

1898 April 18th

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 4.30 p.m.

on Monday, 18th April 1898

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

➤ Equitable Insurance

Equitable Insurance — A letter from Meidiya was read addressed to the Acting Secretary and asking for information as to age stated on Mr. Isono's Life Policy. Mr. Hutchison remarked that the same firm had also applied to him for this information and after an interview with Mr. Kiene the latter gentleman agreed that he would apply to Mr. Yonei direct for the Certificate required.

➤ Lot adjoining Watt's House

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It had been agreed verbally some days ago that Mr. Haynemann be authorised to treat for this lot on the basis of \$10,000: this was now confirmed by the Board.

➤ Letters from Mr. Masujima about Prosecutions

A letter from Mr. Masujima asking to receive a sum of \$100 as a fund for pushing prosecutions was read. It was resolved to postpone this matter till the next Meeting.

➤ Letter from Shanghai

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A letter had been received from Shanghai containing an order that could only be filled in part owing to prior orders from Meidiya and a short discussion arose as to whether it would be advisable to give Meidiya or Shanghai the

preference. This matter was also left over for discussion at the next meeting.

➤ Letters from Saigon & Colombo

Letters from Saigon & Colombo had been received asking if the Company were willing to make any allowance for advertising purposes. This matter was also postponed for future discussion.

➤ Letter from Mr. Watt for His House-Rent Fee

Letter from Mr. Watt — A letter from the Chief Engineer asking to receive house rent free was now read and it was decided to let the matter stand over for the present.

➤ Letter from Mr. Diack about New Cellars

Mr. Diack's Letter — A letter from Mr. Diack advising an advance of \$4000 to Iwata Zendo, Contractor for the New Cellars was read and this advance agreed upon.

➤ Letter from Mr. Gordon about His Resignation as Director

A letter from Mr. Gordon in which he place his resignation as Director in the hands of the Board was read and his resignation accepted with regret.

➤ Mr. Dodds return to the Board

It was now proposed that Mr. Dodds be invited to join the Board and Mr. Hutchison having placed his resignation as Chairman in the hands of the Board made the further proposal that Mr. Dodds be invited to resume his former position as Chairman to the Company. This was unanimously agreed to.

➤ Letter from "Germania" People to Mr. Rohde & Co. with Plans for the New Buildings

Plans for the New Cellars — A letter from the "Germania" people to

Messrs. Carl Rohde & Co. together with plans for the new buildings was now put before the Board: these after examination were handed over to the Acting Secretary to be forwarded to Mr. Diack. Mr. Haynemann was then instructed to telegraph to his German friends to ship the new casks by the end of May.

➤ Value of the Machinery and Plant

Plant — It was now proposed by Mr. Bennett & seconded by Mr. Haynemann that Mr. Wm. Patterson be asked to value the machinery & plant say in the following manner.

- 1st The value as a going concern.
- 2nd The value which it would fetch say at the end of one year with ordinary wear & tear (sold in one lot).
- 3rd The value to be broken up so that it could not be used to compete against us in the event of a sale.

The same gentlemen further moved that Mr. Diack be requested to furnish an estimate of the value of the present buildings in the event of the new extension scheme being carried out. This was also unanimously carried.

The Meeting then closed at 6.15 p.m.

J.D. Hutchison

Chairman