Ticket 80 miles from London (or more) to cost £60, one route only;
 3. 9.15 am ex Yarmouth to arrive at London 2.05 pm and the 6.45 pm ex Ipswich to reach Yarmouth at 9.00 pm.
- Market Day Returns. Weekly record to be kept for all tickets issued.
- South Woolwich Stationmaster to receive £20 per annum for house rent.
- Earl of Dudley's debt of £47.12.6d for special train to London, 19th January. Solicitors to write.
- Stores / Rails / Dallam Iron Co. Mr Bleckley enquiring on 1859 purchase from his London agent. No such transaction recorded.
- Fulbourne. Mr Wright asking for Goods Shed & Cattle Pen. For Chairman.
- Wymondham Rifle Corps appealing for barrows and planks to make shooting butts. Engineer to assist.
- Fritton Sluice. Mr Sinclair & Mr J.O. Taylor regarding this sluice, that is too small and causing damage to Mr L. Foster's land. East Suffolk Co's [ESRy] scheme. Messrs J.O. Taylor to appear to answer writ.

Mr Sinclair's Report:

- Old locomotives. Two to be sold, one to Mr G. Richardson for £575, one to Mr Peter Bruff £750.
- Coal Contracts. 12 months, Loco coal. Messrs Rickett, Smith & Co, 300 tons weekly Portland Hards to Peterborough at 12/9d per ton; Mr T. Coote, 300 tons weekly Portland Hards to Peterborough at 12/9d; Messrs Booth Bros 70 tons weekly Beggarter Picked Hards at 11/2d per ton; Mr Dawbarn 30 tons weekly Pinxton Hards at 11/5d per ton.
- Stratford Works. New chimney for stationary boiler to cost £285.
- Sidings. Dock Tramway, Ipswich. Messrs Ransome & Sims and a "lay-by" to cost £115. ECRy to pay half; Bishops Stortford, a Mr Taylor quoting an agreement dated 28th June 1845 and 30th August 1847 for the provision at Audley End of siding turntable and crane. Now his client Mr Robinson wishes for these to be installed. Chairman to consider the matter.
- Timbers & Sleepers. Requirements 40000 square sleeper blocks, 20000 round sleeper blocks, 2000 loads Memel timber, 2 cargoes of Deal about 10000 deals, one cargo of Memel or Stettin Oak 200 loads.
- Chesterford cart road extension to cost £31.10.0d. Approved.
- Sidings. Cambridge Gas Works £140, Gas Co to pay.
- Payments Due. Railway Carriage Co on account 100 timber wagons £348.15.0d; Mr S.J. Claye on account 100 R.end wagons £196.10.0d; Messrs Brown, Marshall & Co on account 10 passenger brake vans £948; Messrs Wright & Sons on account 40 second class carriages £531; Messrs Sandford, Owen on account, wheels and axles £181.2.6d, loco wheels and axles £1000, 5 sets ditto £400; Railway Carriage Co on account 150 R.end wagons £98.5.0d; Messrs Frost & Son on account, loco wheels £198.9.5d; Mr J. Perry for overline bridge Stratford £392.11.8d; Messrs Bolchow, Vaughan on account 2000 tons rails £3095.18.1d.
- Staff Summer Excursion. Chairman to decide.

Superintendent's Report:

- Season Tickets. Mr Dearle of Newark re cost of 2nd class 12 month season ticket from Peterborough to Yarmouth. He calculated £65 on mileage. This was correct, the 80 mile radius only applying to London.
- Casualties. On 18th June at Stratford, Yard Inspector Duncan slipped between wagons and severely injured; on 17th June at Woodbridge, [?] attempted to get up on to a goods delivery cart and trapped a leg in one of the wheels. He sustained a triple fracture; on 20th June at Thurston station, porter Maton caught a hand in the crane. Two fingers amputated; on 29th June at Ipswich, greaser Pitcher uncoupling wagons on the move, slipped and injured a leg.
- Mr Wacey [ref meeting 22nd May 1861] three charges of non-payment of fares, case reheard. Convicted on all charges.
- Colne Valley Railway [CVRy] Castle Heddingham to Halstead, 3 miles, opened on 1st July. Manager asking for through trains at reasonable fares. The matter was deferred.
- Buckhurst Hill signalman Devlin fell from signal when extinguishing the light. Died later. £10 to his widow
- Incident at Brentwood on 25th June when a ballast train from Stratford to Ipswich stopped ½ mile north of the station unprotected by signals. Guard Noble dismissed, Porter Tann commended for preventive work.

17th July 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 14th July, an increase on same period 1860 of 225 qtrs. and a decrease of 9,342 sacks of flour. Foreign grain from Blackwall same period increased by 1631 qtrs. over 1860. Fruit traffic to Brick Lane, 2 weeks to 13th July, 102 tons and peas 429 tons.
Manningtree Station platforms to be extended by boarding over the Goods Warehouse 20 feet x 6 feet.
Lock-up wagons, 12 more to be so fitted out.
Whittlesford sidings to be extended.
Brick Lane, a large fire bell to be erected.
Lowestoft life-boat. Regulations for operation approved by the National Lifeboat Institute.
Waltham shunting - Messrs. Rickett, Smith & Co.'s contract. Two horses now in use and R.S.& Co. ask for increase of 13/- weekly to 50/- per week. Decided:- 30/- March to August and 40/- week from August to March.
Fish traffic. Messrs. Gowing & Balls suggesting a fleet carrier to Lowestoft from the fishing grounds. Captain Daniels cautioned re contacting merchants!
Colne Valley Coy. requesting full train rates for their coal ex Peterborough on small quantities. Refused.
Claims. Mr. Sayle for lost muslin £30.7.6. Messrs. Ind Coope for goods destroyed at Bishops Stortford on 17th April £49.1.6.
Colne Valley Company. Goods Haverhill to London at 12/- per ton via Castle Hedingham. Most goods go via Audley End at 10/- to 20/- per ton. Status quo.
Parcels. Messrs. Mudie, Oxford St. - Brick Lane at 6d each, approved.
Great Northern Agreements. Invoicing of through traffic ex Midland Ry. north of Peterborough. The GNRy agreement prevents the ECRy accepting such invoices from the L&YRy and Midland Ry.
Bishops Stortford. An additional siding and warehouse required for increased grain traffic. Mr. Sinclair to costimate.
Fire precautions at Brick Lane. Four hydrants to have 20 feet of hose connected and boxed over.
Goods Dept. Claims £181.8.5.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

Old rails, 10,000 tons in hand. Tenders for exchange suggested.
Brick Lane Empties Shed to cost £200 for rebuilding, approved.
Payments due - Messrs. R. Stephenson & Co. on account 15 locos. and tenders £2,700 - R. & H. Hawthorn ditto £2,400 - Railway Carriage Co. on account 100 timber wagons £488.5.0 - Mr. J. S. Clay on account 100 R. end [round end?] wagons £196.10.0 - Messrs. Brown, Marshall & Co. on account 10 brake vans £632 - Railway Carriage Co. on account 150 R. end wagons £65.10.0. All agreed.
Timber and sleepers. 4,000 sq. sleeper blocks, Messrs. R. Wade & Sons at 6/9½ each. - 20,000 round sleeper blocks, also to R. Wade & Sons at 4/4½ each. - 9,000 Wyborg deals and 9,000 Dixens deals, also to R. Wade & Sons at W. £10.12.6, D. £10.7.6. - 200 loads Stettin or Memel oak to R. Wade & Co. [R. Wade & Sons?] at £5.2.1 per load.
District Auditors. Small rooms required at Stratford, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lynn, Chelmsford. Mr. Sinclair to allocate.

Superintendent's Report.

Horse-box stock 110. Tenders for additional twenty.
Convictions, five in number (page 203).
Casualties: 1. On the 4th July, at Lynn Station Yard a child fell from the overbridge and was severely injured. 2. On the 2nd July, at Needham, Goods Guard Heard when coupling wagons was crushed, severe injuries. 3. On the 15th July, a youth named James May thrown off a barge at Harwich Pier and drowned. Verdict "Accidental Death".
Night Inspector Gifford of Chesterford dismissed for continual absenteeism. Stationmaster Mr. Buckingham resigned.

Secretary's Report.

Aldeburgh Regatta. 29th July. No extra train, no subscription.
St. Ives. Office for the Goods Shed required.
Wells Regatta. Subscription of £3.0.0.
Lowestoft Amusement Committee, Mr. Johnson. Passes for nine musicians to the Pier twice weekly. Passes Norwich to Lowestoft and return granted agreed. Also Mr. Johnson asked for a gas lamp to be supplied from Company's main, the Amusement Committee to pay all costs and gas.
Thorpe Bridges. The old bridges, Town Council to compel ECRy to remove same! Mr. Sinclair to report on the subject.
Lowestoft Creosote Works nuisance. Board of Directors to act.
Season tickets. New conditions agreed. The £60 users cannot alight intermediately. Family or Company tickets to receive 10% discount (2 or more). Only to the same station, however! Cheques to have a 3 day clearance and a temporary ticket issued.

Stores. Ely Station and 6 casks of tallow. Chairman found five on the platform and one in store. Storekeeper to explain.

Swaffham. Stationmaster's house only one bedroom for Stationmaster, his wife, 3 children and a servant. East Anglian Coy. to provide two more bedrooms and a scullery or at least pay towards cost of improvements.

Ryburgh. Oven for Stationmaster's house and upper room to be decorated. Stationmaster to receive £5 per annum increase.

Wagon demurrage. Dereham, Messrs. Potter keeping wagons for one month or more without paying demurrage. To be stopped on non-payment.

Various wage / salary increases minuted.

Wells fish traffic. 15 boats operating with fish going to Manchester, London and other places.

Hardingham. Stables to be repaired and slope to be gravelled. Stationmaster's house to have an outside meat safe.

Haughley Junction. Station platform awning, Mr. Sinclair to costimate.

Wickham Market. The Relieving Clerk to go and Mr. Short to take charge.

Broxbourne parcels. Mr. Griffin who delivers at 2/6 weekly. He is asking an additional fee 6d to 1/-. A lad to be employed to do the work required.

31st July 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks ending 28th July, decrease of 2,533 qtrs. over same period 1860, sacks of flour down by 1,407, same period in 1860. Foreign grain ex Blackwall also down by 1,880 qtrs. against same period in 1860.

Bury Exhibition. Suffolk (Society) Institute of Archaeology rates for packages in August same as for Royal Agricultural Society.

Chelmsford. Messrs. Wells & Perry (Coal Merchants) asking for a widened gate entrance. Cost £5.

Waveney Valley Coy. asking for sacks for grain traffic. Refused.

Claim for £6.11.0 for fire-damaged grain by Mr. Custance. Agreed.

Claims, Goods Dept., 2 weeks to 28th July £207.11.6.

Fish traffic. Cutter traffic to London (Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hewitt). 1. Mr. Morgan 50 - 56 boats into Lowestoft on 10th August. 2. Fish to London by rail. 3. ECRy to supply ice at 15/- per ton. 4. Tow allowed by steam tug up to 8 miles.

Superintendent's Report.

Loughton fatality. On 20th July, Signaller Dean attempted to board brake van, was killed.

Manningtree station. London end of down platform to have a semaphore signal.

Conviction of two lads Powell and Wilding for placing an obstruction on the line near Brandon. 3 months imprisonment.

Ely. Horseman Hunt killed on 17th July in shunting accident.

Four minor convictions.

Stratford fatality. On 17th July, Porter Harvey trapped between wagon buffers. Sl. injuries.

GNRy Coy. Returns for season tickets Kings Cross to Hertford to 30th June from 1st January 1859. ECRy's share was £110.18.10. To accounts.

Yarmouth cab rank. Summonses issued against unauthorised usage of the Station Yard. Two convicted, others warned.

Signals. Braintree and Maldon to have auxiliary signals for shunting operations.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

Devonshire St. sidings. Matter deferred upon Loco. Super's report.

Payments due: Railway Carriage Co., on account 100 timber wagons £69.15.0 - 150 R. end wagons £65.10.0 - Messrs. Wright & Sons, on account 40 2nd class carriages £36.0.0 - Messrs. R. Stephenson & Co., on account 15 locos., tenders £2,700 - Mr. R. Hood for covered way Tivetshall £118.18.0 - Messrs. Wade & Sons, on account 40,000 sleeper blocks £1,563.16.3 - Messrs. Batchelor & Co., on account 20,000 sleeper blocks £311.13.6 - Mr. A. Tracey, renewal Magdalen Bridge £234.3.11. All approved.

Tilbury Working Contract. Report from Mr. Sinclair dated 25th July 1861. (One and one-half pages). Conclusions were:

1. Passenger locomotive charges to be increased from 8d to 8½d per mile.
 2. Goods locomotive charges to be increased from 10d to 1/- per mile.
 3. Carriage and wagon costs to remain unchanged.
 4. Passenger train loads to be increased from 15 to 18 carriages.
 5. No claim from Blackwall Coy. for water at Fenchurch Street to Tilbury traffic locos. regarding supply costs.
- End.

Total working costs were 11.03 pence per mile for passenger and 15 pence per mile for goods trains. Proposed increases will bring 11.53 p.p.mile and 17 p.p.mile respectively.

Renewal charges. Passenger trains 11.25 pence per mile and goods 15.80 p.p.mile. Slight gain as the Directors wish! Longer trains will give 18.22 pence per mile receipts.

Water at Fenchurch Street (Blackwall Coy.) Clause five of Agreement states that Tilbury Coy. pays not the ECRy Company. Also any accident compensation.

Chairman's Report.

Chelmsford station. Small room for the District Auditor next to the 1st class waiting room.

Witham. Stationmaster's office down side to become a ladies waiting room.

Manningtree. Shed at West end of stables to be repaired for sawdust storage (for cattle pens).

Ipswich. Enquiry Office to be enlarged, ventilation improved and other alterations made.

Bridgeman at Lowestoft Harbour to have a uniform.

Lakenheath station generally mis-managed. Chairman to see Station Master.

Newmarket Refreshment Rooms, Race days. Mrs. Edlin to open on such days, but needs the means of making coffee and tea. That will be done.

Woolwich platform at ? Refreshment stall to be closed, too many employees frequenting the stall. Mr. Bale asking for £20 per annum allowance on his total rent of £500 per annum.

Cambridge. Station Master's long illness. The Chairman to resolve the problem.

Enfield. Station Master to be dismissed as not suitable (neglect of duties).

Trowse warehouse. Messrs. Colman wishing to rent for 6 months at £20 for mustard storage. Rent offered too low, Land Agent to negotiate.

Secretary's Report.

Lowestoft Harbour. Zero mark at the entrance to be renewed.

Yarmouth Regatta. £10 donation approved (6th August 1861).

Stowmarket Navigation. Ipswich Town Clerk re the building of a weir to prevent flooding. Mr. Sinclair to discuss on his next visit.

Sidings. Ref. 3rd July and long-standing agreement with Mr. J.D. Taylor and Mr. Robinson of Audley End, the company is obliged and work shall proceed as requested.

Season tickets from Norwich to London. The Joint Committee has ruled that holders can use either route viz:- Cambridge or Ipswich, but not intermediately.

Saxmundham lock-up. East Suffolk Company to pay the cost and erect same.

14th August 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane, 2 weeks to 10th August, an increase of 3,380 qtrs. in grain against 1860 and a decrease of 4,597 sacks of flour against 1861 [1860?]. Foreign grain ex Blackwall, a decrease of 1,238 qtrs. in same period against 1860.

Coal into City of London - LNWRy 55,707 tons in 1861, 42,473 tons in 1860 - GNRy 32,048 tons vs. 24,879 tons - ECRy 14,005 tons vs. 9,548 tons - GWRy 10,596 tons vs. 5,560 tons - MRy 4,154 tons vs. 5,527 tons - SERy 1,185 tons vs. 892 tons - H. & Luton 1,788 tons vs. 583 tons.

City coal dues. "The London Coal and Wine Duties Act 1861". The following places are no longer dutiable for coal: Romford, Brentwood, Hertford, St. Margarets, Roydon, Purfleet, Grays, Rye House, Rainham, Burmt Mill and Broxbourne. (Duty waived was 1/1 per ton from August 22nd.)

Dunmow cartage. ECRy to take over the service.

GNRy Coy. Through traffic (40 chains distance) at Peterborough overlooked previously. Distance to be equally shared at 20 chains each company.

Bury Exhibition, the Suffolk Institute to pay usual rate at their own wish, for exhibits.

Saxmundham coal. Mr. Roper to pay 6d. per wagon for shunting.

East Suffolk Coy. Melton and Woodbridge Tramways traffic. The ESRy to take 3rds. and 5ths. respectively. Joint Committee to discuss. Also the matter of routes used ECRy and ESRy. Shortest possible was agreed. Earnings for 8 weeks to 28th July:- Melton 16/4 and Woodbridge £7.11.0. Revenue to the ESRy. Co.

Victoria Dock Coy. Asking for the goods rate from Kings Cross to the Victoria Docks to be reduced from 1/8 to 1/4 per ton. Declined.

Claim for adulterated wine by Mr. McLean for £5. Chairman to report. Also Mr. Ardley for £31 for wrongly delivered flour.

International Exhibition, 1862. Agreed charges at meeting of Railway Managers:-

1. Half usual rates on the Up journey and also on return if unsold.

2. Cartage charged.
3. All charges prepaid.
4. Storage also to be charged during the term of exhibition.

Lowestoft Harbour receipts decline. For half-year ending 30th June £1,233. against the same period in 1860.
 Committee disturbed at Capt. Daniels Report.
 Claims Goods Dept. £201.5.8.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

Payments due - Messrs. Hawthorn & Co. on account, 15 locos., tenders £2,400. Railway Carriage Coy. on account 100 timber wagons £558. Mr. J.S. Claye, on account 100 round end wagons £196.10.0. Messrs. Sandford, Owen on account wheels, axles £270.

Superintendent's Report.

Tottenham, Edmonton Gas Coy. Erection of a coal shed without ECRy permission in conjunction with a turntable and an incline. Locomotive used. Trap points at foot of the incline for safety is required, to protect the main line services. Mr. Sinclair to study the Agreement.

Chatteris on 6th August. 10 sheep killed on the line after the owner Mr. Augood has used the crossing in his gig.

Conviction on 31st July at Ipswich Assizes Alfred Lord aged 18 sentenced to 4 years penal servitude for the placing of a sleeper on the Down line near Haughley. Woman killed near Haughley on the 6th August trespassing on the railway.

Cantley, on the level crossing Norwich side three horses injured whilst in charge of a lad. Mr. Gilbert the owner not claiming.

Great Northern Coy. Notice of excursion from Hertford to London on 27th August.

Cherry Hinton on 31st July a flock of sheep on the line; twenty killed.

Fourteen Convictions minuted, assault, trespass, theft, etc., etc.

GPO mail to Baldock and Royston, by goods train leaving Hitchin at 10.10 am at charge of 2/- per day. Agreed.

Secretary's Report.

Horse-boxes. Order for 20 to Railway Carriage Co. at £84.15.0 each.

Brick Lane Empties Shed. Contract to Mr. Rivett at £330, to include a lamp room.

Lowestoft Pier Band. Donation of £21 agreed.

Loughton. Petition on behalf of Signalman Dean's widow. Granted £5.

Coal stores. Audley End. Mr. Thomas Coote asking for part of the Station Master's garden. Agreed. Mr. Coote to pay Station Master 5/- for vegetables lost. - Littlebury. Also Mr. T. Coote regarding the use of derelict siding (to be removed). Agreed to the 31st December 1861.

Lowestoft Regatta. New Committee. Donation of £10.10.0 for the event on 29th August.

East Suffolk Company requesting a train from Yarmouth to Ipswich and London, early quoted, and that the afternoon train London to Yarmouth be accelerated. For the Joint Committee.

Newmarket townspeople and new fire engine. Donation of £10.10.0.

Stratford. Mr. Kitson's house repairs overspent by £75 from original price of £60. Mr. Sinclair to explain.

East Anglian Company. Inspection of accounts. Mr. Underdown has the right to see all accounts.

28th August 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 24th August, increase of 2,702 qtrs. against the same period 1860 and 1,704 sacks of flour also an increase. Foreign grain decrease of 4,756 qtrs. ex Blackwall same period 1860.

Work. Sundry alterations and repairs at Blackwall, Lowestoft and Chatteris Dock.

Through rates ex Port Patrick Railway for cattle to Norfolk via LNWRy. Agreed. Based on similar rates from Scotland.

Conviction of a lad named Jones for the theft of a rope from Blackwall Station. 5 years in a reformatory.

Great Northern Coy. Fish rates. Conference agreements 1857. Question of ECRy's breach of the agreed rates. Also rates for London to Hertford withheld and delays to cattle at Peterborough. Mr. Moseley's reply was approved but not minuted.

Swing-bridge, Carrow Abbey Norwich in need of repairs. Mr. Sinclair to inspect and report.

Dunmow cartage. Mr. Oakley to continue.

Lowestoft fish to London to 28th August, Mr. Morgan, 897 packages.

Ipswich Marshes. Two additional sidings required. For Mr. Sinclair.

Claims, Goods Dept. £159.19.0.

Superintendent's Report.

Suffolk Rifle Volunteers. No concessionary fares.

Incident on 20th August. Down Norwich fast goods train between Hethersett and Trowse. Tyre burst on coal wagon (Rickett Smith). Wagon was derailed and dragged for 400 yards to Keswick Swing Bridge. Three other wagons also derailed blocking the Up line for some hours. Mr. Sinclair to report on Private Owner's wagons.
Bishopsgate yard. An extra signal arm to be placed on middle signal for locomotives and trains leaving on the Up side.
Claim for injuries to a horse. Mr. Schreiber claiming £7.18.0.
Market tickets. Extension to Romford refused.
On 27th August a boy was killed at Manser's Crossing, Broxbourne.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

Payments due - Messrs. Stephenson & Co. on account, 15 locomotives, tenders £2,700 - Railway Carriage Co. on account, 100 timber wagons £34.17.6.
Ipswich Enquiry Office £20 only for repairs.
Surplus land at Bury. Mr. C. Maynard offering to rent land. Agent to report his views.
Yarmouth Races. A donation of £10 agreed.
Salary increases. Ipswich Goods Clerks - Mr. Bird £110 to £120 per annum - Mr. Brown £70 to £75 per annum - Mr. Knockbolds £70 to £75 per annum.

11th September 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 7th September, an increase of 1,466 qtrs. and decrease of 2,483 sacks flour against same period 1860. Foreign grain ex Blackwall a decrease of 1,001 qtrs. against same period 1860.
Coal into London City. LNWRy 51,116 tons 1861 vs. 48,893 tons 1860 - GNRy 48,439 tons 1861 vs. 40,917 tons 1860 - ECRy 10,472 tons 1861 vs. 9,384 tons 1860 - MRy 3,227 tons 1861 vs. 5,950 tons 1860 - SWRy 2,763 tons 1861 vs. 1,610 tons 1860 - GWRy 5,890 tons 1861 vs. 816 tons 1860 - H & Luton 124 tons 1861 vs 248 tons 1860 - Tilbury 30 tons 1861 vs. 545 tons 1860.
Eastern Union Coy. Office furniture from Ipswich to Bishopsgate free of charge.
Grain season, extra man required at Chatteris and Somersham.
Chelmsford carrier Mr. White to transfer his London business to the ECRy, paying 16/8 per ton and to receive a pass for his employee once a week 2nd class.
Sawbridgeworth, a stable required for the company horse.
Lowestoft fish to London ex Mr. Morgan 2,094 packages, 2 weeks.
Unclaimed goods sold for £275.
Claims, Goods Dept. £263.11.1.
Coal stores, Lowestoft. Messrs. Rickett Smith to be allowed to stack 500 tons of inland coal.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

Payments due - Messrs. Sandford, Owen on account 4 sets locomotive wheels and axles £780 and 5 sets same £600 - Messrs. R. Stephenson & Co. on account 15 locomotives, tenders £2,700 - Messrs. R.W. Hawthorn & Co. on account 15 locomotives, tenders £2,400 - Railway Carriage Co. on account 100 timber wagons £69.15.0 - Messrs. Bray, Waddington on account 150 round end wagons £2440 - Mr. J. Claye on account 100 goods wagons £98.5.0 - Messrs. Ransome, Sims & Co., rail chairs £1,500 - Mr. C. Osborne, guard / driver communication apparatus £224.15.10.

Superintendent's Report.

Claims. Low Leyton on 22nd August a woman named Newman alighted from a moving train and fell to the platform. Now seeking compensation.
Snaresbrook station, on 9th September Mr. Clarke, Secretary of the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, collapsed and died on station seat.
Stratford on 27th August Goods Guard Smith slipped off wagon buffer and sustained fractured leg.
Romford Factory on 22nd August, a bullock was run over and killed. Mr. R. Smith the owner claiming £12. ECRy to defend.
Mildenhall on 16th August a horse was killed, the other 4 unharmed. Occupational crossing!
Victoria Docks. Customs Officers asking for a fares reduction, N. London line to the Victoria Docks. Refused.
Edmonton station on 5th September, Mr. Woodward broke a leg in avoiding locomotive and two wagons.

Incident on 3rd September at South Woolwich Pier. R. Art. [*Royal Artillery?*] Sergeant Carseant drowned due to gangway becoming detached. The Pier's ownership in question - Mr. Welsh or the ECRy. Agreement to be studied. Incident, axle fire. "Times" newspaper letter regarding an ECRy incident on a Lowestoft - Norwich train. Carriage was detached at Thetford and returned to Norwich. Brass bearings intact. Committee refuted the "Times" correspondent's account.

Yarmouth South Town on 4th September the Up Parliamentary train was 23 minutes late in departing due to closed Booking Office. Clerk Hollis has been dismissed.

Colne Valley Coy. to settle accounts through the Clearing House. Agreed on correct 50% being paid.

25th September 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 21st September was increased by 9,721 qtrs and 2,982 sacks flour over same period 1860. Foreign grain decrease ex Blackwall by 1,866 qtrs. for same period 1860.

Brick Lane Arch used for "Times" paper to be closed at both ends. Bishopsgate, Messrs. Rickett & Smith's weighbridge to be repaired.

Blackwall Lower Wharf in need of refacing. Baldock stables to be enlarged. Sawbridgeworth, a cattle pen required. Fakenham, Goods Office improvements.

Cattle traffic. Arriving at Peterborough ex LNWRy, Midland Ry, and GNRy, agreed - wagons 13.5 ft. maximum, 5d per mile, 13 ft. to 16 ft. 6d per mile, 16 ft. to 18 ft. 7d per mile. This was approved.

Norwich cartage. Mr. Stubbs to assist at busy times as in 1860 at the rate of 1/3 per ton.

Diss siding. Mr. Mason shunting at 6d per wagon.

Audley End. Rickett Smith's coal store ex Littlebury. Land Agent to arrange same.

Brick Lane empties unclaimed sold for £5.10.0. 53 sacks of stale flour to be sold.

Blackwall Company and fish traffic to the Minorities. Same as 1860 for October, November and December.

London and North Western Coy. Peterborough Warehouse roof in need of repairs. Clause Five of the Agreement states that Tenant must repair.

Lowestoft fish ex Mr. Morgan 1,015 packages by rail to London, 2 weeks.

Claims, Goods Dept. £209.5.0.

Messrs. Hill & Underwood special rate London to Norwich 12/6 per ton.

Superintendent's Report.

Martin's crossing near Black Bank on 14th September a horse run over and later despatched.

Colchester station yard on 20th September. Platelayer Woolsett fatally injured.

Train alterations - winter cancellations. 7.50 am Cambridge - Hitchin - 9.35 am Hitchin - Cambridge - 5.40 pm

Lowestoft - Yarmouth - Sunday 6.00 pm Yarmouth - Norwich - 7.50 am London - Norwich - 2.20 pm Norwich -

London to start from Ipswich - 10.15 am Ipswich - Norwich - Sunday 2.30 pm Norwich - Ipswich - Exc. [*excursion?*]

10.15 am London - Hertford, Saturday, Sunday and Mondays - Sunday 3.30 pm London - Hertford to end at

Broxbourne - 4.50 pm Hertford - Broxbourne (Sundays) - Sunday 1.20 pm and 9.00 pm Enfield - London - Weekdays

10.05 am excursion from Bishopsgate - Loughton - Exc. 2.45 pm Bishopsgate - Loughton, Mondays, Saturdays - 11.15

am and 9.00 pm Loughton - Bishopsgate - on weekdays 10.22 pm Bishopsgate - Woolwich - 10.25 pm Fenchurch

Street - Woolwich - 10.30 pm Woolwich - Fenchurch Street - 11.45 pm Woolwich - Fenchurch Street. All from 1st

October. Excursions to cease for the Winter in mid-October. [*Note: this section is unclear, due to erratic punctuation.*

See original of M191.]

Manningtree - Bentley on 2nd September three bullocks on the line, one was killed. All had jumped a fence 5 ft. in height.

Mr. Sinclair's Report. No payments due, nothing minuted.

Secretary's Report.

Detained wagons. Messrs. Wallis, Ipswich. Secretary to write and state that demurrage of 3/6 per wagon per day will now be enforced after 48 hours detention. Also to Messrs. Prentice & Co. of Dereham.

Board of Trade. A letter regarding the breakage of a connecting rod pin on a locomotive with train leaving Saxmundham Station on 30th August 1861. Mr. Sinclair to prepare a reply for the Company's Secretary to forward to the Board of Trade.

Norwich. Refreshment rooms to be whitewashed and repaired.

East Anglian Coy. A letter from Secretary enclosing statement on wagon hire 18th - 23rd September. ECRy, refute shortage quoting a special train from London of wagons.

Colne Valley Coy. Clearing House cannot guarantee the ECRy's 50% as CVRy send no returns of through bookings. ECRy to inform CVRy and ask for the weekly remittance.

Coal stores. Mr. Hunt of Waltham asking for a site. None available.

Haughley Junction. Platform awning, Mr. Sinclair to report at once, no progress from 17th July.

Wymondham booking clerk Russell's absenteeism. Chairman said that on his visit Russell was missing. So was £70 - £80. Station Master was dismissed, fate of Russell not recorded.

9th October 1861

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report.

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 5th October, an increase of 8,869 qtrs. and 3,978 sacks flour against same period 1860. Foreign grain ex Blackwall, a decrease of 1,256 qytrs. over same period 1860.

Coal to City of London - LNWRy, 14,802 tons 1861 vs. 53,389 tons 1860 - GNRy 43,288 tons 1861 vs. 41,729 tons 1860 - ECRy 9,550 tons 1861 vs. 9,384 tons 1860 - MRy (LNW) 41,729 tons 1861 - MRy (GN) 4,507 tons 1861 - GWRy 7,669 tons 1861 vs. 816 tons 1860 - SWRy 1,513 tons 1861 vs. 1,610 tons 1860 - SERy 4,050 tons 1861 vs. 2,720 tons 1860.

Black Bank siding in need of repairs.

East Suffolk Coy. Through rates from Camden Town to ESRy terminals 1/6 per ton, each Company, remainder to be divided as from Hackney Wick.

Unclaimed goods sale realised £67.18.9.

Bramford shunting. Mr. Mason demanding an increase on 21/- per week. Mr. Packard accepts at 27/6 per week.

Bishops Stortford. A temporary (12 months) Grain Shed (tarpaulin) to be erected.

Grain rates (special) to foreign lines at 2 ton or more.

Blackwall swing bridge to have a trap door for discharging cuprolite [*coprolite?*] into barges.

Yarmouth Quay. Two more horses and horseman required during busy season for wagon shunting. To be hired at 15/- per week and the man at same rate, 15/- weekly.

Goods wagons. Shortage reported.

Extra men required at:- Stonea, Hythe, Sawbridgeworth, Maldon, Peterborough, Somersham, Long Manton [*sic*], Sudbury, Oakington, Framlingham and St. Margarets.

Tivetshall. A shunting horse required.

Lowestoft Harbour. Captain Daniels to be dismissed. Chairman to deal with this matter.

Ice at Yarmouth. A profit of £149.7.10 in the past fishing season.

Fish traffic Minorities. Blackwall Coy. asking for an increase of 3d per ton to 2/9. Manager to negotiate.

Wagons. 500 to be hired and 250 sheets to be purchased.

Sacks. Great demand. Mr. T.D. Lee, Shad Thames, to be asked to supply any extra requirements.

Spalding and Sutton Bridge Railway. Great Northern Company ready to work the line for the Joint Committee 11th October.

Claims Goods Dept. £141.7.10.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

Haughley Junction. Platform awning and waiting room to cost £350. Approved.

Baldock stables. The extension to cost £15.

Sawbridgeworth. Stables to cost £35.

Payments due - Messrs. R. Stephenson & Co. on account 15 locomotives, tenders £8,100 - R. & W. Hawthorn on account 15 locomotives, tenders £2,400 - Mr. S.J. Claye on account 150 round end wagons 98.5.0 - Railway Carriage Co. on account 150 round end wagons £98.5.0 - Frost & Sons, 6 sets of locomotive wheels and tyres £98.18.6 - Lloyds, Foster & Co. on account wheels and tyres £1,228.4.11 - Wade & Sons on account 40,000 sleepers £870.10.8.

Superintendent's Report.

Meldreth on 24th September a horse killed on Mr. Waller's occupation crossing, he owning the animal.

Steam boats, Harwich - Ipswich, winter lay-up. Joint Committee decision.

Omnibuses. Mr. Clarke's at Bishopsgate Station for the 1862 Exhibition. Chairman to see Mr. Clarke.

Woolwich Ferry on 23rd September passenger, a man, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Finningham. Petition from inhabitants for the 9.15 am Down Mail to stop. For the Joint Committee.

Bishops Stortford. A cloakroom required, by altering Booking Office.

Harlow permanent way siding to be repaired for use as a refuge siding.

Secretary's Report.

East Anglian Coy. still complaining of wagon shortage.

Colne Valley Coy. still arguing about the 50% to ECRy on the through rates.

Incident. Widow of Mr. Watkins who was thrown from his horse in Devonshire St. East at sound of locomotive whistle. Coroner asking for some donation. Superintendent to check.

Victoria Docks. Spare land, lessees to exchange. For Joint Committee.

Wheels and axles. 20 sets, three tenders from £30.10.0 to £34.2.6. Mr. Sinclair to decide.

Rails. 10,000 tons of old and 10,000 tons of new. (Confusing minute, HEJ.) Two sets of tenders. From £7.5.0 per ton to £6.14.6 and £4.2.6 to £3.11.6. [*Result of suggestion to call for tenders for part exchange on old rails, July 17 1861?*]

23rd October 1861

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 19th October. An increase of 14660 quarters and 3723 sacks of flour for the same period 1860.

Mr. Broome using the Company's name on his shop in Newgate Market. Selling poultry with the notice: "In consequence of the bad state of the weather and the late delivery of the Eastern Counties Railway, this large lot of poultry must be sold, and will be sold cheap." Mr. Broome admitted that he had no ground for complaint and was warned against the future use of the Company's name.

Bury. Additional cross-over required in the station yard.

Halstead carrier Mr. Cressall to transfer his London service to the railway at usual rates plus a 2nd class pass for one day weekly. CVRy Coy approval.

'Chelmsford Chronicle' asking for conveyance of the new publication 'The Essex Guide' at newspaper rates. Agreed.

Ice. Yarmouth house empty. To be let to sundry merchants for storage.

Extra men to be employed at Swavesey, Harlow, Shelford and Flordon stations during the grain season.

Fish traffic, Minorities. Blackwall Coy insist on 2/9 per ton to cover mileage from Bow, warehousing and labour.

Rates. Victoria Dock Coy charge for linseed oil ex docks to ECRy stations 2/- per ton. The actual weight used whereas ECRy compute 6 quarters to 1 ton a difference of 3d per ton. [*sic*] Agreed to forego the 3d per ton.

Grain transit. A clause of "No liability for late delivery" to be inserted in all agreements.

Great Northern agreement, Hertford & Welwyn line, wishing to send goods traffic via Hertford instead of Peterborough. Not agreed.

Sawbridgeworth on 18th October, a truck of hay on fire. Detached but totally destroyed.

Fish to London. Last week 841 tons, increase of 357 tons over same period in 1860.

Goods department claims £144.10.8.

Potato traffic to Brick Lane, 2 weeks to 19th October. Increase of 517 tons 5 cwt over same period for 1860.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

Payments due. Messrs. R.W. Hawthorn on account 15 locos, tenders £2400; Wade & Sons on account timber £620.16.5; 40,000 sleepers £736.16.10; 20,000 sleepers £775.17.6; Mr. J. Rivett on account, empties shed Brick Lane £200; Mr. J. Perry for engine shaft (?), Stratford £333.0.0.

Superintendent's Report:

Elmham – Ryburgh on 9th October. A passenger train from Norwich killed a horse belonging to Mr. Mesney. £30 claim has been lodged.

Bishopsgate station on 14th October. The wife of Rev. R.W. Morice of Hoddesdon was ascending the approach to the booking office, was struck by pieces of a broken window and badly cut above the eyes. After treatment by a doctor she left for Broxbourne.

Donation of 10/- weekly to an ex-employee named Lawrence, disabled from accident last May. Was foreman porter at Audley End station. 10 weekly payments agreed.

Convictions. Several for assault, trespass and line obstructions (page 286). Ilford Petty Sessions: two men charged for assaulting Inspector Mancer at Barking Road station on 7th October. Magistrates dismissed one man and imposed a nominal fine on the other because of the Inspector's foul language. Committee warned Mancer as to his future conduct.

Secretary's Report:

Dullingham. Platform awning requested by the local inhabitants. Mr. Sinclair to costimate.

Wymondham stationmaster appealing for consideration due to previous good conduct and length of service. Dismissal quashed.

Norwich bankers and merchants asking for the 2.20pm Norwich – Ipswich to be reinstated for the winter. Committee did not approve but sent the application to Joint Committee.

No City of London coal statistics given.

Roads trustees, Leytonstone station. Messrs. Dove Bros. and new approach road. ECRy land involved. Mr. Sinclair to give his views.

Lowestoft Harbour. Capt. Daniels to receive 3 months salary with notice. Advertisement to be placed for new harbourmaster.

Ipswich to Harwich boat service to be discontinued for the winter period.

Victoria Docks land. Deal with Sir Morton Peto approved. Mr. Sinclair to report cost of new rail connections.

Peterborough station. Visit made to assess the GNRy and MRy's complaints of delay. Letters since sent to those companies in reply. Mr. Norton to move from Lowestoft to take charge.

Rails, axles and wheels. Messrs. Forman to rework 10,000 tons of old rails. Messrs. Sandford, Owen to supply 20 sets of wheels and axles.

6th November 1861

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 2nd November. An increase of 1465 quarters and 2331 sacks of flour, 671 tons of potatoes and 78 tons 2 cwt of fish as against same period 1860.

Coal into the City of London. All figures are in tons, the 1860 figures being in brackets. LNWRy 70526 (16090); GNRy 53142 (49236); ECRy 11669 (13075); MRy via LNW nil (50521); MRy via GN 7068 (7189); GWRy 7289 (10824); SERy 2751 (-); SWRy 1192 (3167).

Peterborough traffic. Wagons in 2 weeks to 2nd November ex ECRy lines to GNRy 712, to MRy 506, to LNWRy 164.

Wagons to ECRy lines GNRy 586, MRy 353, LNWRy 352. Coal to ECRy, GNRy and MRy 989. Mr. Sinclair suggested to [*sic*] extra through crossings with auxiliary signal £20 to £26.

Ligherage. Thames Steam Tug Ligherage Co.'s offer declined as present arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Devonshire Street stables to have a gas supply.

Claims. Mr. Frear for delayed pigs £9; Mr. Tingye for delayed barley £17; goods department £215.9.6.

Theft on 25th October at 5.0-7.0pm, a hogshead of tobacco, property of Mr. Churchman. 13 cwt from Lower Wharf.

Long statement regarding the loss (page 295). Resolved no such items to be left in the wagons.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

Dullingham: awning to cost £40, down platform. Bury: additional cross-over to cost £120. Both approved.

Newport bridge. Abutments reinforced and centre girders to be supported, total £315.0.0.

Stratford Workshops. Mr. Frodsham (foreman) off work for some time, next meeting for discussion. Resignation of Mr. M. Attock, outdoor foreman of loco department. Mr. George Macallen to take charge at £2.2.0 weekly.

Cambridge. Carriage examiner R. Golding was knocked down and leg injured at old arcade platform.

Boiler explosions. Mr. Sinclair joins the London District of the Association on the executive committee.

Payments due. Messrs. Hawthorn & Co. on account 15 locos, tenders £2400; Messrs. Wade & Sons on account 40,000 sleepers square £760-5 [*sic*], 20,000 sleepers round £1047.

Coal stores. Mr. Coote at Audley End asking for siding alterations. This was not possible but he was authorised to alter his store to 24ft x 8ft at his own expense.

Hadleigh. Water tank to be renewed at £60.

Coke contract. Messrs. Prior now Butcher & Girling, 7 year contract ends on 31st December 1860 [*1861?*]. Company's coke ovens at Lowestoft to tender.

Superintendent's Report:

Wells tramway, on 1st November part washed out by the sea (violent gale).

Devonshire Street. Locomotives whistling, horse frightened (see 9th October). Mr. Watkins thrown from his horse and died later. Resolved no action, locos must whistle!

Occurrence. Inspector Kenney at Cambridge on 1st November allowed two goods trains on the same line to travel in opposite directions. Fortunately the trains were stopped. Kenney to be down-graded.

Four convictions, one a Mr. H. Jones for smoking in a 2nd class carriage (not guilty HEJ).

Accident on 1st November. Wagon examiner Mann knocked down in the station yard, Colchester. On 2nd November goods guard Howe knocked down at Tottenham whilst coupling wagons. On 29th October wagon examiner Allum, Peterborough station yard, knocked down and killed.

Framlingham stationmaster Mr. Whitehead now through ill health unable to work. Six months salary awarded for seven years service. Approved.

Cheshunt Gas Coy. Supply for the station, if terms are favourable.

Claims. Mr. Pinim's claim for negligence by ECRy's surgeon (Mr. Roper), solicitors to defend. Mr Garrod, veterinary surgeon claiming £30 for three horses killed on the line at occupational crossing, Colchester. Dispute regarding the gate left open.

Colne Valley Company. Signalman Goose of Chappel accused of riding on a locomotive to shoot a hare! This was untrue, but stationmaster did receive a hare from the fireman! Stationmaster cautioned.

Secretary's Report:

East Anglian Coy. Mr. Robertson's letter re telegraph on the Snape branch and discontinuing the same. For the Chairman.

Norwich Town Council. The 2.20pm Norwich to London train. Agreed to reinstate on 1st December.

North London Railway. Clearing House, Chairman to seek interview on the NLRy's objections.

Colne Valley Coy and through bookings. The matter was deferred.

Lowestoft. Harbourmaster vacancy for the Traffic Committee meeting on 14th December.

14th December [*sic* – *November?*]. The vacancy was again deferred, there being 49 applicants.

20th November 1861

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 16th November. An increase of 6732 quarters and 3786 sacks of flour and 539 tons of potatoes. Fish traffic decreased by 113 tons over the same period of 1860.

Peterborough exchange traffic 2 weeks to 16th November. Wagons ex ECRy lines to GNRy 24, to MRy 403, to LNWRy 228. Wagons to ECRy ex GNRy 451, ex MRy 281, ex LNWRy 246. Coal ex GNRy and MRy 1883.

Darsham shunting. Mr. Stanford at 20/- a week.

Ice. Lowestoft and Yarmouth ice houses to be stocked at prices not exceeding 6/- per ton.

Brentwood. Stables to be board lined and another stall added.

Chelmsford parcels office, dampness in the arches. Small stove suggested as remedy subject to insurance, etc.

Brick Lane. Harness shop requires a stove.

Colchester. Receiving office at the 'Cups' at £10 per annum rental. Now approved by Committee.

Fish traffic. From Yarmouth and Lowestoft to Leicester when less than one wagon-load to be loaded on the GNRy wagon at 2/- per ton cartage (at Hitchin) to the MRy station.

Fish stealing. Mr. Murphy 21 days imprisonment for stealing from a van between Bishopsgate and Billingsgate, the carman also receiving the same sentence. Mr. Hartley received 3 years for stealing a chest of books in October 1860.

Woman witness received £3 award.

Sundry small works: Maldon gas lamp in stables; Brick Lane repairs to walls, etc.; Sudbury repairs to stable stalls; Romford repairs to a shed.

Smithfield Cattle Show. Usual rates and facilities.

GNRy agreement. Clearing House error in crediting ECRy and asking for a debit acceptance, so agreed.

Claims. Mr. Crouch £20 for delayed onions; Mr. Seagers £19 for meat delayed; Mr. Johnson £16.15.3 lost draperies; Rev. W. Moorson £12.5.0 goods stolen at Norwich.

East Suffolk Coy. Dispute regarding the use of shortest route for goods ex Camden Town. A Mr. Fearn to report.

Superintendent's Report:

Christmas traffic same arrangements as last year, agreed.

Cambridge. Carriage examiner Golding's widow to receive £10.0.0.

Essex Rifles, 3rd Battalion. Capt. Stuart to have an officer's ticket when on duty.

Several minor casualties recorded (pages 314-315), one fatal when fireman fell from his loco whilst assisting the driver with sanding. £10 to his widow, Mrs. Flavell.

Swavesey to have a lamp room at £15.0.0.

Four sheep killed. Mr. Bishop of Titmarsh claiming £6.19.0 (5th November).

Forncett service. Rev. W.G. Wilson Rector of St. Peter's and the Eastern Union Coy agreement of two up and two down trains stopping to and from London (ref. 9th August 1847 Sir R.I. Harvey and Sir S. Bignold). Super. quoted changes due on 1st December 1861.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

Bishops Stortford. He stressed siding alterations, not additions. Turntables would cost £450 and the Committee approved the cost.

Mr. Fordsham's death (see 6th November [*Mr. Frodsham?*]). Gratuity at £50 to the widow (length of service). Mr. J. Ballock, foreman of running shed, to have the vacancy at £200 p.a. Mr. Kitson to succeed Mr. Ballock at £130 p.a.

Payments due: Messrs. R.&W. Hawthorn on account 15 locos, tenders £5000; Railway Carriage Co. on account 100 cattle wagons £30; Mr. C. Osborne driver-guard communications £42.0.0; Messrs. R. Stephenson on account 15 locos, tenders £1500; Messrs. Wade & Sons on account 2000 loads timber £1316.3.8.

Secretary's Report:

Brass tubes (loco). Messrs. Muntz to supply new tubes at 10d per lb and take old tubes at 7d per lb. Approved.

Carriage examiner Allum's fatal accident at Peterborough, widow to receive £10.

Claim. Mrs. Newman to receive £35 for injuries sustained at Leytonstone.
Cheshunt Gas Coy. 6d per 100 cu.ft. supply offered. Approved.
Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The Ipswich town boat, a donation of £10 approved.
Wagon hire. All too costly reported Mr. Sinclair.
Finningham stationmaster to be allowed £10 p.a. house rent. Mr. Skipper lives in a dilapidated cottage!
Ashwell stationmaster Mr. Johnson to be removed.
Harlow stationmaster Mr. Jay to be removed re the station accounts.
Ipswich loco department. Mr. J. Pilch has accepted office with the Corporation. He must resign ECRy position or Corporation position.

21st November 1861

Lowestoft harbourmaster. Decision again deferred. Eleven candidates interviewed.

28th November 1861

Extra meeting

Lowestoft harbourmaster. Captain Rivers preferred. £200 p.a. with rent-free house and 5% of all salvage. Chairman to interview.
Cambridge refreshment rooms. Mr. Gravestock's behaviour as an employee of Mrs. Edin and licensing hours. Mr. Gravestock to be dismissed by Mrs. Edin.

4th December 1861

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 30th November. An increase over same period 1860 of 7348 quarters and 3091 sacks of flour. Increase of 568 tons of potatoes but a decrease of 156 tons of fish over same period 1860.

Peterborough exchange traffic, 2 weeks to 30th November. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 588, to MRy 407, to LNWRy 242. Wagons to ECRy ex GNRy 351, ex MRy 36, ex LNWRy 232. Coal ex GNRy and MRy 1531 wagons.

Christmas traffic. The temporary sheds to be erected at Bishopsgate.

Wisbeach [*Wisbech*]. Cross-over required in goods yard. Small works required: Hertford stable repairs; Downham goods shed repairs; Harwich gas lamp; Cambridge sh. pen repairs; Maldon wharf, six trussels (trestles?) and some boards required; Victoria Docks small stove in office needed.

Tivetshall terminals. Waveney Valley Coy admit to ECRy's claim. Clearing House to be so informed.

Peterborough. A night staff of two porters was agreed due to increase of business.

Coal traffic. For January, February and March coal ex Peterborough to Colchester and Witham area to go via Stratford to avoid using an extra train.

Claim. Mr. Amiss for non-delivery of fish £11.12.6 and damaged meat £1.16.0; Mr. Cooney for delayed asphalt £2.11.5. Messrs. Pickfords: Messrs. Chamberlain of Norwich for £20.16.0 lost hamper of goods London to Norwich, some silk involved. ECRy willing to pay £10. Messrs. Pickfords now claim legal costs from ECRy, agreed to pay 50% only. Mr. Howard £2.8.0 for 100 geese killed at Ingatestone on 30th August last.

Claim by ECRy, against LNWRy £16.2.10 agreeing to pay 50%, delays at Peterborough, meat in transit.

South Western Railway. Goods at through rates. Agreement on 50/50 basis re mileage, cartage and terminal cartage charges.

Colne Valley Coy. Mr. Cressall, carrier, complaining of delays at Chappell and Halstead. CVRy notified. Eastern Counties Coy complaint regarding wagons standing for days at Chappell station through lack of loco power. Secretary to write and threaten demurrage charges.

Coal traffic ex Peterborough. New regulations.

1. All wagons must be labelled, destinations;
2. Minimum load 30 wagons or 200 tons one district;
3. Smaller loads to be charged as 200 tons unless made up to that weight within 12 hours.

Mr. Maynard to approve.

Midland coal traffic. Mr. Allport (MRy) called also regarding Peterborough coal traffic. Proposals:

1. All coal ex Midland to Eastern stations to be on through rates.
2. Wagons to be labelled at colliery.
3. A two month credit to operate and cleared at Derby MRy offices, not by the Clearing House.

ECRy declined the suggestions, not wishing to open accounts with collieries.

Delayed oysters. Mr. Howe's claim for £2.7.6. Agreed to settle.

Great Northern Coy wishing to change route agreement at Peterborough to ex ECRy's traffic going on to the GNRy and not coming from the GNRy (the Hertford loophole?). Committee refused this application.

Claims, goods department, of £360.12.11.

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

Chelmsford parcels office (reference 20th November). Stove to be installed.

Payment due to Messrs. Wade & Sons £1666.6.112 on account 2000 loads of timber.

Superintendent's Report:

Omnibuses. Mr. Allen, Chigwell Omnibus Company, Woodford station. Duty on bus 6/- per week, gate dues 5/- per week. Opposition bus Ongar – Fyfield – Chigwell – Ingatestone – London. ECRy to pay allowances and agree to through bookings.

Marks Tey. Shunting up line siding extension. Down line siding also to be extended to hold 20 wagons. Through crossing from the down line siding to the up main line. Mr. Sinclair to report the cost.

Romford goods yard. Two more lamps required, one near to turntable and the other at the brewery end of tramway bridge.

Electric telegraph. Instrument to be placed at St Margarets station.

Iford level crossing. City of London cemetery, extension of burial ground and occupational crossing. Rights of way to be ascertained and financial liability.

Stratford, incident on 28th November, foggy conditions prevailing. The signalman at Polygon signal allowed train to stop outside protecting signal and Enfield train approached too fast. No collision fortunately. Fog signals must be put down in fog!

Colne Valley Coy. Delays at Chappell. Delays at Marks Tey. Report made but not minuted. ECRy to allow five minutes waiting only at Chappell Junction.

Peterborough signals. New auxiliary signals (2) to work from bridge semaphore between up main line and sidings to ECRy and MRy loco sheds.

Enfield station. A turn-out siding to be laid from main line to goods road to accommodate wagons off the main line.

Blackwall collision. On the 22nd November the 1.05pm Woolwich to Fenchurch Street collided with some LNWRy wagons detached from an up goods train standing on the extension line near Stepney station. It was alleged that the auxiliary signal was 'clear', the guard failed to protect his train. 20 people injured. ECRy to settle claims and the Blackwall Company to sue LNWRy Co. Fifteen claims settled. Three writs served on ECRy for Mr. Thomas Powell, M. James Phillips and Mr. James Dealor. These to be settled.

Secretary's Report:

Locomotive coke. Mr. Sinclair to recommend.

Lowestoft harbourmaster. Captain Rivers appointed. Mr. J. Balls, the deputy harbourmaster, resigns.

Loco department, Ipswich. Mr. Pilch dismissed.

Barking extension. Tilbury working accounts, 31st March 1858 to 31st December 1860, £6680.2.10. For the Board Meeting, 5th December.

East Anglian Coy. Complaint re shortage of wagons at Lynn (harbour).

Norwich old bridges. Piles to be drawn out and not cut, agreed.

Peterborough. Work to proceed on alterations that do not interfere with LNWRy occupation.

Coal traffic. Messrs. Rickett Smith re rates to London. No reduction.

Market tickets. ECRy and ESRy joint committee agree to extension to Darsham.

Land Agent's Report:

Cambridge refreshment rooms. 9.00pm 'taps' to be enforced.

Coal stores, Needham. Extensive repairs required. Suggested closure and open wharf to be used. Mr. Sinclair to report.

Rentals. Mr. Blomfield paying no rent for shed at Keswick. Norfolk Coy to be contacted. Mr. Fairman's granary at Bishops Stortford: rent at £60 p.a. but should be double at £120 p.a. (7½% on £1600 cost). For Chairman.

18th December 1861
Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, 2 weeks to 14th December. An increase of 5124 quarters and 4412 sacks of flour over same period 1860. Increase of potatoes 423 tons also same period 1860.

Peterborough exchange traffic, same two weeks. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 771, to [MRy?] 349, to LNWRy 200.

Wagons to ECRy: ex GNRy 331, ex MRy 252, ex LNWRy 188. Coal ex GNRy and MRy 1890 wagons.

Fish traffic. The train to Mint Street cancelled and one Norwich – Peterborough also cancelled due to fall-off of trade. Christmas traffic. Three extra goods trains to run (no details given).

Beccles. One cattle-pen to be removed to assist the loading and unloading of wagons.

Ipswich. A small lock-up for valuable goods overnight. Tar paving for the cattle-pens.

Small repairs at Sudbury stable and cattle pen repairs and Mr. Dupont's gates; Peterborough goods shed roof repairs; Harwich stable manger etc. repairs.

Claims. Mr. Salmon £20 damaged sacks (200); Mr. Oakey £19 for delay to 220 sheep and lambs; Mr. Wiseman £39.16.3 for hogshead of sherry.

Colne Valley Coy. The Chappell special class rates to apply to Colne station.

Mr. Taylor, Pimlico repository. Vans to be returned empty at owner's risk, was agreed.

Great Northern and Midland rates for goods from Sheffield – Ipswich. ECRy will not accept MRy invoices for such through traffic.

Rates, London to Ely. Eight Ely tradesmen complaining of goods rates compared with Norwich rates (no comment).

Great Northern Coy. Hertford v Peterborough dispute. Mr. Seymour Clarke (GNRy) quoting Huntingdon, Hitchin and Hertford. Committee adheres to the Peterborough exchange agreement.

Loughton goods, no accommodation provided. Small goods lock-up proposed. Also at Woodford, Buckhurst Hill, Snaresbrook at £28 each. Agreed.

Midland Coy coal rates, Hitchin to stations on Royston & Hitchin line. ECRy Manager had replied, pointing out that no coal stores were available to the MRy.

Unclaimed goods sale. £171.4.4 realised.

Superintendent's Report:

Barking Road on ? Fireman Redpath fell from locomotive, severely injured.

Meldreth on 9th December, the 3.15pm Hitchin to Cambridge loco was derailed and ran down the embankment (5 feet).

Passenger coaches did not follow. One passenger slightly hurt. Mr. Sinclair reported as follows: The first loco broke some wooden treenails (chairs to sleepers) distorting the track, causing the second loco to derail taking the passenger coaches with it. Wooden treenails long discontinued for iron spikes. The Hitchin branch now to be iron-spiked.

Sawbridgeworth on 29th November at Mr. Chaffey's occupational crossing a horse and cart struck by an up Cambridge train. Horse was killed and cart badly damaged.

March station on 8th December. Goods guard Heavens fatally injured when coupling some wagons. £5 to his widow.

Claims. Ex goods guard Cresswell suing for injuries sustained in a fall on the stairs at Brick Lane granary, claimed that the stairs were in a very bad state. For Mr. Maynard.

Water Lane occupational crossing on 2nd December, a cow killed by a goods train. Owner's claim refuted due to the unlocked gate. Also at Water Lane on 6th November an employee of the Tottenham, Edmonton Gas Co. was pushing a wagon of coal on the Gas Co's siding when a part of the wagon collapsed, throwing him into the coal pits (10 feet).

Both legs broken and ankles dislocated. Gas Company asking for compensation. Mr. Sinclair to settle.

Blackwall collision (see 4th December meeting). Colonel Yolland RE investigator. Mr. Robertson (ECRy) and Mr. Wightman (BRy) in attendance. Claims totalling £108.14.0 settled (18 in total). Four serious claims outstanding. ECRy questioning liability.

Waveney Valley Coy. Fares Norwich to Bungay and below Harlestone [*Harleston*]. Reductions to compete with road traffic (shorter distance). To be arranged.

Occurrence at Bury 2nd December at night (page 354). On arrival at Fulbourne the two locos were short of steam and stopped for thirty minutes. Upon starting again a wagon coupling-chain broke leaving part of the train and brake van behind, the two locos with front part of the train going on to Cambridge arriving about 2 am. The two goods guards were with this part of the train, one admitting to riding on loco the other running alongside! No driver or guard said anything to the signalman at Cambridge or told the night inspector, but took the train back to Fulbourne arriving again at Cambridge with the complete train at 5 am. Driver Beckerton and goods guards Chartier and Edwards dismissed. (Peculiar affair, what of the second driver? HEJ).

Mr. Sinclair's Report:

Marks Tey. Lengthening of sidings to cost £350. For Joint Committee.

Peterborough ticket platform bridge. Cost of a new bridge £8000. To span five tracks. The contract to Mr. A. Tracey at £7095.0.0.

Secretary's Report:

Coal stores. Mr. Ford requests the use of a through siding at Finningham to expedite his trade. Refused point blank. Stowmarket. River Gipping channel on the northern side. Local Authority ask for dredging. Mr. Sinclair to report. Platelayer's house, Chelmsford to Widford. The Rev. A.W. Mason asking on platelayer Cornell's behalf for improvements. Again for Mr. Sinclair to report.

Fire insurance. Phoenix Co. increasing premiums for goods in trust in granary at Brick Lane and also for the warehouses. ECRy to reduce premium for granary to £7500 and for warehouses to £3500.

Sidings, Ryburgh. Messrs. Foster & Co £236. Some soil removal done by Foster at £15 cost. ECRy agree to allow the £15 but will not share the cost of laying the siding.

R.N.L.I. and assistance by tug 'Powerful' to two vessels on the Holme Sands on 14th November. Letter of thanks.

Coke contract, Messrs. Rickett, Smith & Co. 21/8 per ton for coke at Lowestoft and 20/7 per ton at Peterborough. 18 months from 1st January.

East Suffolk Coy. Goods, parcels traffic Bury, Stowmarket, Lowestoft not accounted to the ESRy. For the Joint Committee.

Cambridge station. Messrs. Moys, fly-masters in station yard, objecting to £100 rent and proposing £50. Committee propose a yard toll of 2/6 per cab and 5/- per week for omnibuses.

1st January 1862

Chairman Horatio Love

Manager's Report:

Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 28th December, an increase of 9086 quarters but a decrease of 573 sacks of flour. Increase of potatoes by 460 tons but a decrease in fish of 9 tons compared to the same period of 1861.

Peterborough exchange traffic, two weeks to 28th December. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 491, to MRy 403, to LNWRy 114. To ECRy from GNRy 186, ex MRy 248, ex LNWRy 90. Coal wagons ex GNRy and MRy 2009.

Claim for £10.10.0 by a Mr. Davies, hit by a dray of Truman and Hanbury's when ECRy van caused fright to the dray team. Agreed 50/50 liability costs.

On the 18th December at Brick Lane, a carman of Messrs. Young & Co in attempting to move a wagon was caught between the buffers as the other wagon was shunted, and was fatally injured. Chairman to deal with this case.

Ex fireman sent to prison for 6 months for stealing a turkey from a train at Brentwood on 20th December.

Waltham coal stores. Roadway to be repaired.

Brentwood station to have a goods lock-up.

East Suffolk Coy. Goods traffic, Yarmouth Southtown to Bury, Stowmarket, Lowestoft: a report to Clearing House and ESRy.

Royston. Loading gauge to be moved to a safer place.

Claims. Mr. Woolley £5 for damaged herrings; Mr. Broadwood £5.4.6 for damages to a piano.

LNWRy asking for a mileage proportion on a claim by Rev. Moorson for £12.5.0 for lost goods Birmingham to Norwich. This was agreed. Goods department claims £271.17.0.

Superintendent's Report:

Windham lunacy case, Court of Exchequer (pages 365, 366 and 367). Mr. Windham a passenger on the ECRy and acting as a 'guard' at each station, opening doors for passengers and even blowing a guard's whistle! Reported to directors on 4th December, Norwich to London. Twenty nine company officials were interviewed by the committee. Three guards fined 3 days pay for not reporting Mr. Windham. Directors to deal with the matter

Peterborough. Driver Boltwood, fireman Hanton and guard Ewell and break van forced open for oil and a lamp. All fined one days pay.

Tidal Basin on 20th December. A man named Saunders was knocked down and killed. Coroner recommended that the railway should be fenced off, Victoria Dock property and father has issued a writ against the ECRy. For the solicitors. Doctor's fees. Dr. Luke to 31st December were £31.10.0.

Stratford on 29th December. Signalman Gray was knocked down by a loco. One arm and one foot run over. Now in London Hospital.

Claims. Messrs. Venning, Naylor and Robins, solicitors of Tokenhouse Yard claiming on behalf of Miss Leverage and infant brother for slight injuries in Bishopsgate collision of 15th August. Doctors Luke and Roper attended. Mr. Robertson to attempt a settlement.

Colne Valley Coy. Through composite carriage, Castle Hedingham to Marks Tey and mileage charges. CVRy will not agree to alternate provision by both companies. Weekly charge to ECRy of 9/- to remain.

Secretary's Report:

Proposed railway Huntingdon – Kettering Midland Railway, 20 miles. Financial investment proposed but ECRy deferred.

Goods rates, Bury and London ECRy Act 1861. Alterations to take effect from 1st February 1862.

Fireman Cloudsley, injured on 18th January 1860, to receive £5 gratuity.

15th January 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 11th. January, an increase of 490 qtrs. but a decrease of 453 sacks of flour. An increase of 363 tons of potatoes and 70 tons of fish, all compared to same period in 1861.
- Peterborough Exchange Traffic, same period. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 470, to MRy 424, to LNWRy 91 wagons. To ECRy ex GNRy 175, ex MRy 231, ex LNWRy 94. Coal wagons ex GNRy & MRy 1659.
- Midland Company (MRy). Peterborough through invoices tendered for ECRy stations for goods ex Nottingham and Sheffield GNRy stations. Invoices not accepted. Goods despatched on ECRy local rates.
- Royal Agricultural Show. Livestock free of charge. Implements to be charged each way. ECRy to carry on with their method, ie. everything paid to the Show and returns free of all charges.
- Claim for £57 by Messrs. Nicholls for delay to 51 Hogsheads of porter ex Hythe last Friday. Solicitors to defend.
- Law case on lighterage work September 1867, no date given on order to Mr. Vokins the lighterman for 42 tons 7cwt. of oilcake to Audley End for Mr. Adams who now claims for a missing 5 tons. Mr. Vokin's solicitors will defend the case on an indemnity to the ECRy. Sum involved £48.12.10. Committee agreed that the lighterman's solicitor Messrs. Cottrams & Co. defend with the proposed indemnity.
- Claims. Mr. Johnson for damaged tug "Post Boy", £10.19.1. Mr. Taylor, lost clothing, £6.9.0. Mr. Whitham, wrong delivery of pigs, £11.12.0.
- Ware Station, Goods Shed. Brick pillars need repairs.
- Wagon Hire. Mr. Thomas Coote offering 50 coal wagons on hire. Mr. Sinclair to decide.
- Mr. Newsome Garrett claiming
 - 1) No wagons at Snape on the 24th. December 1861.
 - 2) On same day he had grain at ESRy stations already one week overdue.
 - 3) No trains ran to Snape between 20th. to 24th. December.All this was refuted and Joint Committee to discuss.
- East Suffolk Company. Traffic account from opening to 30th. June 1861 amounted to £360.14.2. Audit Department to examine and check Clearing House figures.
- Maldon cartage. Mr. Bunn to run omnibus, Maldon Station, Burnham, Southminster. Parcels up to 16 lbs. weight. Allowance of 4d each on all through parcels.
- Goods Department Claims. £139.9.1. , to accounts.

Mr. Sinclair's Report.

- Sidings, Wenhaston. Mr. Goddard's proposed site too far from Halesworth with sharp gradients.
- Swaffham Station House. Two additional bedrooms and a scullery to cost £75.0.0.
- Payments due. Messrs. Turton & Sons, wagon bearing springs £127.16.0. Mr. G. Osborne brass bearings for 20 Horse Boxes £64.19.1. Messrs. Batchelor, 20,000 round sleeper blocks £54.7.8. Messrs. Wade & Sons 20,000 round sleeper blocks, £825.1.9.

Superintendent's Report.

- Roads Trustees in Colchester. Approach road to Station. Down side, an extra lamp and moving the existing lamps. North slope to be removed etc. Committee refer Roads Trustees to the local authority. (Not ECRy property).
- St Ives. A small Signal Hut required with a fireplace at the Station.
- Omnibuses. Maldon. Mr. Burns proposing to run to Burnham a bus four times weekly to connect the 8.55 am Up train ex Maldon and the Down 7.15 pm Parliamentary train from London, 10/- weekly to ECRy. Trial period agreed.
- Mellis. Mr. Blofield fined 10/- and 6/6 costs for loading grain in to a wagon on Mr. Robinson's siding. (No date given).
- Electric Telegraph Co. Gale damage at Ponders End / Water Lane on 11th. January. Telegraph pole and wires on the Down line as the 5.00 pm Down express was approaching. Wires became entangled with the loco. and six more poles were brought down. Nobody injured and the telegraph was resumed the following morning.
- Convictions (six) for the usual offences, non payment of fares, trespass and damage to property.

Secretary's Report.

- War Office. Cattle wagons. (Ref 19th.June 1861). Mr.Sinclair had said conversion to Horse Wagons in time of emergency would give no trouble. New wagons to be so fitted.
- Surplus land. Richard Garrett of Carlton Hall, Saxmundham wishing to plant conifer trees close to his park land. Agreed with the usual provisos.
- Mr.Duck (Water Lane accident when he was thrown into the Coal Pit) to receive £15 ex gratia payment.
- Lowestoft Fish Curers asking for a new road of access and a roofed Cask Station. Chairman.
- Brentwood Goods Shed, extra platform required. Station platform to be relaid with chalk and gravel. Siding accommodation to be examined by Mr.Sinclair for improvements. The Junior Clerk Scott to be moved to Goods Dept. Brentwood at 9/- weekly and receive 10/- for work done.
- Chelmsford Goods Warehouse platform to be extended over the Cart Road with a zinc roof against bad weather.
- Witham Ladies Waiting Room alterations. Mr.Sinclair to start this work. (Ex 31st.July).
- Lowestoft Harbour. Mr.Seago's office to be used for Harbour Master. Bridgeman's Cottages to be checked for repairs. Station to have new bell to replace broken bell. Barrel storage in sheds, Land Agent to report. Gas supply. Captain Rivers, Harbourmaster to pay half of his domestic supply. A weighing machine to be installed on passenger platform between the buffer stops with a protective barrier.
- Norwich Goods Platform extension deferred. Coal shed for station coal storage in north east corner. Stables, a manger required in the loose stall and a window or shutter put in. (page 338). Various wage increases 2/- to 3/- weekly. Lad Horingold to have 5/- weekly. Parcel Office to be extended. New Porters Room.
- Eccles Road. Signalman's hut required.
- Norwich Trowse. Stationmaster Mr.Gayford to receive £5 for cattle traffic extra work.
- Wymondham. Small lock-up coal store required.
- Ely Station. Parcels Office and Cloakroom to be better secured.

Land Agent's Report.

- Cambridge Station. "Fly" stand in yard, Messrs. Curwain & Turner offering £60 per annum. The Committee accepted and decided on 5/- weekly from the five omnibuses plying from the Yard.
- Thetford Cattle Pens. Honourable Mr.Baring had agreed to lease the land required. No rent quoted but Mr.Baring to have demurrage free right on his delivered goods.

