

MINUTES taken by Mr. Ernest Latham F.C.G.I. M. Inst.C.E., representing the River Welland Catchment Board, of the decisions arrived at between Mr. C. Simpson P.A.S.I. M. Inst., W.E. representing the Bourne South Fen and Thurlby Fen Drainage Board and himself at a conference held at 36 Victoria Street, Westminster on Thursday, December 8th 1938.

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It was agreed that provided the Heathcote Tunnel remains under its existing hydraulic conditions any excess flood water might be pumped direct up and into the River Glen drainage subject to the following conditions being observed:-

- (a) That pumping be stopped directly the level of the water in the River Glen adjacent to the pumping station reaches a level of two feet below the crest of the banks of the River at this point and that such level be set out jointly by the technical advisors to the Drainage Board and the Catchment Board respectively and to be reduced to Ordnance Datum.
- (b) That the above control of the proposed pumping pre-supposes that the condition of the banks of the River Glen is sound enough to allow the water to reach this level without damage to the River banks or failing this that the banks will have to be made safe to comply with this condition of water level.
- (c) That owing to the general subsidences of the Fenlands and in particular of the River Banks this control level must be checked and if necessary re-adjusted every three years.
- (d) That as a general principle if any overload is thrown on to the River Banks (no matter how small) some proportion of the cost of maintaining the River Banks (if and when required) should be met by the Drainage Authority putting excess water into the River and causing such overload.
- (e) That in the event of any dispute as to whether repairs from time to time are or are not necessary such dispute to be referred to an Umpire to be nominated by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.