

1899 June 2nd

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 3.30 p.m.
on Friday 2nd June 1899

Present: Messrs James Dodds, Chairman, T.B. Glover, F.S. James,
W.R. Bennett, and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of 19th May were read and confirmed.

➤ Consulting Engineers Report on Engines

Consulting Engineers Report on Engines was read and discussed. In view of the absence of precise figures as to cost of a duplicate engine for the new brewery a decision regarding it was postponed. In the meantime Mr. Munster and Mr. Chemnitz were to be desired to be on the look out for any defects which might appear in the present machinery. In connection with the report the Chairman remarked that Mr. Munster had not yet had time to form an opinion as to the suitability of Engineer Chemnitz; but he himself had formed an opinion that although Mr. Chemnitz might be a good fitter he had not had much experience in running engines and economizing expenditure of coal. A suggestion had been made that it might be advantageous to secure as Engineer the fitter for the new machinery who was now daily expected. Mr. Munster's report re Coal was promised in a few days.

➤ Analysis of Accounts for 1898/9

Analysis of Accounts for 1898/9 This was submitted by the Secretary and read. The Secretary was requested to send a copy to each Director.

➤ Assistant Brewer Eichelberg

Assistant Brewer Eichelberg A letter from this officer applying for an

increase in his contract Salary was read and after consideration it was resolved to accord him an increase of yen 50 per month throughout his contract, the change to take effect as from 1st April last; and it was further resolved to make an increase of yen 30 per month in a similar manner to Second Assistant Brewer Wendt. In recognition of Mr. Eichelbergs having acted for 2 1/2 months as Brewer in charge it was also decided to allow and pay him a special bonus of yen 250.00 on Mr. Kayser's taking over charge.

➤ Water Supply

Water Supply In the belief that a considerable supply of water existed in the lot at No. 270 owned by Dr. Van der Heyden it was resolved to ascertain for what figure the land could be obtained, and Mr. James undertook to make enquiries.

➤ First General Meeting be in July

General Meeting After discussion it was resolved to hold the first meeting of the Shareholders of the Company some time in July.

➤ Reconstruction Expenses

Reconstruction Expenses The Chairman reported he had made an arrangement with Mr. Walford to the effect that that gentleman's fee to cover all his charges should be yen 2,250.00 and the Secretary submitted an estimate of all the other expenses, including the cost of a gift to Messrs. Caldbeck MacGregor & Cos Manager at Hong Kong which it was agreed to present, amounting to yen 915.

➤ Managing Director

Managing Director The Chairman expressed the opinion which was concurred in by the other Directors that the appointment of a Managing

Director was not at present desirable.

➤ Reports from Germany on Kirin Beer Samples

Reports from Germany on Kirin Beer Samples These were commented upon but full consideration was deferred pending receipt of a report on the second samples sent.

➤ Rice for Brewing

Rice The question of what quality and description of Rice was most suitable for brewing purposes was raised and discussed. Resolved to refer to Chief Brewer Kayser after his arrival which was expected on the 5th instant.

The Meeting then closed at 6.15 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman