

1898 December 21st

Emergency Meeting of Directors held at No.7 Water Street at 3 p.m.

on Wednesday 21st December 1898

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), J.D. Hutchison, W.R. Bennett,

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

- Emergency Meeting about the Bad Beer
- Bad Beer

This emergency meeting was convened principally to consider further the question of the Bad Beer which had lately been delivered by the Brewery and also the most desirable steps to be taken with the object of removing the unfavourable impression which had undoubtedly gained ground in the public mind. Mr. Heckert who attended by request was once more asked to say what he could. In reply to questions he said the last bad, or mixed, beer had been delivered from the Brewery about the beginning of last week; he thought all the beer now being delivered was quite safe to keep good for a month anyhow and that he could easily guarantee that beer issued now would be perfectly good at the new year time.

He said the brewery yeast had been bad but had now much improved and was continuing to improve. Mr. Dodds remarked that this was the first time yeast had been mentioned in connection with the bad beer, when Mr. Heckert explained that while the inferiority of the yeast was the final cause of the bad quality of the beer that inferiority itself had been caused by abnormally high temperature in the cellar. After consideration it was resolved that the Secretary should obtain an interview with Mr. Yonei and arrange, with his consent, for the distribution as New Year presents in desirable quarters

throughout the country of 1-dozen cases of Beer to the extent of say 400/500 cases or even more if required.

➤ Loss of Beer from Fermentation Room

Loss of Beer from Fermentation Room The Chairman asked Mr. Heckert to repeat a verbal report made on this subject, which Mr. Heckert did to the effect that on the evening of the 19th December the wooden plugs in the bottom of two fermentation vats unaccountably became removed and the contents of the two vats, some 1000 gallons of beer, were lost.

Mr. Heckert said he was quite certain the plugs could not have fallen out of themselves but must have been maliciously knocked out with a hammer. The case had been immediately reported to the Police Authorities and an Inspector and a Detective had visited the Brewery and were making investigations but so far nothing had resulted.

The meeting then closed at 4.30 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman