

1885 July 29th

Wednesday, July 29th 3 p.m.

Directors' meeting

Present: Messr. Rohde (Chair), Grosser, Abbott & Talbot.

- Registration of the Company at Hongkong
- Nomination of Secretary
- Increase of Capital
- Diack's Plans of the Ground

1/2. The vice chairman signed the minutes of two previous meetings.

3. The secretary read a letter from Mr. D.E. Caldwell, Hongkong in reply to his of July 3rd, in which Mr. Caldwell advises that the Japan Brewery Co. may be registered, and recommends the steps to be pursued with that object. The costs of registration, including his own charges, Mr. Caldwell estimates at \$150.

Secretary to reply to Mr. Caldwell and advise the adoption of his suggestions and request him to act for the company in the matter.

4. Nomination of Secretary. Mr. Abbott stated that Mr. Playfair had offered the use of the premises of the New Oriental Bank Ld, in Hongkong as the "registered office" of the company; and at a moderate charge to be agreed upon. Further that Mr. Herbert, the bank's agent there, would sign the memorandum & articles of association as suggested by Mr. Caldwell. Discussion followed, and it was eventually resolved that if Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co would accept the nominal position of secretaries, subscribe the deeds of association, and act as agents for the company in Hong Kong,

they should be authorized to do so; and the secretary was directed to write them to that effect.

5. The advisability of forwarding to all persons to whom the prospectus had been sent a circular stating that registration can and will be effected was approved of. Mr. Abbott states that he had found an impression that the capital ought to be larger; among others Messrs. Walter, Fraser, A. Winstanley, had dwelt upon this point.

The board was of opinion that pending sufficient reason in the form of applications, or of promises from the gentlemen named to take shares if the capital is increased, it would be weakness on their part, at all events irresolution, to suddenly increase the capital. At the same time the secretary was directed to add to the circular to be issued "Capital \$50,000 with power to increase to \$100,000."

The circular reading as follow was then passed and ordered to be printed and distributed at once:-

"Supplement to Prospectus of July 22."

6. Mr. Diack's plans of the ground were next examined and his report read. The locality of the reservoir, its capacity, &c. were examined into and Mr. Eyton and Mr. Diack were invited to give their opinions on the actual supply and the probabilities.
Mr. Diack further gave details about building, cellarage, &c, likely to be of use to Messrs. Rohde's correspondents; and promised to furnish another tracing for the American mail of 6th August.
7. The draft memorandum and articles of association were then before the meeting: but upon Mr. Abbott's suggestion it was resolved that each

member of committee should first peruse the draft and make notes therein, preparatory to passing it at the next meeting. The draft was therefore given over to Mr. Abbott.

This completed the business on the agenda paper.

Mr. Abbott gave notice that at the next meeting he would lay before the board a joint proposition of himself and Mr. Talbot for the sale to the committee of the land at a price to be agreed upon for payment in cash or in paid up shares. During the discussion of this proposition Messrs. Abbott & Talbot would withdraw.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. to reassemble.

Monday 3rd August.

James Dodds

W.H. Talbot

Vice Chairman

Sec. p.t.