

1900 November 20th

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 3 p.m.

on Monday 20th November 1900

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), C.B. Bernard, J.D. Hutchison,

O. Haynemann. W.R. Bennett.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 14th November were read and confirmed.

➤ Insurance of Profits

Insurance of Profits Mr. Hutchison reported he had written to Agents in England enquiring whether such insurance could be effected and that he looked for a reply by telegraph. A memorandum by the Manager on the amount of insurance to be covered was referred to.

➤ Taxation

Taxation The Manager reported that the Municipal office had again made application (by telephone) for payment of their proportion of Income Tax. Resolved not to pay in the meantime but to await developments.

➤ Disposal of Old Machinery

Disposal of Old Machinery Mr. Dodds reported that the negotiations for the sale to the Fukki Beer Company had fallen through. Chief Brewer Kayser and Engineer Thomson having presented themselves by request Mr. Dodds enquired of the Engineer as to the condition of the old machinery and the feasibility of utilizing it in the new brewery.

Mr. Thomson, who had prepared a written report, replied that the two old engines together would probably be sufficient to keep the cellars cool but that they were not powerful enough to do brewing work as well. The condition of

the machinery, he said, was rather better than might have been expected. After consideration and discussion it was resolved to withdraw the present newspaper advertisement offering the machinery for sale by tender and to arrange with Mr. John W. Hall to offer it at public auction on about the 10th December removal to be effected within 30days.

➤ Water Supply

Water Supply Mr. Bernard reported that he had inspected the Honmoku neighbourhood in Company with the Manager and Engineer and he recommended the purchase of a plot of land some 3,000 tsubo in area at the southern end of the Rifle Range with a view to testing its water-bearing capacity.

After consideration it was resolved to engage Mr. de Becker to ascertain what would be the best means and probable cost of effecting the purchase of the land referred to and all the rights belonging to it. Reference was made to the recently reported fact that one of the Honmoku wells was somewhat tainted with ammonia and the utmost carefulness of drawing supplies was insisted upon.

➤ Meidiya Extension of Period of Credit

Meidiya Extension of Period of Credit A letter was received from Mr. Yonei during the course of the meeting pleading for reconsideration of the determination of the Directors not to grant any extension of credit. The Directors decided to adhere to their previous resolution and to write Mr. Yonei accordingly.

The Meeting then closed at 5.15 p.m.

James Dodds
Chairman