

1895 January 24th

Special Meeting of Directors held at No.7 Water Street Yokohama at 2.30 p.m.
on Thursday the 24th January 1895

Present: Messrs. Jas Dodds (Chairman), H. Baehr, W. Gordon and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood.

- Special meeting of directors to discuss Water supply
- Shortage of Water Supply

The Chairman, addressing the meeting said it had been called specially to discuss once more the question of Water Supply which had caused so much anxiety last summer when no less than \$471 had been necessarily spent in buying water and ice besides some \$350 on well sinking. An offer had been received from Mr. Knaff the owner of Lot No. 104 E on which were two wells which Mr. Heckert had had at his disposal for a week. In answer to a question Mr. Heckert (who had been invited to attend the meeting) said that he had taken from 4000 to 5000 gallons of water per day from the wells for five successive days without lowering the depth. During last summer also when the Brewery was suffering severely from the drought the police authorities took water continuously from the wells and never exhausted them. Mr. Heckert had tried the quality of the water practically in brewing and he was quite satisfied with it. The old brewery spring, he said, had of late become much weaker probably owing to the fact that many new wells had been made in the neighborhood and the only water he had to work with now was obtained from the spring which should feed the pond. Further, he said, an additional advantage to be gained by securing the land offered was that it would be available for stables &c which now took up so much of greatly needed space in

the present brewery compound. After some discussion as to the terms proposed by Mr. Knaff (which included the objectionable one of the building of a retaining wall by the Company), and as to the necessity of obtaining authority from the Kencho to lay pipes from the wells to the Brewery, the Chairman proposed that he and the Secretary be deputed to negotiate with the would-be seller on all the points, after having obtained expert advice regarding the security of the water supply in the wells, with power to close at the best terms. This was agreed to.

➤ Lost Dividend Warrant

Lost Dividend Warrant A letter from the National Bank of China Limited, attorney of Mr. G. Neyt, was submitted stating that Dividend Warrant No 160 dated 30th April 1894 for \$400.00 had been lost and requesting that a duplicate be issued. Resolved to issue such duplicate on the Banks guarantee to hold the Company free from all loss in the event of the missing warrant being subsequently cashed.

The meeting then closed at 4 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman