

1898 April 21st

Minutes of Directors Meeting held at the No.7 Yokohama at 4.30 p.m.

on Thursday 21st April 1898

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

O. Haynemann

Before Proceeding with the business of the Meeting, Mr. Dodds thanked his Co-Directors for re-appointing him their Chairman and stated that though he was willing to accept the Position he could however only do so for a time.

Minutes of the Preceding Meeting were read, discussion as follows taking place on the different Minutes.

Equitable Insurance — This matter being still unsettled and the Policy being in the Possession of the Equitable Insee Co. the acting Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Kiene & ask him to Return it pending the Settlement of the Claim.

➤ Orders from Shanghai

Orders from Shanghai — This question had been left over from the Previous Meeting and it was now decided that all orders from Shanghai should be filled as the quantity ordered was not so large as to interfere with business with Meidiya to any appreciable extent.

➤ Letters from Saigon & Colombo about Allowance for Advertising

Letters from Saigon & Colombo & advertising It was decided that, seeing that the Company could not for the moment supply Beer in large quantities it was not advisable at present to make any allowance for advertising.

➤ Mr. Watts Application for House-Rent Free

Mr. Watts application for House -Rent free- It was resolved to leave the matter over until the new extension scheme should be definitely settled, in which case Mr. Watts house would have to be pulled down. It was also decided to make enquiries in the meantime as to the marketable value of Mr. Watts services.

➤ Letter from Mr. Heckert about an Order for Storage Casks, Rails and Railstand

A Letter from Mr. Heckert was now put before the Board. It contained an order for Storage Casks, rails & railstands that Mr. Heckert wished to be telegraphed to Germany. Further particulars being necessary, however, Mr. Haynemann was authorised to obtain them from Mr. Heckert before telegraphing.

➤ Mr. Kirkwoods Proposal

Mr. Kirkwoods Proposal — The Cairman now puts before the Board a proposal made to him by Mr. Kirkwood on behalf of the requisitionists viz that Mr. Wylie, Mr. James & himself should meet three of the Directors and try and bring about an agreement, that would be acceptable to both Sides, at the Meeting called for 30th April. The chairman then urged the advantages of such a proceeding & at the same time advised his Co-Directors to prepare Counter-Proposals. This Messrs. Hutchison & Bennett agreed to do, promising to formulate a scheme & send it to the requisitionists. Mr. Hutchison however objected to Meeting the requisitionists on account of Mr. Wylies Letter, that had been read at the Previous Meeting: finally, however, he agreed to attend on condition that this letter was withdrawn. Mr. Dodds

then undertook to arrange the Meeting for 2.30 p.m. on Saturday.

➤ Telegram about Kligen's Lot

Telegram & Kligen's Lot — Mr. Haynemann now stated that Mr. Kligen had accepted the Company's offer of \$10,000. This Purchase was now confirmed by the Board.

The Meeting then closed at 6.15 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman