

1898 August 26th

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at No.7 Water Street at 3 p.m.
on Friday 26th August 1898

Present: Messrs J. Dodds Chairman, T.B. Glover, F.S. James, H. Baehr,
J.D. Hutchison, W.R. Bennett

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 9th August and also of the emergency meeting of 12th August were read and confirmed.

➤ Brewery Engineers

Brewery Engineers The Chairman reported that notice had been given Mr. Watt of the termination of his contract and also that Mr. Watt had removed from the Company's house which he had occupied. He further reported that Mr. Chemnitz had been engaged and that the Chief Brewer reported favourably of him.

The Chairman himself had seen Mr. Chemnitz who seemed contented and satisfied and thought he would get on very well. The Second Engineer Mr. Holmes was off duty ill. Mr. Chemnitz thought well of him generally but feared he was not physically strong. Authority had been given to engage a qualified Japanese Assistant Engineer.

➤ Assistant Brewer Von Mann

Assistant Brewer Von Mann A letter dated 18th August to Mr. Von Mann was read, allowing him, as wished, to leave the Service of the Company at once. Contrary to expectation Mr. Von Mann had not yet started for Germany and was said to be delaying his departure, till the end of September. He had however left the Brewery premises.

➤ Endorsement on Share Certificates of Payment of Installments

Endorsement on Share Certificates of payment of installments The Secretary was authorized to procure and use a stamp with two Directors names and write his own signature beneath.

➤ Increase of Prices by Meidiya

Increase of Prices by Meidiya This subject was referred to again but consideration was deferred.

➤ Analysis of Accounts

Analysis of Accounts A letter in connection with this which had been written to Mr. Heckert was referred to but in accordance with the opinion expressed by the Directors generally it was with-held for the present.

Mr. Dodds said he had intended to hand Mr. Heckert the letter personally, explaining the necessity of it.

➤ New Assistant Brewer

New Assistant Brewer It was reported that the new Brewer would leave Germany on 20th September.

➤ Machinery &c for New Brewery

Machinery &c for New Brewery A letter from Messrs Carl Rohde & Co. was read announcing a reduction of 7 1/2% on the estimates and asking remittances to the Germania Company of three 10% installments of say £1,000 each. Resolved to remit £3,000 by wire as soon as possible.

➤ Broken Bottle Account

Broken Bottle account The Chairman reported that this had been delayed through pressure of business in the office. It was now nearly finished and would be presented to Tanaka Company as soon as possible.

➤ China Agents

China Agents The Secretary reported that he had received no precise confirmation of the new arrangement with Messrs. Caldbeck Macgregor & Co.

The Meeting then closed at 4 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman