

1888 August 29<sup>th</sup>

Directors' Meeting

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

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

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Title Deeds

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A letter was read from Mr. Talbot, forwarding the Title Deeds of the Company's property and offering to draft a conveyance in the Company's favour if the Board should consider such a document sufficiently valid. It was arranged to accept of Mr. Talbot's offer, and, in fact, as the title still stand in the names of himself and Mr. Abbott, it was thought right that they should take the initiative in transferring them. After a conveyance is executed a legal opinion can then be taken as to its validity.

➤ Water Supply

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The Chairman reported that a letter had been written to Mr. Mitsuhashi on this subject and that in the meantime he had seen that gentleman who had stated that his reply would probably be unfavourable to the wishes of the Board. It appeared that the Direction of the Water Works were not yet prepared to supply the Bluff with water as that would involve the expenditure of a very large sum of money, and in the meantime it would be impossible for them to lay a pipe specially for the Company without creating a feeling which they were unwilling to do. Mr. Abbott said that he would get Mr. Morgan to

have a thoroughly good look over the premises in search of a supply, and it was arranged that on receipt of Mr. Mitsuhashi's reply that gentleman should be again seen about getting a daily supply from the hydrant nearest the Bluff.

➤ American Malt

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The Brewer was consulted about his proposed trial of American Malt about to arrive, and said that as it would probably produce beer of a different quality and appearance from the present stock he would keep it separate and would report on it as soon as possible.

➤ New Share Certificate

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A new share certificate numbered 101 for five shares transferred by Mr. D. Fraser to Mr. Joseph R. Michael of Shanghai was signed and the seal of the Company affixed thereto.

➤ Dodd's Resignation of Chairmanship

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Mr. Dodds stated that of late he had been so much engaged with his own business that he had found it quite impossible to carry out what he considered his duties as Chairman of the Board. He found that he could not spare the time necessary to do justice to the Company's affairs in that position and he had therefore determined to resign his post, and accordingly begged to tender his resignation. He would carry on what might be required to be done with the Secretary during the next week but hoped that the Board would be prepared to appoint a successor at next meeting.

The other Directors expressed their regret at this step and said they would

consider the question of a successor between this and next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

J. Donaldson

James Dodds

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Chairman