

1899 November 17th

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at No.7 Water Street at 4 p.m.

on Friday the 17th November 1899

Present: J. Dodds (Chairman), F.S. James, W.R. Bennett, J.D. Hutchison

➤ Emergency Meeting about the Registration of the Company

This was an emergency meeting called for the purpose of considering an opinion received in writing from Mr. Walford regarding the Registration of the Company, which had already been circulated among the Directors. After discussion it was resolved to follow the course recommended by Mr. Walford, viz:- to register the Company as a branch in Japan, which it was understood was in accordance with the law as it now stood. Other Companies in Yokohama were, it was also understood, about to do the same.

➤ Brewery Engineer

Brewery Engineer The Chairman reported that several applications had been received in response to the advertisement for a new man and that two of them seemed eligible.

Mr. Chemnitz he further reported was still sick and would not be fit to resume duty for some weeks.

➤ Assistant Brewer Eichelberg

Assistant Brewer Eichelberg The Chairman recounted a disagreement which had arisen between the Chief Brewer and Mr. Eichelberg in consequence of alleged mis-use by the latter of a certain disinfectant, and stated that a letter had been written Mr. Eichelberg, in response to one received from him, in which he was admonished to obey all orders of the Chief Brewer and at the same time to give greater attention to his duties than he

had been doing. The Chairman also remarked that it would be necessary to speak to Mr. Kayser as to his manner of treating and conveying orders to his subordinates.

➤ Refreshment Rooms at Railway Stations

Railway Station Refreshment Rooms Reference was made to a complaint by Mr. Kirkwood that other Companies' beers were displayed in these rooms to the detriment of Kirin. The Manager said he had himself visited Yokohama station and had arranged for placards (already printed) calling attention to Kirin. The only show of other beers which he saw consisted of 3 small bottles of Sapporo Beer standing on a shelf in a corner of the "bar" – not in a conspicuous place. Reference to Meidiya had already been made on the strength of Mr. Kirkwoods statements and a written reply was looked for. Meidiya had stated verbally that the railway officials unfortunately could and did compel the lessees of the rooms to keep supplies of beer other than "Kirin" although doubtless this was contrary to the understanding on which the Directors had voted the sum to be expended in fitting up the rooms.

The meeting then closed at 5 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman