

1898 November 29<sup>th</sup>

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at No.7 Water Street at 3.45 p.m.  
on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1898

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), J.D. Hutchison, W.R. Bennett,  
F.S. James, and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood

Messrs T.B.Glover and H.Baehr being prevented by illness from attending.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November were read and confirmed.

➤ Mr. Kayser's Application for Post of Chief Brewer

Mr.Kayser's application for post of Chief Brewer The Chairman reported that in pursuance of the arrangements agreed upon at last meeting a contract, which he read, had been drawn up and signed by the Company and Mr. Kayser and that Mr. Kayser had left for Germany that day (29<sup>th</sup> November).

➤ Price of Beer

Price of Beer In connection with this matter a complaint which had been made by Mr. Yonei to the Secretary regarding bad beer and which had already been circulated was considered. After discussion it was resolved that as complaints had now ceased and the Chief Brewer reported that the Beer now being issued was in good order and condition, and viewing also the fact that the new Customs Tariff would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1899 that date should be decided upon for the intended increase of 5 sen per gallon and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Yonei accordingly. As regards the bad beer it was reported that the Chief Brewer attributed the defects to the temperature of the cellars having risen above a proper point through the works connected with the building of the new cellars and through the

inefficient operation of the refrigerating machinery during some of the Summer months, and also to the fact that owing to excessive demand some beer had gone out which was not quite mature.

➤ Financial Statement

Financial Statement The Secretary's usual statement was submitted and read.

➤ Office assistant Crane

Office – Assistant Crane A letter from Mr. Crane was read asking permission to meet the Directors in order to refute some charges regarding negligent performance of duty which he said had been made against him. Mr. Crane having attended said he would have preferred that the meeting had taken place at the Brewery Office where his word could be seen whereupon the Chairman undertook that he and another Director should visit the office shortly. In Mr. Crane's absence the Chairman said that from personal observation and otherwise it was apparent that Mr. Crane was not suited to the post and suggested that he be requested to look out for other employment. This was agreed upon.

➤ Reconstruction of Company

Reconstruction of Company This matter was gone into in detail – the proposed Reconstruction Agreement, and Memorandum and Articles of Association of the new Company being examined and discussed. The question as to whether it was possible to Register the Company with a Capital in yen being referred to, the opinion received from Mr. Pollock Hongkong, was quoted, viz:- "I am of opinion that there is nothing to prevent a Company from being registered in any currency which is desired" and it was also mentioned

by one of the Directors as an actual instance that the Shanghai Land Investment company was registered with its capital in taels. After the Company's Secretary Mr. Stewart had been nominated for the post of Liquidator of the old Company, and the amount of the profits of the old Company made after 31<sup>st</sup> March 1898 to be divided being fixed at yen 45,000, a memorandum of alterations suggestions and enquiries for the Company's legal adviser, Mr. Walford, was drawn up and the meeting then closed at 6.45 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman