

1898 June 29th

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

on Wednesday 29th June 1898

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), T.B. Glover, J.D. Hutchison, H. Baehr,

W.R. Bennett, F.S. James and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood

The Minutes of the previous Meetings of 17th and 20th June were read and confirmed.

➤ Meidiya Contract

Meidiya Contract The Chairman reported the proceedings at a Meeting which he and Mr. Glover together with the Secretary had had with Messrs Yonei and Nagai on the 24th instant and detailed the amendments then proposed. These were unanimously approved and the opinion was expressed that the Company might congratulate itself on the satisfactory arrangements made.

➤ New Cases and Packing

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➤ Certificate of Shares in New Capital

Certificate of Shares in New Capital The Chairman reported that Mr. Walford had disapproved of the proposed form of Scrip as improper while the question as to whether the issue was in dollars or in yen remained unsettled. A form of letter of allotment prepared by Mr. Walford was read and approved.

➤ Registration at Hongkong of Special Resolutions of 30th April and 25th May

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The Chairman read a telegram from the Company's Agents at Hongkong as follows:-

“the general opinion is unfavourable – wait our letter of this date”.

Some discussion followed as to various methods of attaining the ends aimed at by the resolutions but it was resolved to await particulars from Hongkong. It was settled however to reckon the rate of exchange on installments payable on 1st July at what was ruling on that date.

➤ Brewery Extensions

Brewery Extensions The Sub-Committee reported that the Indent together with plans had been sent to Germany.

➤ Relation with Chief Brewer &c

Relations with Chief Brewer &c Mr. Dodds related the particulars of an interview which he and Mr. Baehr had had with Mr. Heckert. They had tried to obtain from him explanations of various points referred to in the Chairman's letter of 21st May but could get nothing further than already appeared in Mr. Heckert's written reply. Mr. Heckert was told in connection with the unpleasantness existing among the Brewery staff that he himself had received every consideration although he had quarreled with nearly everyone and that much of the trouble was due to his own jealous temperament. Regarding Agreements Mr. Heckert said it might be inconvenient to have Mr. Von Mann returning from his intended holiday just at the time when he, Mr. Heckert, might himself be leaving the Company. Mr. Dodds thought Mr. Von Mann had better go home as soon as possible when he might return from his holiday in a better frame of mind and more disposed to render obedience &c but in the meantime as Mr. Heckert was going on three weeks leave of absence, it would be best to allow things to rest till he came back when he should be reinstated in full authority over the Brewery Staff. Mr. Dodds referred to Mr. Von Mann and spoke of his ungovernable temper and bad treatment of the

Japanese servants which he said was course out of reason. He also reported that Engineer Watt had visited him on the previous day saying that Mr. Von Mann had threatened him and had wounded Mr. Heckert and that he would not go back to the Brewery. Mr. Dodds had advised him to go quietly home but so far he had not resumed duty.

➤ Information to Shareholders re Statistics

Information to Shareholders re Statistics A letter from Mr. Gordon was read as also draft of a proposed reply which draft was approved. In the event of the extent of the monthly sales being made known it was determined that the figures should represent simply the number of gallons and the total dollars.

➤ Auditorship

Auditorship A letter from Mr. Maclean resigning his post as Auditor was read. Resolved to accept the same, with regret, and to thank Mr. Maclean for his suggestion as to a successor.

➤ Meidiya Extension of Time of Payment

Meidiya Extension of time of payment of part of April account. A letter from Mr. Yonei was read applying for permission to delay payment for 12days of yen 10,000 of the amount of the April account due on 3rd July. After consideration it was decided, under the very exceptional circumstances and on the understanding that the case was not to form a precedent, to comply, interest to be charged at the rate of 8% per annum.

The Meeting then closed at 5.45 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman