

1888 August 6<sup>th</sup>

Directors' Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> August 1888 at 5 P.M. 7 Water St. Yokohama

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Repair to waggon

Waggons

Mr. Abbot stated that he knew of a Chinaman whom he would get to examine the old waggon with a view of repairing it at a smaller cost than Young's estimate.

➤ Isono and sale of beer at Nagasaki

Isono

The Secretary reported that he had informed Mr. Isono of the views of the Board in regard to the sale of beer at Nagasaki and that he quite understood and was satisfied with these arrangements.

➤ Brewing Water

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The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr. Mitsuhashi in regard to the possible supply of water to the Bluff by the Water Works, and that gentleman had stated that although there was no immediate intention of supplying the Bluff still he would take the matter into consideration and, if necessary, give an authoritative answer after a short time. The Charge for water in the settlement is 24 cents per 1000 gallons and no doubt the expense of laying pipes to the Bluff would add somewhat to that price, perhaps half as much

again, but as the Company would be one of the best customers they would no doubt get their supplies on the best possible terms.

➤ Office assistant, Johns

Office assistance

The Secretary reported that he had been able to dispense with the services of Mr. Johns who had been temporarily employed and it was decided to pay him \$100 for the time he had been at work.

➤ Brewer's House

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Mr. Abbott reported that the Brewer was satisfied with the plans for his house which had been submitted, and the Contractor had arranged to built it as per agreement produced.

➤ Quality of beer and malt

Quality of beer

Mr. Grosser gave some particulars in regard to the beer and the work generally at the Brewery. He stated that the malt had hitherto been purchased from two different suppliers, one in Duseldorff and one in Hamburg, and the Brewer now desired that it should be procured from Hamburg only as that appeared to be more reliable in quality than the Duseldorff supply. It was the variation in the quality of the latter that had caused the difference of colour lately noticeable in the beer, and of course it would be advantageous to have no difference of that kind. It was also stated that the Duseldorff malt did not give the same per centage of beer and was always packed in too large cases. It was accordingly agreed to act on this suggestion in ordering malt for the future. Mr. Grosser mentioned some other details connected with the work at

the Brewery, and it was arranged to supply the Engineer with a separate book for Requisitions for Stores for his department, all requisitions to be countersigned by the Brewer.

It was also arranged that the Engineer should make a report after some time as to the Capabilities of his Japanese assistant.

Mr. Heckert joined the meeting, and endorsed what Mr. Grosser had said about the malt. He also stated that the Duseldorff supply at present on hand would soon be finished, and the beer would gradually come round in colour to its former appearance, with the exception of one brew which he had made of darker colour as an experiment.

He was instructed to use the "Export" label for all beer sent to a distance.

➤ Application for agency from Carlowitz and CO. Cancelled

Application for Agency

An application for the Agency of the beer for China and Hong Kong from Messrs. Carlowitz & Co. was read, and the Secretary was instructed to reply that Agents had been already appointed, but that if at any future time a change should be made, they would be kept in mind.

The meeting adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

J. Donaldson

James Dodds

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Chairman