

1898 July 22nd

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at No.7 Water Street at 4 p.m.

on Friday the 22nd July 1898

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), F.S. James, H. Baehr, J.D. Hutchison,

W.R. Bennett

The Minutes of the previous Meetings of 29th June and 8th July were read and confirmed.

➤ Position of Company in View of Impracticability of Giving Effect to the Special Resolutions of 30th April and 25th May

Position of Company in View of impracticability of giving effect to the Special Resolutions of 30th April and 25th May The Chairman said that as authorised at the last meeting of Directors he had interviewed Mr. Walford who had undertaken to remodel the Memorandum and Articles of Association in a suitable and convenient form with a view to the starting of a new Company as from the 1st April 1899. Mr. Walford thought the total expenses would not much exceed \$2,000.00 but no definite bargain had been entered into with him for his part of the work.

➤ Engineer Watt's Illness

Engineer Watt's illness The Chairman reported that Mr. Watt had been allowed a holiday and had started for the country on Sunday last. On Wednesday he reappeared in a very excited state and was as promptly as possible transferred to the Hospital under Dr. Munro. He became very violent there and although now calmer he was still far from well. In the meantime an Engineer, Mr. G.S. Brindley had been temporarily engaged but as to the future noting further could at present be said.

Mr. Baehr stated that in view of the comparative inexperience in refrigerating machinery on the part of the new Engineer he had endeavoured to arrange for a visit to the Brewery of the "Germania" Engineer who was at present at work on the new Handa Brewery machinery and he hoped to hear shortly that he would come. This action was approved.

➤ Assistant Brewer Von Mann's Position

Assistant Brewer Von Mann's Position The Chairman reported that at an interview which he had had together with Mr. Baehr on the previous day he had told Mr. Von Mann that his former good work, especially during the 10 months that the Chief Brewer had been absent, had been appreciated by the company; but now there was reason to be dis-satisfied particularly with regard to his want of control of temper. Continuing, Mr. Dodds said that, considering everything, the Company would never promote him to the position of Chief Brewer, and suggested to him to consider therefore whether it was worth his while, after his holiday, to come back to resume his old position without hope of advancement. Mr. Von Mann after a pause replied he thought not; and that instead of taking a holiday as allowed him he would prefer to stay on for six months longer and then retire, when he hoped the Company would make him an allowance for his passage to Germany. Mr. Baehr said that Mr. Von Mann had since called on him and told him he regretted having made this statement and wished to withdraw it; but after being reminded of the absence of future prospects he apparently made up his mind to adhere to the arrangement.

➤ Wages of Japanese Employees

Wages of Employees There being an impression that there was

possibility of the Company's losing some of the Japanese employes in consequence of their being underpaid it was resolved that the Chief Brewer and the Secretary should go into the question and report what increases they considered necessary – the Chairman being authorised to approve such if he saw proper.

➤ Bluff lot No.121C Belonging to Mr. Hamilton

Bluff lot No.121C belonging to Mr.Hamilton In view of the necessity of obtaining a convenient residence for the Company's Engineer and also of acquiring a site on which the shortly-to-be-removed dwelling-houses of the Company might be re-erected Messrs Hutchison and Baehr were requested to secure this lot with the existing house at a price no to exceed Yen 4,500.00.

➤ Circular Letter to Shareholders Announcing Impracticability of Giving Effect to the Special Resolutions of 30th April and 25th May

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This, which had already been issued, was submitted and approved.

➤ Certificate of Shares in New Capital

Certificate of Shares in New Capital A printed form which had been practically prepared by Mr. Walford was submitted. Objections as to the definition dollars instead of Yen were however made and the Secretary was desired to refer again to Mr. Walford and endeavour to have an alteration made.

➤ Auditor J. Hall elected in Place of Maclean

Auditor On the nomination of Mr. Bennett, Mr. F.J. Hall was unanimously elected auditor for the year 1898/9 in place of Mr. Maclean

resigned.

➤ Statistical Information to Shareholders

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After consideration it was resolved to post a statement in the office of the Company showing the quantity of the sales in gallons each month and to issue a circular to Shareholders giving such figures for the three months already past of the current financial year together with figures for the corresponding months of last year.

The meeting then closed at 5.40 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman