

1897 February 11thMinutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery offices on Thursday11th February 1897

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Dodds said Heckert had sunk his proposed well in the Brewery compound but had not found much water. The old tunnel with which this well connected was now being cleaned out. Mr. Heckert would also try what could be done at 122 B, the well on which Compound the Directors inspected.

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The Chairman reported that he and Mr. Baehr had interviewed Mr. Heckert and told him it had come to their knowledge that he was not on good terms with the other members of the staff especially with Mr. Von Mann, whom he not been treating properly. He (Mr. Dodds) reminded Mr. Heckert that he had quarreled more or less with almost every one he had been connected with in the Brewery and said that while the Directors had always treated him well and intended to go on doing so as long as possible they could not put up with his continued quarrelling and it come to a stop. Mr. Heckert spoke of Mr. Von Mann's having made a mistake in calculating the size of the Vats ordered for the new Fermentation Room and of his feeling aggrieved that Mr. Von Mann had arranged directly with the Secretary for the despatch of a correcting telegram instead of applying to him. Mr. Dodds said this had been done because Mr. Von Mann had been told by Mr. Heckert that, having

commenced the new Room, he would have to complete it. Ultimately, however, Mr. Heckert was understood to say he would in future try to work smoothly.

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The Directors, in company with Mr. Diack, inspected these as pointed out by Mr. Heckert and it was decided to invite Messrs Diack and Conder to survey the building together and make a special report to the Directors.

➤ Storage of Malt

Storage of Malt Mr. Dodds said he had for some time been storing Malt for the Company at No. 7 Water Street but it was not convenient for him to continue doing so and he suggested that the Company should rent a godown for themselves, which was agreed to.

➤ Isono's Credit

Mr.Isonos Credits Mr. Dodds said he had met Mr. Glover and he promised to do what he could in this matter as soon as possible. In connection with this Messrs Gordon and Hutchison suggested it would be well when communicating with Mr. Isono in future to do so in writing rather than verbally which having been concurred with, the meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman