

1888 May 14th

Directors' Meeting

14th May 1888 at 4.30 P.M. 7 Water St. Yokohama

Present: Mr.Dodds (Chair), Mr.Abbott, Mr.Talbot

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Dr. Van der Heyden's Bill

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It was reported to the meeting that Dr. Van der Heyden had accepted of the amount due to him and was satisfied.

➤ Filtering of Pond Water

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The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Diack giving his explanation of the presence of tadpoles in the water from the pond after the process of filtration and suggesting that all the filtering materials should be changed and a quantity of quartz sand procured from Kobe and substituted for the sand at present used. Mr. Dodds said he would ask his correspondents in Kobe to send the sand, and it was thought that the work could be finished in two days.

➤ Contractor's Bill

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A statement from the Architect was submitted showing the actual cost in detail of the buildings and all work which came under his supervision including extras and architect's Commission. The Secretary was instructed to find out what items, if any, had been finished by the Company's employees, so that the same might be deducted from the Contractor's amount.

➤ Engagement of Mr. Gibbs

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It was reported that Mr. Gibbs whose name had been mentioned at last meeting for employment in delivering beer in Yokohama had been communicated with, and as it was considered that he would be a suitable man it was decided to engage him to the end of the present month at a salary to be arranged, and that if he should then be found suitable a definite offer might be made to him.

➤ Messrs. C. Rohde & Coy's a/c

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The Chairman started that it had been intended to read to the meeting the letter which had been written to Messrs. C. Rohde & Co. on the 7th inst. asking for some reduction, but that as all present had seen it they might take it as read. He further stated that Mr. Von der Heyde had called upon him unofficially in regard to the matter and appeared to be still unwilling to reduce the charge for Commission, although he stated that it had always been intended to allow all discounts and rebates.

The Secretary was instructed to write asking for a revised statement of account showing all such reductions independent of the item of Commission.

➤ Report for Annual Meeting

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A report to be presented to the Third Ordinary General Meeting of the Company was submitted and approved and ordered to be printed.

➤ Mr. Isono's Contract

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The Contract entered into between the Company and Hakaru Isono for the Agency of the Company's beer in Tokio and elsewhere was read and again discussed with Mr. Isono who was present, and as it was considered necessary to make the arbitration clause of a more binding nature, the signing of the Contract was postponed till next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

J. Donaldson

Secretary

F. Grosser

Chairman