

1888 June 4<sup>th</sup>

Directors' Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> June 1888 4.30 P.M. at 8 Water St. Yokohama

Present: Mr.Dodds (Chair), Mr.Grosser, Mr.Baehr, Mr.Abbott

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Analysis of Water

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The report of the Government Laboratory on the water from the new well dug in the rear compound of the Brewery premises was submitted. It went to show that the water is not of good quality and is unfit for brewing, and it was arranged to instruct the Brewer to take special care that it should be used for no other purpose except washing. The Brewer's proposal to pump this water into a tank in the upper cooling room in order to use part of it for the cooling apparatus was agreed to, with the condition that Mr. Diack should approve of the tank being placed there and that Mr. Watt the Company's Engineer is satisfied that the pump in the well is powerful enough for the purpose.

➤ Labels

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Some alterations had been suggested in the design of the Company's labels, but as this would involve some time and correspondence, it was decided to order present supplies of the same design as before.

➤ Mr. Gibbs

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The question of salary to Mr. Gibbs, employed in delivering beer was

deferred until the value of his work is better ascertained.

➤ Collection of a/cs

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It was arranged to employ Mr. Woodruff to collect the accounts for May, but with no understanding for the future.

➤ Assistance to Brewer

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Mr. Abbott mentioned that the Brewer is anxious to get a clerk or some assistance at the Brewery as it is difficult and sometimes impossible for him to check what goes out and comes in while occupied in brewing. Mr. Dodds said he would make enquiries about getting a smart Chinaman.

Mr. Baehr said that in his opinion it would be a good plan to have the Company's office at the Brewery, and after some conversation the matter was deferred for the present.

It was the opinion of the meeting that it was important to build a house for the Brewer, and Mr. Abbott and Mr. Grosser promised each to see a Japanese Contractor and compare results.

➤ Quality of Beer

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The Company's agent for Tokio having returned a number of bottles of beer which had become discoloured and bad-looking, a sample of them was shown; and Mr. Heckert, who had joined the meeting, explained that the only fault with the beer is that it is too young, and in consequence apt to deteriorate when carelessly treated or kept in a warm place. He added that as far as bulk beer is concerned, unless kept in a proper cellar, it could scarcely

be expected to retain its original quality longer than three day. It was therefore thought necessary to advise purchasers who do not use it quickly to buy bottles instead of Casks for the present.

The meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

J. Donaldson

James Dodds

Secretary

Chairman