

1888 September 4<sup>th</sup>

Directors' Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1888 at 5 P.M. at 7 Water St. Yokohama

Present: Mr.Dodds, Mr.Talbot, Mr.Abbott, Mr.Baehr

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Title Deeds

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Mr. Talbot consented to draw out a Conveyance in favour of the Company, as arranged at last meeting.

➤ Water Supply

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A letter was read from Mr. Mitsuhashi in reply to one written to him asking what the probabilities were of getting a supply laid on to the Brewery, in which he stated that there was little chance of that being carried out for some considerable time.

Mr. Abbott stated that along with Mr. Morgan he had made a thorough examination of the Company's premises but saw no chance of finding a further supply anywhere in the compound. He had also gone to the Rifle range and on a certain site had found good water in fair volume and it had occurred to him that it would be an easy matter first to acquire the property and afterwards to lead the water to the Brewery partly by earthenware and partly by iron pipes; he had estimated the cost and found that it would be comparatively small. He also mentioned, that Mr. Talbot and himself had seen Mr. Mitsuhashi since the letter above referred to had been written and they had learned that

General Palmer had been communicated with and there was every likelihood that the water works would take some steps towards laying a pipe to the Brewery.

➤ Isono and Sales at Nagasaki

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Mr. Talbot stated that he had had some conversation with Isono on this subject and intended to see him again, and he had no doubt he would be able to make some arrangements with him so as to prevent any of his agents coming into competition with Messrs. Holme Ringer & Co.

➤ Rates of Freight

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A letter from the Agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was read offering the following special rates of freight on condition that the Company should not ship beer to the ports in question by any other steamers- the agreement to last for six months:-

To Kobe	\$1.50 per ton of 40 Cubic feet		
" Nagasaki	3.00	"	"
" Shanghai	3.50	"	"

and all bonafide Empty bottles to be returned free of freight.

This arrangement was considered satisfactory and the Secretary was instructed to reply accepting the offer.

➤ Export Duty on Beer

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Mr. Talbot mentioned that he had seen an official and would see some others and he anticipated no difficulty in arranging for the stoppage of this

charge as well as for the refund of amounts already paid.

➤ Dodds' Resignation of Chairmanship

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Mr. Dodds, having tendered his resignation as chairman at last meeting, expressed a wish that the Board would now appoint a successor. The question was fully discussed and it was eventually understood that Mr. Talbot would accept the vacant post. In the meantime that gentleman agreed to do what might be required in the office, signing Cheques &c., and Mr. Abbott promised to continue to look after anything necessary at the Brewery.

On the motion of Mr. Talbot a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Dodds for his past services.

➤ Privacy of Proceedings at Directors' Meetings

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Mr. Talbot proposed the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to:-

“That all proceedings at meetings of the Directors shall be regarded as absolute secrets and shall not be divulged to any person not present at the meeting without the Consent of the Directors.”

➤ Shipment of beer to Manila through Bernard & Wood

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It was mentioned that a trial shipment of beer would be sent to Manila in a few days through Messrs. Bernard & Wood.

➤ Purchase of Shares by Mr. Isono

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It was also mentioned that Isono had expressed a wish to acquire some

shares in the Company, and it was arranged to get him some as it was considered desirable that he should have an interest in the business.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

J. Donaldson

F. Grosser

Secretary

Vice Chairman