# 1897 April 23<sup>rd</sup>

# Minutes of Directors Meeting held at No.74 Main Street Yokohama at 3.30 p.m. on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1897

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

#### J.D. Hutchison

The Minutes of the previous two Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> April were read and confirmed.

# > Isono's Credit

Mr.Isonos Credits The Secretary's Letters to Mr. Isono dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April were read as was also that gentleman's replies of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April. The Chairman said Mr. Glover had again left for Nagasaki and that he had made no advance. In view of this it was suggested that Mr. Isono be given three month notice of reducing the period of credit from two months to one and Mr. Gordon further suggested that the form of the promissory note be altered. Both these suggestions were adopted.

# **Trademark Registration**

Mr. Isonos Letter re expenses incurred in protecting the Trade Mark which he said amounted approximately to \$1,000.00 was read. Resolved to obtain accounts as nearly as possible and pay the amount.

# Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Accounts for the year ended 31st March

Theses not being completed it was not possible to go into them to any extent, but a view generally expressed was that it would be good policy to place a considerable sum to reserve to meet emergencies and improvements and also even possible loss by way of bad debts although the Company had

been remarkably free in the last mentioned respect hitherto.

Mr. Gordon suggested in view of the increased value of building, machinery &c, nothing should be written off this year for depreciation.

# Carrying Forward Price of Beer

<u>Carrying forward Price of Beer</u> This matter was left over for discussion when the accounts were submitted and in connection with it the question of the insured value of the Beer Stock was referred to and inquiry resolved to be made as to whether further cover could be obtained in Yokohama.

### Directors Fees

<u>Directors Fees</u> A suggested apportionment was read and approved.

# Assistant Brewery Gratuity

Assistant Brewery Gratuity in recognition of well-performed Duties during Chief Brewer absence. A Sum of \$500.00 was voted this unanimously.

# Assistant Brewers Gratuity

Mr. Dodds stated that as he was almost immediately leaving for Europe it was necessary for him to <u>resign</u> his place on the Board and his Chairmanship of the Company. In doing so he took the opportunity to thank his Co-Directors for the Support they had always accorded him.

# Dodds Leaving for Europe

<u>A Special Vote of Thanks</u> to Mr. Dodds having been carried by acclamation together with expression of good wishes for a pleasant voyage and happy return the meeting closed at 5 p.m.

Henry Baehr

p.t. Chairman

The Common Seal and Duplicate Keyss handed over by Mr. Dodds were taken in charge by Mr. Gordon.