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ELECTRIC POWER BOARD.**Auditor-General's Letter, Legal Expenses and "The Digger."**

The usual meeting of the Electric Pow-
er Board was held on Tuesday last, pres-
ent, Mr A.W. Rodger, Chairman; Messrs
Hinchey, Fowler, Buckman, R. A. An-
derson, Norman, Fraser, Bowmar, Cody
and Young. An apology was received
from Mr Rodger of Tapanui. Minutes of
previous meeting were read and con-
firmed.

Under the heading of "Business held
over from last meeting," the Auditor-
General's communication and the question
of legal costs were discussed. Regarding
the Auditor-General's communication, the
Chairman stated that it should be held
over. The amendment to the Electric
Power Board's Act was not through Par-
liament yet. As soon as it was through,
it would dispense with the Auditor's ob-
jection to the expenses of the Chairman
being paid by the Board during his trip
abroad.

A member: What is our own solicitor's
view on the matter?

Chairman: Our solicitors advise that
the Act gives ample power, but the
amending bill will dispense with any pos-
sible objection from the Auditor.

Mr Fowler: We should deal with the
position as it stands to-day. We have had
no power to make the arrangements and
we should see that we are in accordance
with the act as it is at present.

At this stage members considered that
they could do nothing as no action would
be taken until the bill was through.

Mr Fowler: Better policy on our part
to acknowledge communication from
Auditor.

The Chairman stated that it had been
acknowledged and referred to the solic-
itors.

Mr Fowler: But we have confirmed the
position regarding the Chairman's trip
Home. The business was done in commit-
tee, and confirmed at a later meeting.

It was eventually decided to hold the
matter over until the Bill was through.
Mr Fowler voting against it.

Legal Costs.—Moved by Mr Hinchey,
seconded by Mr Bowmar that the Board
go into committee. Carried. While in
committee the Chairman reported the fi-
nancial negotiations which had taken
place.

Board resumed in open meeting. Cor-
respondence as follows was placed before
the Board.

1. Ohai Railway Board, Otago, 16th
September, re Power Board's application
for loan of rails for Tuatapere Siding,
and advising that the Ohai Railway Board
had no rails to spare.

The Chairman stated that the Board
had no rails to spare. They had com-
municated with the Government, who also
advised that no rails were available.

2. Invercargill Returned Soldier's As-
sociation, 16th September, forwarding re-
solution passed by the Association regard-
ing Board's action in not giving prefer-
ence to Southland men for the more luc-
rative positions in the Board's employ.

The Chairman explained that the men
who were employed have had great ex-
perience in this class of work.

Mr Hinchey: There is no need to import
men from Australia! This should be im-
pressed upon the Board. The Engineers
did the wrong thing. They should have
had some consideration for the Board
and not placed the Board in the unfortu-
nate position it is placed in.

Mr Norman: Are these men constantly
employed? There are reports that they
are not. The Assistant could surely have
been obtained locally. I think the policy
of the Board should be to obtain local
men where possible!

The Chairman: There are a number of
Southland men in the Board's employ,
and some are getting very fair wages.

On being asked a question by a mem-
ber, Mr Campbell (secretary), stated that
the clerks were working for the Construc-
tion Department and were busily engaged
in making a copy of the books, the same
as we have for their own department.

Mr Anderson: The Engineers were in-
structed to give local men a chance? It
was ultimately decided to reply to the
R.S.A. along these lines.

3. Anderson's Ltd., Lyttelton, Septem-
ber 23rd, advising that their price for the
portion of the ironwork for Waiau Sus-
pension Bridge allotted to them was
£1514.

4. Lawrence and Hanson Electrical Co.,
Ltd., Wellington, September 23rd: Con-
firming the Board's order for the supply
of 36,000 only 11,000 volt insulators.

5. Hay and Vickerman, Wellington,
September 23rd: Re the general condi-
tions in connection with the contracts for

generators. Transformers and switch-
gear for Monowai scheme.

6. Patterson and Barr, Ltd., Dunedin,
September 24th: Asking to be supplied
with a copy of the Specifications for the
steel pipe for which tenders are being
called.

7. Hay and Vickerman, Wellington,
18th September: Notifying that they had
forwarded specifications for supply of
generators, switchgear, transformers, in-
sulators, etc. to a number of New Zealand
firms.

8. J. A. Wallace and Co. Wellington,
18th September, asking the price of the
accepted tender for poles.

9. The Editor, "The Digger," 21st Sep-
tember: Asking when it would be conven-
ient for him to see the Minutes of the
Board.

The Chairman explained that Section
33 of the Electric Power Board's Act
provides that the Minute-book of the
Board shall be kept in the office of the
Board, and shall be open for inspection,
without fee, during all office hours, by
any member of the Board or by any cred-
itor or elector of the district, so that the
Editor of "The Digger" could not have
the right to see the Minutes in his cap-
acity as editor.

Mr Anderson: I move that it be left to
the Chairman to arrange with the Editor,

Mr Fowler: Why leave it to the Chair-
man; we should decide now! There is
no reason why he should not see the
minutes.

Mr Bowmar: There are things which
ought not to be published, but no harm
can be done in granting permission.

Mr Hinchey: The Editor of "The Dig-
ger" will do the right thing.

The Chairman: I am sure he will. It
is not advisable that everything should
be public.

Mr Fowler: I am not ashamed at any-
thing and I move that permission be
granted.

Mr Anderson: I have already moved
that.

Permission was ultimately granted.

11. Richardson, McCabe and Co., Wel-
lington, September 20th: Asking for the
price of the accepted tender for insu-
lators.

12. Richardson, McCabe and Co., Sep-
tember 20th: Same request as above in
the case of pole iron-work.

13. H.M. Trade Commissioner Wel-
lington, September 20th: Forwarding
copies of various publications regarding
electric power supply, etc. from the De-
partment of Overseas Trade, London.

14. P. R. Baillie and Co., Wellington,
September 21st: Asking if anything fur-
ther had been done in the matter of the
Board's copper requirements.

15. W. Welton and Co., Wellington,
21st September: Forwarding particulars
of "Concentrol" Wood Preservative, and
asking whether the Board desired to ob-
tain a supply of same.—Referred to En-
gineers.

16. Bruce Railway and Coal Co. Ltd.,
Dunedin, September 23rd: Acknowledg-
ing receipt of the Board's acceptance of
their tender for rata cross arms.

17. G. Howes and Co., Dunedin, Sep-
tember 24th: Offering to the Board vari-
ous quantities of high-grade Hardwoods
just received by them from Sydney.—Re-
ferred to Engineers.

18. Varney, Secretary, Y.M.C.A. Wel-
lington, September 25th: Notifying that
Mr Edmund would visit Invercargill in
connection with the Y.M.C.A. welfare
work at the Construction Camp.—Held
over pending further communication.

19. Chairman, Edendale Town Board,
25th September as follows: "It is the
intention of this Town Board to purchase
electric current in bulk from the Edendale
Motor Garage Co., and to feticulate it
throughout the Town Board area. The
Town Board has not yet entered into a
definite agreement with the Motor Gar-
age Co., and before it does so, and be-
fore it does anything definite in the way
of construction, it desires to get such in-
formation from the Power Board as will
enable the Edendale Town Board to fully
meet the requirements and regulations
of the Power Board. On behalf of the
Town Board, therefore, I beg to request
that the Power Board will place one of
its electrical engineers at the disposal
of the Town Board in order to advise it
of (1) the class and gauge, etc. of wire,
insulators and other fittings that the
Board should use; (2) the quantities and
class of poles required and also price and
date of arrival of same; (3) such other
information as will enable the Town
Board to carry out the work in such a

way as will enable it to make use of the
power in bulk from the Power Board,
when available, without further altera-
tions or expense to the Town Board in the
system that it proposes to put in now."

Note: The Town Board has ordered the
following through the Power Board, con-
tingent upon a vote of the ratepayers be-
ing in favour of their proposal: 8 thirty-
five foot poles; 132 twenty-five foot poles;
200 seven foot ¾ x ¾ Blue Gum Arms;
50 ten foot ¾ x ¾ Blue Gum Arms.—Re-
ferred to Engineers.

20. Carrick Wedderspoon and Co.,
Christchurch, September 24th: Asking to
be advised of the contract price and ex-
change basis of the accepted tender for
insulators.

10. Wallace County Council, Otago,
September 20th: Stating that the Clifden-
Tuatapere Road, which is now under con-
trol of the Board, was in a dangerous
condition, and asking the Board to have
the road improved and made safe for
traffic.—Referred to Engineers.

Under the heading "General Business"
Mr Hinchey suggested that the Board
should supply electricity to the centre of
gravity in each township or borough,
should they desire it. After a good deal
of discussion it was referred to the En-
gineer for report.

Mr R. A. Anderson considered the
Board should set up a Finance Committee
and moved accordingly, suggesting Messrs
Hinchey, Fowler and Fraser as the Com-
mittee.—Carried.

An application was received request-
ing the Board to install a telephone at the
Electrical Engineer's House. Members
generally took the view that as the En-
gineer was in the employ of Messrs Hay
and Vickerman, they should not pay the
cost. It was decided to leave the matter
with the Chairman.

Accounts amounting to £2,596 12s 9d
were passed for payment.

NOTES FROM CALCIUM.

Wanted Urgently.—Some more "Dig-
ger" subscribers in this area. Who will
be first?

Personal.—Our self-elected mayor is en-
joying his usual robust health, thank you.
During the past few weeks he has exer-
cised himself by cycling to town to see
the intro-pro. matches. It is understood
that it was only the strong easterly of
last week that prevented his wheeling to
Dunedin to see the Otago-Southland stunt.

Public Health.—Measles are epidemic.
A dozen families are affected but the
trouble is confined to children. Parents
dread the east wind as it always seems
to be laden with juvenile complaints. In
view of the approaching school examina-
tion the children are not appreciating their
period of invalidity.

General.—The Southland Farmers' Co-
operative Association is on the war-path.
Meetings have been arranged throughout
the Western District. Calcium is booked
for October 20th, when Messrs Smith and
Simpson will place matters of interest be-
fore the district farmers.

A goodly number of Calciumites visited
Otago on Friday last to assist at the
football social. The Otago footballers
are excellent hosts, and the evening passed
away very pleasantly. A happy feature
of the proceedings was the hearty
reception accorded to vocal perform-
ers. It is to be hoped that Cashier Mc-
Fadyen can show a healthy surplus as a
result of the function.

Our local young ladies are practising trick
cycling in the moonlight. A public per-
formance is anticipated. If it eventuates
our hall will not hold the crowd.

A trip through the districts of Orawia,
Clifden and Tuatapere proves the pene-
trating power of this journal. It is good
to know that the folk in these scenic re-
gions are keen supporters of "The Digger,"
and that as a result of their reading it is
not necessary to tell them anything about
the vagaries of the Electric Power Board,
or to mention the fact that football had a
real good run this season in the Central
District generally, and in Otago and
Calcium particularly.

Calcium fishers are overhauling their
tackle with a view to whipping the streams
on the 1st October. Mr Duke can be ex-
pected to extract a decent bag if the con-
ditions are at all favourable. This gentle-
man has had a very lengthy experience in
Southland waters, and is a past master at
the game.

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEES'
ASSOCIATION.**

The usual monthly meeting of the
Association was held recently. Present
Mr Preddy (Chairman), Messrs Gard-
Murray, Anderson and Blake.

Correspondence was received from
Riverton School Committee intimating
they would join the Association.

Resignation of Mr Chalmers of Ry-
Bush owing to inability to attend. It
was decided to accept it with regret, and
the Riverton Committee to nominate
delegate for the vacancy on the executive.

A good deal of discussion centred around
the necessity for all school committees
joining the Association. Education is
now assumed considerable magnitude and
school committees must play a more im-
portant part in educational activity. No-
thing could be accomplished unless all
committees were a united body and the
Association had the unanimous backing of
every association in Southland. The As-
sociation had now linked itself up with
the Federation and during the last confer-
ence a great deal of valuable work was
done.

The question of organisation was impor-
tant and the advisability of having all
associations distributed throughout the
country seemed necessary. It was decided
to send a circular to committees pointing
out the good work the Association had
done and asking for their loyal co-opera-
tion.