29th January 1862

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report.

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 25th.January, a decrease of 5233 qtrs. and 357 sacks of flour against same period in 1861. An increase of 81 tons potatoes and 99 tons of fish in same period 1861.
- Peterborough Exchange Traffic, same period. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 423, to MRy 298, to LNWRy 87. To ECRy ex GNRy 189, ex MRy 210, ex LNWRy 121 and coal wagons ex GNRy & MRy 1274.
- Coal into London City. LNWRy 74953, 78388; GNRy 31970, 12063; ECRy 13972, 12063; MRy 10873, 5056; GWRy 9441, 5728; SERy 3083, - ; SWRy - , 2661. All figures in tons. First figure is for 1862, second figure is [*presumably*] for 1861.
- Ice at Yarmouth and Lowestoft houses full. 1706 tons at Yarmouth, not sufficient. Temporary store for 100 tons to be made.
- Coal Stores Stratford removed and now required. Mr.Sinclair to report on possibilities.
- Lowestoft, French fishing boats. Dues to be stopped (Treasury request) for weather refuge. Committee still thinks they are entitled to dues either from the boats or British public. Dues to be charged if fish is off loaded or transferred or other cargo loaded or unloaded.
- East Suffolk Company. Coal in owners wagons ex Peterborough and seaborne coal to Lowestoft. Comparison of costs, the Chairman to decide on any alterations of the Terminals.
- Sidings, Mutford. Mr.Wood's siding in need of repairs. Owner in question, Land Agent to report.
- Claims. Mrs.Fitzgerald for £65, lost box in transit Woodbridge to Brick Lane, uninsured lace, silks etc. Liability of £10 only agreed.
- Law Cases. Pavitt's case in County Court for seed affected by vermin, ECRy gained the verdict. Mr.Hale for ducks and geese lost in transit and Mr.Cheshire for damaged earthenware, the Judge (Mr.Gurden) at Colchester County Court declared interest in ECRy. Writ issued against ECRy by Mr.Penson for £32, delayed cattle, Bury [*Bury St. Edmunds*] to Norwich 16th.October 1861. Mr.Maynard to advise. Mr.Hilder claiming £15.15.0 for injured cow in transit Ipswich to Stratford. Also his son's box for Rio de Janerio delayed and sent forward later, £5.
- Claims. Mr.Jones, £7.12.6 for delayed patterns. Mr.Johnson, £3.11.11 for delayed barley. Mr.Coleman, £6.6.0 for pillaged hamper.

- Colne Valley Company, Mr.Jarman £11.9.0 for lost box London to Halstead. Delivered to Chappel then missing. To be paid by CVRy Co. Peterborough Delay Claims. Mr.Murray £5.5.0 for fresh herrings. Mr.Mountain £2.2.0 for rabbits. Mr.Measure £1.9.7 for cheese. Mr.Shewin £4 for assorted goods.
- Melton Station Haulage. To Messrs.Thompson & Bonnington's by horse to be allowed 3d per ton goods and 2d per ton coal for use of their horses (50% of costs).
- Combustibles. Same rates as LNWRy, GNRy, MRy and other Companies.
- Goods Dept. Claims, £201.5.4.
- Goods Traffic, Sundays at Peterborough to cease 10am. to 10pm.

Mr Sinclair's Report.

- Coote's wagons, £9 per wagon annual hire a reasonable amount. Mr.Coote to maintain the 50 wagons. Manager and Loco. Super. to confer.
- Payments Due. Messrs.Wade & Son, £389.10.0 on account 20,000 round sleepers. Messrs.Forman & Co. £3000 on account 10,000 tons rails. Mr.E.Osborne £63 Driver/Guard Comms. Mr.T.Shirley £313.16.0 renewal Newport Bridge.
- Roads Trustees. Meldreth Station to Melbourne footpath. Parish authorities to spend £35-40 on improvements. ECRy to give £7 towards costs.
- Enfield Station. Stationmaster's room on ground floor to become a Ladies Waiting Room, furnished.
- Exhibition in France. French Consul enquiring re. cattle rates to this exhibition, April next. Out at ordinary rate, home free of charge.
- Yarmouth Stationmaster, Mr.Dowey salary to £160 from £150 per annum.

Superintendent's Report.

- Casualty on 25th.January at Witham. Porter Corley kicked by shunting horse fracturing his jaw. Death of Signalman Gray in London Hospital on 25th.January. £5 to widow.
- Royal Agricultural Society Exhibition. Usual rates for exhibits.
- Harlow Stationmaster, Mr.Jay off sick two months, to be allowed a further months leave. New Stationmaster to be appointed.
- Tivetshall. On 22nd.January Mr.Gayton's cow was run over and killed, gate of occupation crossing left open
- Stratford, Colchester end, a Yardsman's hut required.
- Kennett Station, on 8th.January the Stationmaster Mr.Weston started the up Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*] train without the "Line Clear" from Newmarket. Stationmaster at Newmarket was adjudged to be at fault for not sending the "Line Clear", and Stationmaster at Kennet also cautioned. (page 402).
- Inspector McDonald of Ely using Company coals; fined three days pay.
- Casualty on 22nd.January at Ely Level Crossing. Mr.Thomas Haslop was knocked down and killed by a coal train.
- Rifle Butt between Hadleigh and Raydon stations adjacent to the railway (70 yards distant). Shooting towards the railway, 16th.Suffolk Volunteers. Mr.Sinclair to report on any dangers.
- Law Cases. Mr.Solomon £9.18.0 for damaged grapes. ECRy to defend.
- Incident on 21st.January at Kelvedon Station. Shunting horse killed by express train. Porter Burton was dismissed.

12th February 1862

Horatio Love, Chairman,

Manager's Report.

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 8th.February, a decrease of 6759 qtrs. and 1221 sacks of grain. An increase of 285 tons of potatoes and decrease of 251 tons of fish against same period 1861.
- Peterborough Exchange Traffic, same two weeks. Ex ECRy to GNRy 380 wagons, to MRy 287, to LNWRy 75 wagons. To ECRy ex GNRy 149 wagons, ex MRy 245, ex LNWRy 165 and 1023 wagons of coal.
- Coal traffic to City of London January. LNWRy 49001, 58115; GNRy 38682, 49964; ECRy 200763, 14012; MRy 5048, 4396; SWRy 1393, 3000. First figure 1862, second figure 1861, all figures in tons.
- Goods trains to be reduced by 2738 miles.
- Chatteris Dock. Sidings improvements. Mr.Sinclair to costimate.
- Beccles Sidings. Mr.Sinclair to costimate an additional siding, ESRy to pay the costs.
- Coal stores at Cambridge. Mr.C.F.Foster enquiring. No spare land available.
- Lock up wagons. Four more to be made for Pickford's traffic London, Cambridge, Norwich.
- Devonshire Street. Weigh bridge requires moving to avoid congestion.
- East Suffolk Company. Beccles Goods Shed. Roof leaking through the two skylights. Secretary to write to ESRy.
- Fish Traffic. Nine extra wagons required for the Night Mail ex Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

- Law Cases. Mr.Frost £17.14.2 for delayed fish against the Co. Sent by goods train instead of passenger. Writ by Mr.Selsby for box of turkeys to Mr.Broom, Newgate Market. For Solicitors, Messrs.Crowder, Maynard & Co. County Court Summons. £2.5.0 for delayed meat. No plaintiff mentioned. Conviction, Loco. Driver Dow for stealing bottle of gin.
- Victoria Docks. A sufferance wharf to be made and enquiring if the ECRy will provide a service. Agreed to do.
- Great Northern Ry, Victoria Docks Agency. Proposing that ECRy handle the GNRy traffic via Hertford, Welwyn, not Hackney Wick with 2/6 per ton terminals and 8/6 per ton cartage and terminals. 2/6 per ton lighterage as required. ECRy Manager asked for restoration of traffic north of Peterborough to go via Peterborough and not via Hertford. Mr.Seymore Clarke (GNRy Manager) insisted on shortest route available for GNRy to ECRy south of Harlow and west of Witham. Agreed.
- International Exhibition. Clearing House meeting of Managers. General agreement, warehousing, carriage of goods etc. etc.
- East Suffolk traffic. Messrs.Newsom Garrett by sea to Snape and then by road. Proposed rates to obtain this traffic by rail. (Not given).
- Ely rates to London. 1854 same as Cambridge. Now in excess. Ely rates to be reduced to Cambridge rates for same goods.
- Sidings. Messrs.Colman and Cherry Hinton Lime Works. Lime exhausted. Siding needs lengthening 200 yds. to fresh quarry. Suggested moving of the siding turn-out to save expense. Superintendent to check.
- Colne Valley Co. Mr.Jarman's claim for £11.9.0. The CVRy refuse to pay. For the Board on 13th. and also the question of through bookings to the CVRy.
- Claims.Thames Steam Tug Co., for damaged barge "Neptune" at Blackwall £7.8.8. Messrs.Green & Marsh £11.10.11, lost shoes. Mr.Hawke £10 delayed pigs.
- Continental Traffic. "City of Norwich" and "Tonnig". Associated Companies, 3/8 of capital, (£36,000) - £13,500. Cattle trade Lowestoft to London, Messrs.Honck, Russell the instigators of Associated Companies. ECRy not interested, season of only five months annually.
- Goods Dept. Claims of £239.11.6.

Secretary's Report.

- Roads Trustees. The proposed Colchester improvements to the station approach road (ECRy land) not the public road. Committee not interested.
- Casualty expenses re Fireman Flavell; Dr.O'Connor and Mr.Wild. Superintendent to settle on best terms possible.
- Dovercourt drainage, Borough of Harwich. Mr.Sinclair to divert ECRy's drain to remedy complaint.
- Salaries. Clerks. Bishopsgate Manager's Office, increase Mr.Birt £150 to £160 per annum; Mr.Lambert £140 to £150; Mr.R.West £104 to £110. Brick Lane, Mr.Nettlehip £175 to £200; Mr.Cheeseman £114 to £120; Mr.A.Hope £110 to £115. Superintendent's Office, Mr.Crawford £100 to £105; Mr.Chalenor £95 to £99.15.0 per annum.
- Tottenham accident. Mr.Garrett to have a 1st. Class Pass, London, Roydon & St.Margarets for 12 months. (Dealing with claims).

Superintendent's Report.

- Two horsemen. Accidents, one at Romford (7-12-1862) and one at March (8-12-1862). Both severely injured.
- Goods trains, staff riding restricted to the Police, District Superintendent, Inspector, District Auditors, and Goods Dept. Inspector (Outdoors) with Pass from Superintendent Kent (Police). Committee added Permanent Way workmen, Peterborough, Huntingdon, Hitchin and Loop Line Branches.
- Rifle Butt Application, Cambridge Volunteers. Between Dullingham and Newmarket Stations in Devil's Ditch for 900 yds. Government inspected and approved;
 - 1) Earth work at least 25 ft. above railway at butt and
 - 2) No firing when a train is passing.
 Mr.Sinclair to inspect the site and report.
- Society of Arts Exhibition, International. Public attendance. Fares. ECRy to co-operate.
- Collision, Hitchin Station GNRy 3rd.February. ECRy loco. No.174 with Driver Wilson and Fireman Banyard arrived with train from Cambridge went to turntable on Up side at London end of station. Loco. was turned and the Driver asserts that a hand-signal from Signalman was given to cross to the Down line. Driver Wilson proceeded on to the Up line and Fireman operated cross-over points to the Down line. The 9.00am express to Edinburgh was approaching fast. A glancing collision ensued with the right hand driving axle box of the express scraping the side of the ECRy loco. Four coaches also scraped along the side of the ECRy loco. Nobody injured, nothing derailed. Mr.Robertson (Manager ECRy) visited the site on the 5th.February and stated in his report that Driver Wilson did not have "right of way" on to the Down line and was to blame. Driver Wilson dismissed.
- Convictions. Two pick pockets, smoking and fare dodging. Resolved that station doors be closed as trains depart.

Mr.Sinclair's Report.

- Ely, Fish Pond Bridge. Renewal contract to Mr. J.Perry at £1999.0.0.
- Fish Plates. Messrs. Losh, Wilson & Co. at £8 per ton. Order for 400 tons.
- Payments Due. Messrs. Frost & Son, loco wheels £233.14.3.; Messrs.R. Stephenson & Co. £675 on account 15 locos., tenders; R & W Hawthorn & Co. on account 15 locos., tenders, £1675.; Messrs.Turton & Sons on account, bearing springs £101.2.0.; Mr.A.Tracey, Magdalen Bridge £186.2.5.
- Passenger Locos., five to be advertised for tender. Five goods locos. under construction at Stratford Works. All to be charged to Revenue Account.
- Cambridge Station. Alterations (24th. October) authorised by Committee.

Land Agent's Report.

- Barrel (Herring) Stores at Lowestoft. Mr.Dobbin (Land Agent) . Rent of 1d weekly per measurement ton of seven barrels and one weeks notice to quit.
- Lowestoft Cottages at the Bridge to be repaired and decorated,
- Romford Factory Cottages, notice given to 16 tenants (two ECRy cottages) by Messrs. Copeland & King. Mr.Dobbin and Mr.Maynard to confer on action required.
- Surplus Land. Rev.E.Graham offering £10 and £5 for two small plots on the abandoned Newmarket line. Both declined.

26th February 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report.

- Grain Traffic Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 22nd.February. A decrease of 1125 qtrs. and 4259 sacks of flour. An increase of 141 tons of potatoes but a decrease of 66 tons of fish for the same period in 1861.
- Peterborough Exchange Traffic, same period. Ex ECRy to GNRy 353 wagons, to MRy 153 wagons, to LNWRy 66 wagons. To ECRY ex GNRy 190 wagons, ex MRy 305, ex LNWRy 136 wagons. Coal wagons 1347 ex GNRy and MRy.
- Guano Traffic ex Victoria Docks, an increase of 249 tons for two weeks to 22nd.February against same period 1861.
- Claims, Ingatestone Accident. £161.15.8 to be reduced by salvage. Ind Coope's van damaged at Romford to be repaired at Stratford Works. Mr.Speechley's damaged picture claim of £8.0.0.
- Lowestoft Harbour. Master of vessel "The Secret" making out false Bills of Lading to evade Harbour dues. ECRy to summons the Master and some other cases pending.
- Small Works. At Maldon, cattle pens to be gravelled and Goods Warehouse to be whitewashed. Dereham, road repairs. Harling Road, cattle pen repairs. Bishopsgate, shelves for lock-up office. Hertford, Warehouse in need of repairs.
- Chelmsford, a weigh bridge required.
- Lifeboat, ECRy, tanks in need of repair
- Wagons, special. Two for Brick Lane to Camden Town via Hackney Wick to be set aside for Pickford traffic.
- Peterborough Station. LNWRy and the alterations affecting sack storage, and their siding accommodation. Mr.Sinclair to report on this matter.
- East Suffolk Railway. Yarmouth South Town to Newmarket, Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*], Thurston and Elmwell traffic. Clearing House to be notified that traffic via Woodbridge to be cleared for ECRy, Woodbridge to Bury with one terminal allowed.
- Claims, 7th.November 1861. Stowmarket Station. Mr.Gathercole delivered 12.5 qtrs. wheat for Messrs.Welham & Co. London.. The acceptance receipt (ECRy) was sent by Gathercole to Welham who sold the wheat at Mark Lane for £32 to Mr.Exley. Mr.Gathercole then went to Stowmarket Station to cancel the Welham order and despatch the wheat to Mr.Wallis of Ipswich. This was carried out. Mr.Exley now claims the £32. Mr.Maynard (Solicitor) to advise.
- Goods Department Claims for £198.0.6 for two weeks.

Superintendent's Report.

- Enfield Stationmaster, Mr.Holloway summonsed on 14th.February for abusive language to a Metropolitan Policeman on the 7th. Acquitted and the Met. Policeman castigated.
- GPO, Ely Station. Gas and water supplies requested for new room. £6 per annum. Rent at 5% on £50. Approved.
- Sidings, Fulbourne. Moving of the turn-out by 150 yards nearer to Fulbourne. Mr.Sinclair to costimate.

Mr.Sinclair's Report.

- Needham Coal Stores. Repairs not worthwhile. Brick walls and roofs to cost £300. Deferred.
- Bishopsgate. Locomotive Foreman's Office to be rebuilt in brick. £100.0.0.
- Widford. Platelayers hut unfit for habitation. Cottage (Standard Type) to be erected at £145.0.0.
- Chairs. Messrs.Ransom & Sims of Ipswich offer new chairs at £3.17.6 per ton, for old chairs at £2.6.0 per ton. Mr.Sinclair approved of these terms.

- Payments Due. Messrs.Wade & Son £673.2.1 on account 40,000 Round Sleepers, on account 40,000 square sleepers £1397.9.2. ; Messrs.Forman & Co. on account 10,000 tons Rails,£4000. ; Mr.Osborne Loco./ Guards Comms. £162.
- Bedford and Cambridge Railway. Mr.Cawkwell to Mr.Sinclair re sidings and platform at Cambridge. Mr.Sinclair approved and ECRy Secretary to write to Mr.Cawkwell confirming.
- Inspector McCracken of Ipswich dismissed re a letter to Directors!

12th March 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report.

- Grain Traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 8th.February. An increase of 833 qtrs. but a decrease of 8664 sacks of flour. An increase of potatoes by 102 tons 9 cwts. and of fish by 16 tons 3 cwts. against same period 1861.
- Peterborough Exchange Traffic. Ex ECRy to GNRy 160 wagons, to MRy 110 wagons, to LNWRy 91 wagons. To ECRy ex GNRy 160 wagons, ex MRy 332 wagons, ex LNWRy 136 wagons Coal wagons, 804.
- Coal into City of London. LNWRy 49452, 68632; GNRy 33972, 55884; ECRy 12582, 11791; GWRy 6964, 7626: MRy 5912, 4530: T & SRy 54, 144. First figure 1862, second figure 1861.
- Wrabness Station, a cattle pen required
- Small Works. Bentley, loading dock repairs. Blackwall, turntable boards to be replaced. Romford Factory, stable and road repairs. Field requires draining. Brick Lane new warehouse to have 180 ft. of hose and three hydrants.
- Claims. Five wagons of empty barrels Lowestoft to Yarmouth for auction arrived too late. £12 is claimed £4 is offered. Mr.Rayment, delayed cheese £8.14.0 Mr.Taylor, delayed malt £5. Mr.Guivers delayed sheep £6.7.3. Goods Dept. claims of £220.4.4.
- Cartage, Brick Lane. Two weeks to 2nd.February. Hired Teams £235.14.10. Earnings £308.3.10.

Superintendent's Report.

- Hitchin Collision. Mr.Harrison's claim settled for £40 . Approved.
- Fenchurch Street Accident. On 26th.February the 7.30 am Stratford to Fenchurch St. was derailed at the facing points at the entrance to the station. No injuries. No Pointsman on duty. Loco. spread the points. Blackwall Co. held responsible but refuted any claims.
- Convictions. Three for "fare dodging" and one for travelling over-class. Four youths aged 10 - 14 were in court for placing trolley on the line at Wimblington. Severe reprimands.

Secretary's Report.

- Mr.Sinclair's payment due. Mr.J.Rivett for the Brick Lane shed £97.9.8. Messrs.Forman & Co on account 10,000 tons of rails £1500.
- Rifle Butt, Dullingham area. The Committee cannot approve the proposed arrangement.
- Ipswich Docks Area. Messrs.Josselyn & Son offering 4 acres. The Manager to advise.
- Grimty or Grimby Fen near Stretham - Ely. Mr Bevilla asking for a station. Declined.
- Battersea Park Show. Mr.Gibbs, the Secretary, asking for free cattle transport. Usual terms to be offered by ECRy.
- Belton Station. A roof requested by Rev.Mr.Howes and local inhabitants. No comment!
- Fare Dodging. Some ticket shortages. Stationmasters to be asked to prevent such shortages.
- Small works. Audley End, platform extensions. Buckenham, water closet.
- Early train requested by petition from Cheshunt, Waltham, Ponders End etc. Also from Hertford, all to London. Superintendent to report.

26th March 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman

Manager's Report.

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 22nd. March. An increase of 2340 qtrs. but decrease of 3505 sacks of flour. An increase of 160 tons of potatoes and 33 tons of fish., same period 1861
- Peterborough Exchange Traffic. Ex ECRy to GNRy 300 wagons, to MRy 39 wagons, to LNWRy 98 wagons. To ECRy ex GNRy 270 wagons, ex MRy 363 and ex LNWRy 153 wagons. Coal wagons 807 ex GNRy and MRy.
- Brick Lane Hired Teams, two weeks to 16th. March. Cost £197.18.6. Earnings £251.18.7.
- East Suffolk traffic by sea ex Woodbridge to London. Mr.Newson Garrett's vessels paying no wharfage at either end. No Committee comment.
- Ipswich land, Messrs.Josselyn & Sons offer now referred to Joint Committee.
- Great Northern Co. traffic from north to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*] temporarily routed via Hertford, now via Peterborough , to be charged under new agreement. See Manager's Report 12th. February.

- Claim by Mr.Crosker for compensation for injury when hamper of meat fell on him in Leadenhall Market on 15th. March. Manager to act.
- Law cases. Vessels "Secret" and "Jane" evasion of harbour dues at Lowestoft. Company won both cases, £5 and costs against the masters. ECRy also prosecuting them!
- Bentley accident (?). Claims of £149.16.2 plus two yet to be made.
- Claims. Mr.Kemp, £7 for damaged tank. Mr.Joshings, damaged rick [*Sic*] cloths £7. Mr.Masters lost oil, £18.1.0. Goods Department of £321.6.9.

Superintendent's Report.

- Loughton. Passengers asking for late train to Fenchurch St. and a later train from Fenchurch St. The Superintendent stated that during the four weeks to 8th.March the Up train carried 44 passengers and the last Down train to Loughton 74 passengers. Application was declined.
- Stepney accident. Claims settled, £228.14.0. Nineteen in number. Two other claims for £450 and £250 to be settled.
- Fatality, Stratford Running Sheds. On 19th.March. Driver Sheppard run over and killed. £10 to his relatives. On the 17th.March Platelayer Cook was killed near Bow Junction. £5 to the widow.
- Conviction. A lad of 13 years named Wilson sentenced to 3 days in prison for stone throwing at locomotives.
- Finningham on 8th.March a horse with cart bolted through the Goods Yard gate and on to the line and was stopped by platelayers near Haughley. Horse bruised but safe.
- Convictions. Trespass, fare-dodging and using superior class carriage.
- Collision (slight) at Blackwall Goods Junction on 5th.March. Passenger train Stratford to Woolwich collided with a goods train standing in siding near Barking Rd. Station. Signalman failed to hold the points, turning the passenger train on to the siding. Signalman James dismissed. Eight passengers on the train. Mr.Pountain lost three teeth and a leg slightly injured. £40 paid. Mr.Campbell £10, paid. Mr.J.Smith £5, paid. All Agreed.

Mr.Sinclair's Report.

- Sidings, Cherry Hinton, alterations. (Fulbourne). To cost £110. See Super's. Report 26th. February.

Secretary's Report.

- East Suffolk Co. Market tickets to Norwich requested as per market tickets to Ipswich via Eastern Union Co. Mr.Robertson to report.
- Roads, Meldreth. Footpath improvement. £7 to Mr.J.E.Miller for his work on same.
- Lowestoft Harbour. RNLI testimonial for Captain Rivers (Harbour Master) for the rescue of a stranded vessel's crew at Corton Sands on 25th. February.
- Locomotive order. 5 passenger locos. and tenders. Contract to Messrs.W. Fairbairn & Sons at £2450 each being £1150 lower than the highest tender (R. Stephenson & Co.).
- Bibles. Five copies presented for the Waiting Rooms of the Forest stations on the Loughton line.. Accepted with thanks.
- Lowestoft Foreshore ballast. (pages 454 - 456). Letters from Mr.W. Wagstaff re the Crown & Sir Morton Peto and from the Office of Woods and Forests re Treasury Licence for 21 years to take sand and shingle for ballasting vessels. Royalty of £2 per ton, minimum in one year of £10. For Joint Committee.
- Nene Valley Drainage Bill. Separation of Middle Level from the Bedford Level. Mr.Maynard to report.
- Riding on locomotives. Mr.W.H Ilett's accusation re Mr.W.F. Windham proved totally untrue.
- Melford, proposed station site contested. Mr.Sinclair to report.
- Meldreth. Fire engine from London free of charge to Parish.
- Lynn [*Kings Lynn*] Loco. Depot. Mr.Platt disposing Company property unofficially. The Chairman to investigate.
- Cambridge Goods Clerk. Mr.Marshall's death. 13 years service. Widow to receive 6 months salary.

9th April 1862

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report.

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall. Two weeks to 5th.April, an increase of 5026 qtrs. but a decrease of 4362 sacks of flour. An increase of 390 tons of potatoes and 40 tons fish as against same period in 1861
- Brick Lane hired teams. Two weeks to 30th.March.Cost £185.19.7, income £236.12.9.
- Lowestoft Fish Dues. Mr.Capps owes 10/- for catch landed on South Quay but Solicitor doubts the ECRy rights to charge anywhere for landing of fish.
- Small Works needed. Waltham fence repairs. Brick Lane, extra lamp. Sudbury, stable lime wash.. Wymondham, stable food bin. Mildenhall, cattle dock to be repaired. Brick Lane, granary doors to be framed.
- Lowestoft - Norwich Navigation. Mud and silt at Mutford railway bridge. Wherry operators complaints. Mr.Sinclair to dredge.

- Claims. Mr.Crosker's settled for £25. Agreed. Mr.Wallis, delayed barley £4.1.0 Mr.Sworder for delayed wheat £16.17.9. Mr.Simpson, two paintings damaged £10.0.0. Mr.Harrold's claim for damaged furniture was withdrawn. Mr.Exley's claim £32 re Mr.Gathercole's wheat, ECRy to offer £16 in settlement. Goods Department £150.12.7.

Superintendent's Report.

- Turntable, Brick Lane. Long wagons overhang. Incident on turntable when wagon buffers scraped side of a passenger train. Clearance not sufficient. Manager to investigate and report.
- Lynn Station [*Kings Lynn*] on 17th.July 1861 a lad named Girdlestone injured. The father claims £50 compensation. Superintendent to settle.
- Thurston. On 1st.April Signalman Purkis's child aged 3 months run over and killed.
- Mr.Jay, Stationmaster, now declared unable to resume his duties due to ill health. Six months salary awarded.
- Whittlesford. Local complaints re the 5.15 pm train Cambridge - London not calling. Agreed to allow a stop as required.
- Hitchin collision. Mr.Wear's claim settled for £21.
- Earlier trains from Lea Valley area and Enfield agreed by the Committee. Mr.Robertson to implicate [*sic*] same. Also between the 8.03 am and 9.30 am ex the branch with a later return train after the 8.10 pm. All approved.
- International Exhibition. Passenger arrangements still being considered but seven day returns outside suburban areas may be issued.
- Continental traffic to the Exhibition . Messrs.Dunkerley of Hull asking for Harwich - London fares. Same as for 1857.

Mr.Sinclair's Report.

- Romford field drainage to cost £20. Agreed.
- Peterborough Station, LNWRy's siding and Sack Room. Mr.Sinclair reported the re-arrangements. (Temporary).
- Hertford Goods Shed, decision deferred.
- Chelmsford, a cart weighbridge £86 and a wagon weighbridge £150. Latter to be installed.
- Cambridge. Goods Shed to cost £3500. Deferred.
- Earl Albemarle's application for a level crossing near Harston. Again refused. Previous application in 1858.
- Payments due. Mr.C.Osborne, Loco/Guard Comm. Apparatus, £187.10.0. Messrs.Forman & Co., on account, 10,000 tons rails £4000. Mr.J.Perry on account, Fish Pond Bridge, £500. Mr.A.Tracey on account of Peterborough Bridge, £2000.

Secretary's Report.

- Ryburgh Station. Booking Office and a Parcels Lock-up is required.
- Wickham Flag-Station. Passengers asking for a waiting room. (Room of the Cottage). Mr.Sinclair to arrange.
- Late Goods Clerk Cook, Cambridge. Mother to receive £5 and salary to end of 1861.
- Bedford & Cambridge Railway. (26th.February). A letter from LNWRy re a meeting with Sinclair and Liddell. Approved.
- Claim by Mr.Dyball injured at Stratford Works when a bellows burst. Mr.Sinclair and Solicitors to confer.
- Messrs.Coote and the transference of clerks ticket to Mr.Mornington. Agreed for coal business only.
- Roads. Messrs.Dove and Leytonstone improvements. No charge or liability to ECRy.
- Ipswich Dock Tramway cottage to be built at the level crossing.
- Manager's Office. Ex gratia payments to be made for extra hours in last two months. (£20 to be shared between 39).
- Fare Tables to be displayed at stations in all areas.
- Wagon Inspector Thomas Chaplin placed in an asylum. Wages to pay the asylum and rest to his wife.
- Ipswich Station. Mr.Nibloe allowing a meeting to be held in a station room without permission. Lord Stradbroke had previously been allowed to hold a meeting by the Directors. Mr.Nibloe told to seek permission in future.

23rd April 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report.

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 19th.April. An increase of 2991 qtrs. but a decrease of 4072 sacks of flour. An increase of 178 tons of potatoes and 41 tons of fish against same period 1861.
- Peterborough exchange traffic. Ex ECRy to GNRy 303 wagons, to MRy 34, to LNWRy 75 wagons. To ECRy ex GNRy 199 wagons, ex MRy 228, ex LNWRy 99 wagons. Coal ex GNRy and MRy 764 wagons.
- Brick Lane hired teams, two weeks to 13th. Cost £230.2.5. Income £282.7.9.
- Coal traffic, decrease in past 3 months against same period 1861.
- Steam tugs. £60 in salvage payments for the "Little Dorritt" off Southwold. The tug "Imperial" in need of repairs. Mr.Sinclair to costimate.
- Peterborough. Iron and other materials in store of E & A. Pryor (Bankrupt). Secretary to write to the assessors re charges for storage.

- Parcel traffic. Messrs.Blakes receiving office No.1A Pentonville Road accepted for business.
- Camden Town - Brick Lane traffic. (Ref.26th.February) started on 21st.April. Charges as follows, 2/- per ton to LNWRy and NLRy, 2/- per ton to ECRy. Agreed by all companies.
- Coal traffic ex Peterborough now back to normal after troubles at Bury [*Bury St Edmunds*].
- Works. Blackwall, iron pillars of waterside warehouse need repairs. Attleborough, granary to be fenced off from cattle. Bishopsgate, Outwards Parcels Office repairs. Trowse stables repairs. Romford, gate to cattle dock to stop beasts entering until drovers have clearance. Braintree, similar gate as Romford. Chappel, cattle pen repairs..
- Lock-up wagons, two to be provided for Saxham traffic.
- Hertford. Warehouse, Chairman to visit.
- Asparagus rates Histon to London, no reduction.
- Ice, Yarmouth. Price to fishing vessels, 15/- per ton.
- Kings Cross - Victoria Docks ex Manchester. Proposed toll of 1/8 d per ton and 2/6d per ton terms.
- Wickham Bishops. Mr.Dixon asking for 5/0d per ton for flour to London. Manager to suggest 5/6d.
- Claims. Mr.Turner for delayed cattle, £12. Mr.Pymars for delayed silk,£5. Damaged barge at Blackwall, ECRy to defend the case re Messrs.Colthurst Symons.
- Godmanchester. Mill of Messrs.Potto Brown adjoining ECRy. 3000 sacks of flour to London annually. Siding would cost £1205 (£450 by Messrs.Potto Brown). Rates:- Flour; Huntingdon to London 8/- per ton; Fen Stations to the mill 3/6d per ton. Foreign corn, London to the mill 8/- per ton.
- Claims. Goods Department, £166.18.0.
- Devonshire Street. Weighbridge to be moved. Cost of £100.
- Payment of £4000 to Messrs.Forman for rail contract.

Secretary's Report.

- Tower Hill gravelling. Miss Rist £1.1.0 paid.
- Harwich to Ipswich steamboats to restart in early May.
- Young labour, age limit of 14 years set.
- Inspector Goody of Ipswich to receive £5 for extra expenses.
- Tottenham Stationmaster Mr.Boyes to receive £10 for cattle traffic, extra work.

Superintendent's Report.

- Yarmouth Volunteers Review, 19th.June. Volunteers in uniform at excursion rates with a return after 4 days.
- Barking Road. Thames Iron Co. asking for a drain rent for ECRy's sidings. Land Agent to enquire and report back. The level crossing at Blackwall Junction used by Thames Iron Co. workers, a mutual agreement is desired. For Mr.Sinclair.
- International Exhibition, Railway Agency & Enquiry Office. ECRy to take part at 40/- per million of Share Capital.
- Halstead, 3rd.June. The Essex Show. Usual terms for all exhibits.
- Late Fireman (Loco.) Flavell. Medical costs of £38.3.1 paid.
- Romford Station on 2nd.April a drunken man named Bunn fell down the entrance steps and died.
- East Suffolk Co. Market tickets Woodbridge to Norwich to be given a trial on Saturdays. Train services to be discussed at the Joint Committee meeting.
- Conviction for assault. Mr.Harvey late Yardsman at Romford Station, 12 months for attack on the Watchman at Romford.
- Excursions to start 1st.May to the Loughton Line.
- Brandon Station. Lord William Paulett complaining of the low platform levels. To be raised if complaint is justified.
- Victoria Dock Railway. Board of Trade making a complaint on lack of fencing. Victoria Dock Co. to receive the letter via Mr.Sinclair and the Secretary.
- Chelmsford. Used ticket frauds. Ticket Collector Shirley under suspicion. Stationmaster to be interviewed.

Land Agent's Report.

- Land purchases. 39 poles for landslip at Loughton. Mr.Pearce will exchange for 10 poles near Woodford Station. Also required 15 poles near Woodford, again Mr.Pearce will take £15. Approved.
- Old Newmarket Railway. Large pair of gates on the road crossing to be removed and a fence erected. Fence at Revd. Graham's land at cutting to be deferred. Over bridge to be left, gate cottage demolished and materials sold.
- Surplus land. Mr.Hicks applying for 1.5 acres on the Newmarket line. This was declined.
- Brick Lane Accounts Clerk to receive £20 per annum increase. (Mr.Farr).
- Norwich Corporation asking for an ECRy surveyor to attend the level survey of the river from Reedham Bridge to Norwich. Agreed.
- Peterborough houses. LNWRy tenants of ECRy houses asking for Company payment of taxes. (Land?)

5th May 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

Manager's Report

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall, two weeks to 3rd.May, a decrease of 3240 qtrs. and 7701 sacks of flour. A decrease of 89 tons of potatoes and 126 tons of fish against same period in 1861.
- Peterborough exchange traffic. Ex ECRy to GNRy 460 wagons, to MRy 61 and LNWRy 124 wagons. To ECRy ex GNRy 306, ex MRy 314 and ex LNWRy 101 wagons. Coal wagons ex GNRy and MRy 705 wagons, two weeks to 3rd.May.
- Brick Lane hired teams. Cost £176.14.4. Income £230.9.0 for two weeks to 27th.April.
- Small works. Brick Lane, new shed and pavement to be repaired. Baldock, Goods Shed floor to be repaired. Brick Lane, Stables and Goods Warehouse to be whitewashed. Romford, lamp for Stable.
- LGO [*London General Omnibus?*] Co. Parcels office in Cheapside. Committee declined to accept.
- Lowestoft. Owner of the vessel "Secret" fined 20/- for non payment of dues.
- Mr.Coote claiming £10 for non-delivery of two wagons of coal, October 1859.
- Grain sack hire. Past 10 years income £86,000!
- Stonea Station approach road to be repaired, £100.
- Goods Dept. claims of £272.11.4.

Secretary's Report

- Rails. Mr.Sinclair's report on pages 496 to 498. Contract to the Darlington Iron Co., 8000 tons at £6.5.0 per ton. Sleepers, proposed purchase of 200,000 tons, 10" or 12" blocks. Chairs, proposed purchase of 24,000 tons.
- Bedford and Cambridge Railway. Plan received of junction at Cambridge, for Mr.Sinclair.
- Ipswich Docks Tramway. Gate cottage tenders to the Joint Committee.
- Wanstead. Letter from the Steward on removal of the fence around property of Mr.Thomas Reynolds.
- Leiston. Mr.Newson Garrett and use of ECRy sacks. For the Manager.
- Chelmsford. Work on cart road not yet started. For Mr.Sinclair.
- Works. Chelmsford, Cattle Dock fence required. Witham, Waiting Room decorations. Colchester, Waiting Room decorations also Cattle Dock alterations. Ipswich, Refreshment Rooms improvements. Woodbridge, Counting House alterations and a Stationmaster's desk. Framlingham Junction, oven for Signalman's hut. Lowestoft, stables to be improved. Station to be whitewashed and repaired. Buckenham, toilets to be placed at Norwich end. Witham, Waiting Room to have some chairs. Colchester, Waiting Room to be matted and six wooden chairs supplied.
- Sudbury, Stationmaster Mr.Hayward to receive £130 per annum.
- Ipswich Old Station. Staff to have the use of Waiting Rooms as a Mechanical Institute. Gas free but coal with permission.
- East Suffolk Company. Land at Saxmundham sold to Mr.Cobbold without Joint Committee's sanction. Secretary to write.
- Beccles. Mr.Crisp's malthouse, use of ECRy road for building access. Refused.
- Norwich. Mr.Sproule Stationmaster at Thorpe to receive £160 per annum from 1st.May.

Mr.Sinclair's Report

- Carpenters Company. Land at Bow for access to Carpenter Co's land. Agreed on usual terms.
- Chatteris Dock Siding. Cost £87 for connections.
- Payment of £1000 to Messrs. Forman on account of rail contract.

Superintendent's Report

- Yarmouth Volunteer Review. Fare arrangements confirmed as stated.
- East Suffolk Company. Wickham Market. Mr.Newson Garrett's warehouse on Up side partly used as a dwelling house with shops, also for sale. ESRy to be notified.
- Fatality on 25th.April. Horseman Harris trapped between buffers. £5 to the relatives.
- Claims. Barking Road collision. Mr.H.E.Smith claiming £15. Settled.
- Convictions. Three for fare dodging.
- Ipswich. Stoke Bridge Wharf for steamer landings to be hired at £8 for the season.
- Hertford Station. The Chairman stated the whole place was unfit for business. Mr.Sinclair to make a report
- Loughton Field and Refreshment Rooms to be let at £70 per annum to Mr.J.Chilton.

8th May 1862.

Horatio Love, Chairman.

- Rails. Pages 508 - 510. Darlington contract cancelled and order for 20,000 tons made with same Company. Long letter minuted from William Barrington of the Darlington Iron Co.

END OF RAIL 186/47

START OF RAIL 186/48

21st May 1862

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall. 2 weeks to 19 May. A decrease of 1099 qtrs and 3599 sacks of flour. An increase of 164 tons potatoes and 34 tons of fish against same period 1861.
- Peterborough exchange traffic. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy, 382 to MRy 45, to LNWRy 70. Wagons to ECRy ex GNRy. 264 to MRy 384 to LNWRy 161. Coal wagons ex GN & MRys 1077.
- Brick Lane hired teams two weeks to 11 May cost £76. 8. 7, income £96. 16. 6.
- Coal to City of London (tons, for April):

	1862	1861	
LNWRy	45972	69553	
GNRy	34618	42431	
ECRy	12491	13934	
GWRy	7003	7562	
MRy	4350	4506	
- Northamptonshire Agricultural Show. Outside the ECRy's area. Committee noted the letter.
- Battersea Park, Nine Elms, Royal Agricultural Show; exhibits via Stratford at 8/6 per wagon. ECRy to receive 2/- of this charge.
- Small works, repairs: Bury goods platform repairs, Marks Tey goods shed door to be repaired; Hythe goods shed roof repairs; Romford small hut at cattle road; Manningtree small office for goods warehouse; Ashwell goods warehouse roof and door repairs; Blackwall turntables at Pepper Warehouse to be repaired; Sudbury stable repairs; Peterborough pasture land fence repairs; crane at Kennett to go to Wrabness; Witham cattle pens to be enlarged and made suitable for sheep.
- Lock-up wagons, two required for Ipswich-Norwich. Approved.
- Norwich St Andrews Hall, gate damaged by ECRy van. Driver dismissed. Cost repairs £12.
- Claims. Brentwood accident 24 April £63. 9. 8. General: Mr Snow £14 .1. 8., bullock killed at Chelmsford. Mr Nicholls £8. 16. 0. lost beer; Mr Ketton £5. 3. 7., lost oil; Mr Darkin £6. .6. 0. damaged piano.
- Works, Devonshire Street canal lay-by to be cleaned out during closure of the Regents Canal 9 to 16 June. Approved.
- Colne Valley Company, Castle Hedingham to Yeldham opening on 26 May, a distance of 2½ miles. Sudbury rates to apply. All agreed.
- Gunpowder traffic. From Secretary of State for War, terms and conditions for 2 years with one month's notice either way.
- Wickham Bishops. Messrs Dixons flour to London at 5/- per ton.
- Warehouse rents. Brick Lane malt for Messrs Truman and Hanbury. They ask for an extension of the seven day free storage due to pressure of work. Committee insist upon contract, payment after seven days store.
- Fish traffic, ice fishing off the Dutch coast. Merchants to store extra ice in ECRy's lean-to at Yarmouth ice house.
- Bedford-Cambridge Railway. Traffic to Birmingham same rate as via Peterborough and shared equally if so necessary.
- Sacks. Mr Newson Garrett's dispute over use of ECRy's sacks. Formerly filled by the farmers with grain for sea or rail transit. Now the filled sacks must go by rail. Committee rules that sacks be filled at stations for rail transit only. (see 5 May)
- Coal traffic. Mr Coote asking for a rate reduction Peterborough to Cambridge upon the opening of the Bedford line. Not agreed.
- Barking Road. Stores for coal to be larger, Mr Sinclair to report.
- Traffic to Stratford. Decrease caused by LNWRy's inland coal to Bow at Camden rates. Board of Directors to discuss situation Thursday, also the coal traffic to London ex Midlands area via Midland Ry. GNRy is paying Regents Canal tonnage and dues. It was proposed together with the MRyCoy to reduce the present rate until 29 Sep by 4d per ton to combat the GNRy's action.

- Messrs Rickett, Smith applying for coal stores at Hertford, Broxbourne and Ware. Agreed except at Ware, no room to spare.
- RNL Institution. Lifeboat for Ipswich to be carried from London free of charges.
- Blackwall, Mr Sinclair to estimate cost of additional sidings.
- South Western Ry parcels office in King William Street. Committee noted the application for ECRy recognition.
- Sand, North Wootton to Lynn Harbour. Mr Gay asking for charges. To await opening of Hunstanton line.

Mr Sinclair's Report.

- Bridge renewals. Loop line and Huntingdon branch timber bridges. Slade Road. Brickwork James Perry (Stratford) £1196. Iron girders, Mr J J Headley (Cambridge) £810. Both approved.
- Sidings, Leiston. Mr Garrett's application for alteration to coal traffic. Cost approx £40. Agreed, Mr Garrett to pay.
- Payments due; Messrs Wade & Son on account sleeper contract £1981. 9. 6; Railway Carriage Co on account 20 horse boxes £423. 15. 0; Mr J Perry on account Ely Fish Pond bridge £500.
- Sleeper contract. Messrs Wade & Son's new contract for 200,000 as detailed: 8 feet x 10 inches x 10 inches each in cash $6\frac{3}{4}$ and one half cash one half in ECRy stock $7\frac{1}{2}$ each. 8 feet x $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches x $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches at $5\frac{1}{6}$ each cash or $5\frac{1}{10}$ each one half cash one half in ECRy stock (Preference). ECRy to declare within 6 months the method of payment.
- Rail chairs contract. Mr F Swingler 2400 tons at £3. 15. 0. per ton cash or $\frac{2}{3}$ cash and $\frac{1}{3}$ in Preference Stock or £4 with $\frac{1}{3}$ cash and $\frac{2}{3}$ in Preference Stock. (Was this an early sign of insolvency? HEJ)
- Works, Cambridge new station scheme. Goods shed offices and platform tenders all shown. Messrs Bell & Son at £8470 for the above work accepted. Joint Committee to discuss the subject.
- Works, Stratford. The entrance gate to the works, cost £500. To the Joint Committee.
- Old rails. Surveyor of Works, Royal Arsenal Woolwich inviting a tender for 220 tons of second-hand rails, 60 tons of new chairs, 15 tons of fish plates (new), 3 tons news spikes and 3 tons new nuts and bolts. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Bedford-Cambridge Railway rentals. Chairman (H. Love) had suggested £750 per annum. Mr Sinclair suggested £400 per annum rental, $\frac{1}{4}$ d per passenger in and out and $\frac{1}{2}$ d per return or £550 per annum rental and 1d per passenger in and out with $\frac{1}{2}$ d per return. BCRy's suggestion £350 per annum rental with 1d per passenger in and out and $\frac{1}{2}$ d per return. Chairman had refused B&C terms. B&C's Mr Cawkwell to consult his Board.
- Prior's bankruptcy. A letter from solicitors of behalf of North and others re iron work and other material at Peterborough. Plaintiffs accept this material and will remove same as soon as possible. No prejudice to further action for delay and the decay to the iron work. Warehouse charges for this material refused by plaintiffs back to 1 Sep 1859 when ECRy was requested to surrender these goods. Chairman to consider the matter. (p. 13)
- Sidings, Cherry Hinton. Messrs Coleman asking for the alteration at Fulbourne.
- Commercial Street land. Incumbent of St Stephen's seeking permission to hold open-pair services on ECRy ground. Committee declined.
- Great Yarmouth residents asking for discontinuance of Sunday excursion trains.
- Ipswich station,. Mr R. Garrett's meeting for the Albert Testimonial of the Suffolk Committee was not authorised by the Directors but as it has been advertised the Board agrees to the meeting on 24 May.

Superintendent's Report

- Whitsun and summer excursion arrangements agreed. 1 June for the summer trains to seaside only. Other excursions including the International Exhibition after Whitsun.
- Prosecution of Mr Munro for travelling ex Colne Valley Ry to Witham twice with out-dated ticket.
- Goods Guard Cressall to receive £20 and £2. 2. 0. Costs.
- Harlow, St Mary's College, Rev Goulden asking for reduced fares for the boys. Committee declined.
- Exhibition of Sporting Dogs at Islington in June. No special fares.
- National Rifle Association at Wimbledon in July. All Volunteers in uniform at half rate.
- Institute of Mechanical Engineers Annual Meeting in London on 2, 3, 4 July. All members to travel at half rate.
- Fatality on 17 May at Melford, Gateman Body crushed between buffer and chain of wagon. (see below 6 June meeting).
- East Anglian Railway line between Wisbeach [*Wisbech*] and Watlington closed from evening of 12 May. Traffic going via Ely. Additional train via Ely from Peterborough to Wisbeach in the morning and from Wisbeach to Peterborough in the evening.
- Convictions, three for 'fare-dodging', one for assault and one for travelling 2nd class with a 3rd class ticket.

Land Agent's Report

- Line crossing at Oakington. Mr Linton's warehouse cart crossing at £1 per annum. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Romford, Mr Hicks requesting access to his lands across the railway. Mr Sinclair also.

6th June 1862

Special Meeting (adjourned from 5 June, no reasons minuted)
Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall. 2 weeks to 4 June an increase of 1649 quarters, but decrease of 2809 sacks of flour. An increase of 53 tons fish and 689 tons of potatoes.
- Peterborough exchange traffic, two weeks to 31 May. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 312, MRy 37, LNWRy ex GNRy 328, ex MRy 206, ex LNWRy 142. Coal wagons ex GN and MRy 679.
- Brick Lane hired teams. Two weeks to 25 May cost £32. 4. 4. Income £37. 11. 2.
- Bedford-Cambridge Railway. LNWRy asking for list of rates.
- Inland coal traffic. GNRy's further reduction of rates to Kings Cross 1/6 per ton. MRy obliged to follow suit. LNWRy some reduction to Camden Town and the North London line. Peterborough-Bishopsgate (Rickett Smith) now lost to ECRy. Tripartite meeting on 9 June with ECRy, GNRy and MRy present.
- Ware grain traffic. A siding to the River Lea is urgently required. Mr Sinclair to estimate. Devonshire Street also requires extra sidings. Mr Sinclair to estimate.
- Coal accommodation Royston, Mr Hazard to retire and has sold the business to a Mr Spark of London. The Committee to inform Mr Spark that the Directors only sanction transfers.
- Works, small: Norwich stables to be lime-washed; Brick Lane windows to be wire-screened, goods shed roof repairs, N. E. shed and granary roof to be repaired, both granaries white-washed; Devonshire Street wall of loading dock to be repaired; Lowestoft harbour entrance to be dredged; Royston cattle pens to be repaired.
- Claims. Mr Greenhill £31. 3. 10. for lost clothing; Mr Dennis £5 damaged linseed cake; Mr Clarke £4. 10. 0. damaged glass; Mr Woolley, fish merchant at Lowestoft, his claims reduced by 40%; Mr Chater's fees £5. 19. 6.
- Law case, ref 12 Feb. Mr Selsby's claim for a box of turkeys not delivered to Newgate Market. Case heard in Exchange Court on 30 May, the plaintiff won the case. ECRy Manager concerned regarding deliveries before the arrival of the consignee as no protection is given. Resolved that Mr Moseley to confer with GNRy and other companies on the same.
- Claims. Goods Department £209. 16. 8.

Superintendent's Report

- London Rifle Brigade re reduced fares to Custom House when not in uniform. Declined.
- Incident. Two children knocked down by a train at Horn's Crossing, Barking Road on 20 May. Both seriously injured.
- Conviction. Mr Munro fined 40/- and £3. 18. 6. costs (see above). Usual cases of 'fare-dodging', trespass, etc.
- International Exhibition excursions to start on 16 June. Return at ordinary rate plus 10% added.

Mr Sinclair's Report

- Coal contracts. New contracts at 800 tons per month for 12 months to 30 Jun 1863.
- Payments due: Messrs Wade & Son on account 40000 sleepers £1324. 9. 4.; Railway Carriage Co on account 20 horse boxes £1271. 5. 0; Mr C Osborne communication apparatus driver-guard £46. 10. 0.; Mr William Owen 20 sets horse box wheels £610; Messrs Losh, Wilson & Bell on account 400 tons fish plates £421. 5. 10. All approved.
- Fatality. Boilermaker Hilman jumping from a locomotive at Stratford Works and hit by locomotive on adjoining line. £10 to the widow was agreed.

Secretary's Report

- Bridges. Chatteris dock renewal. Brickwork contract to Mr A Tracey (March) £2850 and wrought iron work contract to Messrs Westwood Baillie (Poplar) at £955.
- Gateman Body. £10 to his widow was agreed (see above).
- Train services. The midday train Norwich, Ipswich, London to be non-stop from Chelmsford during the summer season.
- Lowestoft residents asking for discontinuance of Sunday excursions.
- Beccles. Mr Crisp's application to move some material through the station yard agreed. He to repair the fencing.
- Ware station approach road in need of repairs.
- Lowestoft harbour. French fishing boats dues repaid by Capt. Small £11.
- Old rails etc for the Depot at Woolwich. Nothing available.
- Erased minute - Sacks. Messrs Marriage & Co of Chelmsford detaining sacks. Demurrage charged. (p.31)
- Bedford-Cambridge Railway. Correspondence pages 31-35 with the LNWRy's Mr Cawkwell. Final letter to LNWRy from Horatio Love dated 6 June - BCRy to pay £375 per annum rent to ECRy for use of Cambridge station and agreed 1½d per passenger arriving and departing with 1½d return. To the next Joint Committee.
- Minute on Messrs Marriage of Chelmsford demurrage on sacks not paid. Stock of sacks at Marriages to be reduced.

18th June 1862

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report

- Grain traffic to Brick Lane and Blackwall. Two weeks to 18 June. A decrease of 3062 qtrs and 2804 sacks flour. Decrease of 60 tons of potatoes and increase of 187 tons of fish against same period 1861.
- Peterborough exchange traffic last two weeks. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 303, to MRy 31, to LNWRy 52. Wagons to ECRy ex GNRy 290, ex MRy 203, ex LNWRy 210. Coal wagons ex GN and MRys 1065.
- Brick Lane hired teams. Two weeks to 8 Jun cost £17. 19. 2., income £22. 2. 7.
- Coal rates. GNRy & MRy have reduced the rate to Peterborough by 1/6 per ton. Rickett Smith sending to Bishopsgate again at 4d per ton less on the normal rate.
- Unclaimed goods. August all goods held 12 months or more to be sold.
- Law cases. Sanderson loss of 4 gallons of gin. ECRy awarded verdict re bad packaging by plaintiff; Mr Leddy for £16 injured calves.
- Stratford-London. Engine failure at Ilford (which Stratford?) and 2 hours late at Romford. (This does not make sense HEJ)
- Claims. Mr Smith for £2. 9. 6. for basket of perishables Colchester-London. (Poplar) ECRy to defend; Mr Wood for £6. 8. 0. delayed fish ex Lowestoft to Manchester.
- Incident on 30 May. Some wagons loaded with lambs became detached from a train at Forngett. Four wagons over-ran the siding killing 69 lambs and injuring 331. The 331 were sold for 16/- each. Mr Sinclair to advise on the siding at Forngett.
- Claims, Mr Groom £20 delayed beasts. Mr Harris £8 lost cow; Mr Feltham £12. 11. 0. lost clothing; Goods Dept £136. 9. 8.
- Coal rates. Messrs Rickett Smith seeking rate reduction other than to London. ECRy felt disinclined to agree.

Superintendent's Report

- Diss. On 31 May a horse with cart bolted half a mile along the line before a farm labourer stopped and removed it from the line. Cause of the bolt was the arrival of the Down Parliamentary Train.
- Conviction of Mr Clarke for placing fog signals on the line.

Mr Sinclair's Report

- Stratford station, approach for carriages is very poor. Mr Sinclair to advise on same.
- Brick Lane. Iron roof beyond repair. Renewal with galvanised corrugated to cost £188.
- Ware station approach was ECRy property. Repairs to cost £35- £40. Agreed to repair at ECRy's expense.
- Payments due: Messrs Wade & Son on account 20000 loads timber £123. 9. 9; 40000 sleepers £1479. 11. 10; Mr J Perry for Ely Fish Pond bridge £659. 1. 10.

Secretary's Report

- Brass tubes (loco), contract to Birmingham Patent Iron & Brass Tube Co 63/6 per cwt for old and 9¼d per lb for new.
- Bedford-Cambridge Railway to use the ECRy platform at Cambridge until their platform is ready.
- Sidings, Harlow. Mr Barnard's coal siding agreed from the turntable he paying the cost on usual terms.
- Level crossings. Mr Norton's at Brentwood £25 compensation for cessation and Mr Cullum at Waterbeach also £25 compensation on cessation.
- House Tickets, Edmonton. Estate concession tickets ceased on 1 June 1862, Committee confirmed date.
- Roads, Leytonstone station approach road. Messrs Dove Bros and dedication to the public when made. Committee approved if the local authority completely assumed all responsibility.
- Poplar Hospital, a donation of £10. 10. 0.
- Coal stores. Mr Gripper refused the Hertford and Broxbourne concessions.
- Barking Extension, London, Tilbury & Southend Railway. Account received for working the extension in 1861 of £2388. 4. 1. The Committee refuted this claim as not being lessees rights or entitlements. Solicitors to advise.
- Railway Guards United Friendly Society, a donation of £10. 10. 0. made.
- Wymondham station accounts unsatisfactory, station master to be down-graded.

Land Agent's Report

- Woodbridge river wall, Mr Welton asking for repairs. Property of Eastern Union Company. Land Agent to report.
- Coal stores. Mr Coote wishing to expand at Wisbeach. Agreed.
- Rentals, Lynn. Mr Black in Company house wishing to vacate at once and asking £10 for fittings. Mr Black can vacate but not take away any fittings.
- Cambridge Locomotive Depot. Mr Handley and Company cottage occupied by Inspector Saunders who had pulled down the shelves and cupboards, destroyed the garden and path upon leaving. Case was proved and Saunders dismissed as a result.

2nd July 1862

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report

- Grain traffic to London, last two weeks. Increases of 51 qtrs, potatoes 33 tons, flour 1626 sacks, fish 218 tons, meat 112 tons, poultry 33 tons, vegetables 253 tons, fruit 4 tons all against same period 1861.
- Cattle to London 1 Jan - 28 Jun-oxen increase of 3992, sheep decrease of 8780, pigs increase of 2016, calves decrease of 837. Total receipts 1861 £44569. 12. 7., 1862 £47898. 9. 8., increase £3328. 17. 1.
- Battersea Exhibition, 266 tons of implements conveyed and 57 wagons of cattle.
- Peterborough exchange traffic, two weeks to 28 June. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 424, to MRy 43, to LNWRy 62. To ECRy ex GNRy 235, ex MRy 153, ex LNWRy 91. Coal wagons to ECRy ex GN & MRys 1896.
- Brick Lane hired teams, two weeks to 22 June. Cost £76. 19. 4., income £98. 19. 1.
- Lowestoft barges all unfit to receive cargo. Mr Sinclair to report.
- Small works: Bishopsgate inwards parcels office a wicket gate; Lowestoft stable, manger for loose box; Brandon plantation to be fenced as pasture for Company horses.
- Water at Romford stables unfit for the horses. Brook water also unfit for horses. Mr Sinclair to advise.
- Horse shunting at Meldreth. Mr Gilbey as required at 3/- weekly.
- Opening of the Bedford-Cambridge Railway. Permanent traffic agreement asked for by B&C Company. Mr Moseley to see the Midland Company with regard to traffic working.
- Great Northern Railway. Extension of the Norwich & Spalding Railway, Holbeach-Sutton Bridge for the Board meeting tomorrow (3rd).
- Forncett lamb slaughter (ref 18 June). Loss to ECRy was £144. 3. 6. Mr Algar was the owner also claiming £20 but is settling. £5. Agreed.
- Other Co's rolling-stock. Border Counties, Carlisle & Silloth Bay & Port Carlisle Cos is considered as belonging to the NBRy Company from 1 July 1862.
- Law cases. Mr Wood suing for £6. 8. 0. For delayed fish ex Lowestoft to Manchester. Plaintiff lost the case but intends to issue a writ.
- Claims. Mr Simpson £15. 15. 0. damaged machinery; Mr Cox £20 pigs delayed two days at Peterborough.
- Conviction. Assault on Capt. Rivers on Lowestoft Pier, both fined £2.
- Weighing machines. ECRy summonsed for Ely machine but magistrate accepted Company's promise of a new machine to be installed. Proposed a dial scale (Messrs Pooley) to 56lb be used.
- Sack hire, demurrage. Present charge ½d each or 1/8d per 20 qtrs. Suggested increase to 2/- per 20 qtrs. Minimum charge of 6d per 5 qtrs. Farmers or merchants to have 5 days clear to fill & return. Each succeeding 5 day period to be charged at ½d per qtr. Approved.
- Claims, Goods Dept, for 2 weeks to 28 June £130. 4. 10.

Superintendent's Report

- Rifle Volunteers. The Truman Brewery Corps, fares to Loughton (proposed range) in uniform, 1st Class return 1/- and 2nd Class return 9d.
- Yarmouth Races. Fare for horses there and back as for 1861.
- Casualties. Two on shunting work at Marks Tey on 26 June and at Meldreth on 21 June, One amputation, one injured.
- Incident on 27 June at Mildenhall-Lakenheath area when the Down Evening Mail hit a bull belonging to Mr Hazel. Animal was killed and one coach derailed. Locomotive ash-pan damaged but nobody was injured. One hour delay.
- Fatality at Dereham on 27 June when a woman named Rowing was killed by a train as she tried to catch her pig from the track.
- Convictions. Three for 'fare-dodging' and one for stone throwing at Forest Gate.
- Driver-guard communication in operation for some time now between London and Colchester and also to Cambridge with satisfactory results.
- Woolwich Gardens. New lessee, Mr Bishop, late Cremorne and Surrey Gardens, asking for monthly tickets for his employees to cost less (7/6 1st Class and 5/- 2nd Class) and his own annual season ticket charge to be reduced. Agreed for employees to be 6/-and 4/- and his annual ticket to be at half rate. Conveyance charges for his fish, poultry, meat etc to be referred to the Manager.

Mr Sinclair's Report

- Devonshire Street. Statement on alterations. Cost £400 - £500, a large amount for a limited gain. Little room for shunting. Mr Sinclair proposed a complete relaying of track and facilities at £3500. To the Joint Committee. (p.56)
- Payments due: Messrs R Wade & Son on account 40000 sleepers £2067. 9. 3., 20000 loads of timber £1214. 13. 4.; Messrs Losh, Wilson & Bell on account of fish plates £316. 7. 3.

- Working expenses two weeks to 22 June, increase of mileage of 5688, increase of receipts of £4483. 5. 2. against same period 1861.
- Rolling stock and permanent way purchases two weeks to 22 June. Permanent way decrease £1319. 18. 11., rolling stock decrease £11720. 4. 6., wages locomotive decrease £178. 2. 7., wages permanent way decrease £762. 3. 10.

Secretary's Report

- Coal contracts. Mr Sinclair's recommendation 12 months to 30 June 1863 1. Messrs Rickett Smith £450 tons weekly Portland Hards to Peterborough at 12/3 per ton; 2. Thomas Coote 240 tons weekly Portland Hards to Peterborough at 12/3 per ton. 3. Messrs Booth Bros 80 tons weekly Beggartee Hards to Peterborough at 9/11 per ton. 4. Mr James Dawbarn 30 tons weekly Pinxton Hards to Peterborough at 10/10½ per ton. All subject to the GN & MRy rates.
- Continental traffic. Harwich-Rotterdam, Harwich-Antwerp, Lowestoft-Tonning. Dutch Rhenish Railway Co contacted re interchange of traffic. Matter deferred pro tem. Dutch Rhenish Railway an invitation to ceremony on 28, 29, 30 July on the occasion of the AGM of the Union of German Railway Direction to be held in Amsterdam. For Board of Directors.
- Yarmouth Volunteer Review. An appreciation of ECRy's arrangements received.
- Ipswich Races, July, noted by the Committee.
- Cambridge. Mr Fisher to receive £10 for work as temporary station master.
- Clapton, London Orphan Asylum, £10. 10. 0. Donation.
- Gas, St Ives station master to use ECRy gas in his house, usual terms.
- Brick Lane. Mr J Slater in charge of hoists and machinery is now blind, £10 gratuity payment, Mr Sinclair to advise the unfortunate man. Also £5 to Gateman Lucas of Keswick near Trowse, towards an artificial foot.
- Cabs, Bishopsgate Yard. Mr Clarke the proprietor's new agreement for 3 years upon present terms £60 per month. Agreed but only on a monthly basis.
- Stratford Works: Staff Annual Outing to Southend on 26 July; Entrance gates at the works, contract to Messrs Perry & Judson (Stratford) at £563.

23rd July 1862

Chairman: Horatio Love

Manager's Report

- Goods traffic to London two weeks to 21 July, against 1861. Increase of grain 3333 qtrs, flour 3726 sacks, meat 91 tons, poultry 62 tons, fish 224 tons, potatoes 16 tons, vegetables 346 tons; decrease of fruit 24 tons. Cattle to London in same period as 1861. Oxen increase of 210, sheep decrease of 7935, pigs decrease of 351, calves decrease of 129.
- Hired teams, Brick Lane, two weeks to 6 July. Cost £68. 2. 11., income £88. 15. 11.
- Peterborough exchange traffic. Wagons ex ECRy to GNRy 481, to MRy 50, to LNWRy 38. Wagons to ECRy ex GNRy 323, ex MRy 144, ex LNWRy 78. Coal wagons to ECRy ex GN & MRy 1790.
- London Hospital to receive 200 sample bottles of wine (1/2 pint each) from ECRy Brick Lane as a gift.
- Coal traffic, Devonshire Street on 19 and 21 congestion and 30 wagons of Rickett Smith were sent to Blackwall at no extra charge.
- Navigation tolls. Lowestoft to Norwich the toll includes use of the river but Yarmouth to Norwich does not include use of the river. Mr J O Taylor (ECRy Solicitor) to advise.
- Small works. Blackwall barge beds to be repaired, swing bridge roadway to be paved; Stowmarket goods warehouse and office roof to be repaired; Hythe stable floor to be paved; Bishopsgate parcels office outwards, a barrier; Norwich Thorpe stable ventilation to be improved; Brentwood a 3 ton crane required, cost £50. Approved.
- Claims. Mr Arnold £2. 11. 6. meat not delivered; Mr Dick £1. 7. 0. a damaged thermometer; Mr Brimley £2. 5. 10. for damaged cheese.
- Law. By the Company against Mr Woodfine for a sack of barley wrongly delivered, a summons issued. Mr Moore also a writ by ECRy for delayed timber by lighter from Blackwall to Woolwich Arsenal. The load was refused due to the delay and demurrage resulted. £9. 10. 0. for the load paid into the court.
- Claims, Mr Nash £13. 19. 0. two hampers of poultry lost; Mr Palmer £5. 14. 6. Lost drapery; Mr Masters £10. 5. 0. ton of oil cake not delivered.
- Sutton Bridge traffic to London (cattle). GNRy on 12 July, a loss to the ECRy, who usually took the cattle at Wisbeach. GNRy has offered to share such traffic. Committee has refused that offer.
- Ware to London. Mr Sheppard's goods now going to Hertford (GN) for London, Again as above and declined.
- Woolwich Gardens. Mr Bishop's perishables at 112lb for 6d, 1 to 2 cwt at 1/- and so on.
- Ipswich goods sidings inadequate. Mr Sinclair to report on same.
- Lowestoft ice, very low. Mr Morgan to store 150 tons in the house. House is too small; Capt. Rivers has suggested another at the 'Broads' Haddiscoe Cut Junction. Mr Sinclair to consider and report.

- Bedford & Cambridge Railway Coy. A lengthy letter from the LNWRy and the ECRy Chairman's reply regarding traffic through rates, ECRy and LNWRy stations: LNWRy lists 40 stations on their system and 23 on the ECRy system. (All too long to copy! - pp69-75, H.E.J.) Resolved - Chairman to discuss the matter with Mr Moseley, ECRy Goods Manager.
- Amalgamation Act. Toll tables to be amended in anticipation of the Royal Assent.
- Milestones. Rhymney Railway case quoted - lack of mileposts on the railway: Mr Sinclair to check and report.
- Claims. Goods Dept for £123. 5. 0.

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- Convictions, two for 'fare-dodging', one for breaking a 3rd Class window and one for drunken assault.
- Claim by Miss Leverage for £400 for injuries in Bishopsgate collision, Aug 1861. Court of Common Pleas, Guildhall on 9 July, the verdict was given for the ECRy. Police Inspector Kent was praised for his diligence in securing vital evidence.
- Mistley on 3 July five sheep killed on the line via partly open gate, a claim of £6 for the loss has been made.
- Train running, month of May 1862. 5706 trains on time, 3154 1-5 mins late, 567 5-10 mins late, 83 10-15 mins late, 38 15-20 mins late, 19 20-25 mins late, 10, 25-30 mins late, 2 30-35 mins late, 3 35-40 mins late, 3 over 60 mins late.
- Permanent Way staff using brake vans on goods trains, Mr Sinclair now wishing to extend this method. For the Chairman.
- Lowestoft trespassing. Capt. Fowler breaking down the fencing. Claims right of way, a summons to be taken out.
- Convictions. Cabman Martin and Labourer Wacey for wilful trespass at Yarmouth Vauxhall on 12 July. Martin was fine £5 + costs and Wacey 40/- with costs.
- Donation of £10 to the widow of Foreman Porter J Dickerson who was injured at Cambridge in Oct 1858 (Six Mile Bottom collision).
- Walton-on-the-Naze. Family tickets at same rate as for Harwich. To be arranged with the Colchester-Walton Omnibus Company.

Mr Sinclair's Report.

- Payments due: Messrs Losh, Wilson & Bell on account fish plates £676. 145. 4; Messrs R Wade & Son on account sleepers £651. 2. 0., on account timber £1218. 16. 11.

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- Lowestoft Regatta. £10. 10. 0. Subscription. Also band passes and the pier receipts agreed.
- Yarmouth Regatta and Races. £10 donation to each function.
- Bishops Stortford goods platforms to be extended over the cartways. Small lock-up at north-east corner.
- Train arrangements. Sir Fitzroy Kelly asking for an early train from Ipswich to Colchester to connect with the 7.50 to London. Chairman and Manager to confer.
- Newmarket Races. £100 subscription as in 1861.
- Mr Bidder, Victoria Docks Engineer, a free pass granted London to North Woolwich.
- Coal traffic. Mr Booth of Booth Bros travelling on goods trains at ordinary fares. Indemnity was never received and privilege now withdrawn.

END OF RAIL 186/48