

## 1894 August 15<sup>th</sup>

### Director's Meeting held at the Brewery Offices.

No.123 Bluff Yokohama at 3<sup>45</sup> p.m. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1894

Present: Messrs. J. Dodds (chairman), H. Baehr, D. Fraser, W. Gordon and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood

The minutes of the previous Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1894 were read and confirmed.

#### ➤ Water Supply

Water Supply The Chairman related the state of affairs as regards this - Owing to the protracted drought (beyond two brief thunder-showers no rain had fallen between 6<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> August) the pond had dried up early in August and the supply of brewing water had to be diverted to the Ice-Machine; and, as it was insufficient in quantity, water had to be carted from outside sources, and quantities of ice had also to be bought. Happily rain fell heavily on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August and the outlook was now better.

The water-works office had been approached by the Secretary but without any result. There was not enough water to keep the Yokohama mains full and so the office could not think of supplying any outside. Mr. Morgan had been called in and his recommendation to drive a tunnel under the high road from the existing well at the upper gateway was being carried out, - permission having first been obtained from the Kencho.

The artesian boring which had reached a depth of about 600 feet had been stopped in order to allow the tunnelling work to proceed but the Directors resolved that it should be gone on with further as soon as possible.

➤ Beer Stock

Beer Stock Memoranda prepared by the Chief Brewer and the Secretary (which had already been circulated among the Directors) were submitted. They showed that with the irregular and scanty supplies of water the present cellarage accommodations was not sufficient for the increasing demand for Beer. Considerable discussion followed resulting in the Directors deciding that although additional cellarage was desirable it was not prudent, owing to existing outside circumstances, to go into further Capital expenditure at present; and that the Brewery should go on as it is for another year at any rate- the Chief Brewer, who had been invited to the Meeting in connection with this subject, undertaking to do his best with existing facilities.

➤ Assistant Brewer

Assistant Brewer The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Mann requesting some modifications in the form of Agreement which had been sent him, the principal being an increase in the rate of pay to the extent of \$25 per month for the first two years of the engagement; and that he had authorized the dispatch of a telegram allowing the modifications. Since then a telegram had been received from Mr. Mann announcing his departure from Genoa on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

➤ Mr. Heckert and Engineer's Dispute Settled

Engineer The Chairman related the Circumstances which had been brought before him of a dispute between the Chief Brewer and the Engineer, now understood to have been settled.

➤ Smoke Consumer

Smoke Consumer The Smoke from the Brewery Chimney having long

been an annoyance to the occupants of neighboring houses, it was resolved to authorize an expenditure of about £ 25-0-0 in the purchase of apparatus to lessen the volume of the smoke and Mr. Baehr undertook to ask Mr. Heise, Civil Engineer, to come to the Brewery and Consult with the Brewer and the Engineer on the subject.

➤ Price of Beer

Price of Beer A suggestion having been made to increase the price of Beer from the present \$9.30 and \$11.30 to the round figures of \$9.50 and \$11.50 per case, some discussion followed when it was resolved to make no alteration in the meantime.

The Meeting then closed at 5 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman