

1897 December 14th

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 4 p.m.

on Tuesday the 14th Decr. 1897

Present: Messrs W. Gordon (Chairman), J.D. Hutchison, W.R. Bennett,

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The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

➤ Extension of the Brewery

Brewery Extension — Contract with Iwata Zendo for the construction of 3 additional cellars and the enlargement of the Fore and Fermentation Cellars at a cost of \$27,000 according to a drawing and specification of Mr. Diack, Architect, was put before the Directors and confirmed.

➤ Isono's Credits

Mr.Hakaru Isono's ("Meidiya") Credits — The chairman here laid before the Board a telegram received by him at 3.40 p.m. from Mr. Glover, Tokyo announcing the sudden death of Mr. Isono. – As the question of credit was on the Agenda for discussion Mr. Gordon briefly explained that, as the result of the Secretary's letter to Mr. Isono of the 18th ulto: he had received a call from Mr. Glover. – In the course of a conversation Mr. Glover explained to the Chairman that, if it would prove acceptable to the Board of Directors, Mr. Isono authorized him to say that he (Isono) was prepared to offer the names of Mr. Masujima, Barrister-at-law, and Mr. Toyokawa, President of the MitsuBishi Goshi Kwaisha as sureties and by way of a guarantee for the Company's credits to Meidiya. Mr. Bennett suggested that in view of the telegram just received and referred to above further discussion of Mr. Isono's proposal was now unnecessary. This, meeting with unanimous approval, no

further discussion of the proposal as coming from the late Mr. Isono was entered into.

The Chairman said that he would now proceed with the other business before the meeting and that they could take up as a matter for discussion the effect of Isono's death on the business of the Company afterwards.

➤ Empty Bottles

Empty Bottles — It was decided that steps be taken to have Meidiya's Empty Bottles returned as soon as possible: also that this decision should be mentioned to Mr. Von Mann and that a communication to that effect be sent to Meidiya.

➤ Accounts

Accounts — The accounts for November were put before the Directors and passed.

➤ Count Goto's Transfer of Shares

Count Goto Shojiro's Transfer — It was resolved to issue a fresh Certificate transferring Count Goto Shoujiro's five shares to his heir Count Goto Taketaro and to issue duplicate dividend warrants in the name of the latter to replace respectively a warrant No. 198 issued in Oct. 1894 and alleged to have been lost – should it be found that same had never been paid – and a warrant issued in November 1897 in the name of Count Goto Shojiro.

➤ Bottle Breakage

Bottle Breakage — The extraordinary amount of breakage having been pointed out some time before by Mr. Guinness, Auditor, the matter was now discussed by the Directors. At the suggestion of the Board it was left to the Chairman to discuss the subject with Mr. Von Mann.

➤ Death of Isono

Death of Mr. Isono This subject having been introduced, a discussion was entered upon as the bearing that Mr. Isono's death might have upon the Company's position vis-a-vis "The Meidiya" and Isono's estate generally and as to the advisability or otherwise of continuing supplies of Beer to Meidiya. As to the latter it was agreed that the Company continue for the next day or two to fill all orders until something more definite as to the future could be arrived at. – Mr. Hutchison suggested that it might perhaps be advisable to call in the assistance of Mr. Masujima as an adviser to the board in any question that might possibly arise between the representatives of Mr. Isono's Estate and the Company. It being doubtful, however, whether Mr. Masujima was more likely to represent Isono it was finally decided that the Chairman should arrange to see Mr. Glover and, if possible, ascertain from him the exact relations now existing between Mr. Isono's Estate and Mr. Masujima.

Further discussion was deferred pending the result of the Chairman's meeting with Mr. Glover and a telegram was dispatched to the latter asking him to kindly appoint a time and place for an interview.

The Meeting then closed at 5.30 p.m.

W. Gordon

Chairman