

1897 January 21st

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery offices at 3.30 p.m.
on Thursday 21st January 1897

Present: Messrs James Dodds (Chairman), H. Baehr, W. Gordon, and

J.D. Hutchison

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of 13th January were read and confirmed.

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The Chairman said this Meeting had been specially convened for the purpose of learning Mr. Heckerts ideas on this important question and added that Mr. Heckert had been informed that the first thing to consider was the water supply- in which every one concurred.

He went on to say that Mr. Heckert seemed to have a grievance and was sulking, evidently thinking that Mr. Von Mann had done too well in his absence, whereupon Mr. Gordon remarked he thought it would be unwise to give way to Mr. Heckert should any question arise, but it was admitted generally that he had been an excellent servant to the Company and no one wished to quarrel with him. After some conversation it was arranged that Messrs Dodds and Baehr be deputed to talk to Mr. Heckert on the subject.

Mr. Heckert having now attended Mr. Dodds reminded him of the object of the meeting and asked him to say what he wished to recommend regarding it. Mr. Heckert said he thought a complete new Beer- Boiler would have been preferable to the plan adopted of simply replacing the copper bottom.

The cellars would be full by the end of March, he supposed, even with the

delay necessary for fitting the new bottom; but there was always the possibility of the iron part of the boiler being found defective.

As regards Water Mr. Heckert said there was plenty in the adjoining Land Lot No 122 B, which now belongs to the Company, and that even in the present Compound of the Brewery more be found at a depth of 50 or 60 feet. He continued that the Brewery had never been completed and it ought to be done now. Much of the Machinery had been overworked and as break- down might occur at any time. Mr. Dodds said the Company, taking available advice, had ordered what they did, not believing that anything else was necessary; and asked whether it would not have been a mistake to order the machinery recommended to which Mr. Heckert answered "No". Mr. Baehr reminded him that brewing had been increased by 50% and that the Boilers were correspondingly overtaxed.

Mr. Heckert thought it would be unnecessary to build a new Brew-House but would recommend completing the Brewery in its present style. After some further conversation it was determined to try what could be done in Lot No 122 B as regards water and afterwards to consider the further Extensions question, Mr. Heckert remarking that he thought of trying some arrangement to regain the water lost in the pasteurizing process. Mr. Dodds enquiring how, presuming water was found, it would be best to extend the Brewery, Mr. Heckert replied he thought it would do to remove the chimney and place a third boiler in line with the present ones,- whereupon Mr. Gordon suggested that Mr. Heckert should meet Mr. Diack and come to an understanding with him.

Mr. Dodds then requested Mr. Heckert to make a final report as to the best

method to adopt, with details as to space for increased machinery and cost, and in the meantime go on trying what he could to obtain the water supply which he believed to be available.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman