

1898 September 10th

Minutes of an Emergency Meeting of Directors held at the Brewery Offices on Saturday 10th September 1898. at 11.30 am

Present: Messrs J. Dodds, Chairman, H. Baehr, F.S. James, W.R. Bennett

- Emergency Meeting of Directors about machinery
- Machinery and Engineers

Mr. Heckert having attended by request the Chairman said that Mr. Tresize of the Yokohama Engine and Iron Works Company had informed him that the machinery generally was not in good order and asked Mr. Heckert whether this was so. Mr. Heckert replied that the Compressors were not satisfactory and that indeed the whole engine-room was in indifferent order. Considerable repairs to shafting had just been executed by the Engine and Iron Works Company and further repairs were more or less necessary.

Being asked his opinion of the new Engineer (Mr. Chemnitz), Mr. Heckert said he thought he could do his work but was perhaps too ready to work with his own hands instead of allowing his men to do so. He was at present much overtaxed being without a second Engineer, so it was not a good time to judge. Mr. Tresize then attended having just examined the machinery etc. and made a verbal report on it which at the Chairmans request he promised to put into writing. He said the machinery generally was not working well, being run down, but with care it could go on for two or three months more without risk. Asked what his opinion of the new Engineer was, Mr. Tresize replied it was hard to say not knowing him well but he seemed to be active and to know what he was about and could take up his (Mr. Tresize's) ideas intelligently. Mr. Tresize did not think the recent mishaps in the engine department were due to

Mr. Chemnitz neglect but thought that in a moment of excitement he might have done some things not quite so well as he otherwise would. Mr. Tresize then retired promising to furnish his written report as soon as possible.

Mr. Dodds said it seemed that Mr. Chemnitz should have a further and fairer trial with more assistance, and informed Mr. Heckert that Mr. Watt the former engineer was now employed by the Yokohama Engine and Iron Works and his assistance might be availed of at any time; and at the worst the aid of the Handa Brewery fitter might be again obtained.

Reference having been made to a European 2nd engineer with whom the Chairman was negotiating and authority having been given Mr. Heckert to engage a Japanese engineer formerly employed at the Asahi Brewery the meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman