

1901 January 10th

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery offices at 3.30 p.m.
on Thursday 10th January 1901

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), W.R. Bennett, J.D. Hutchison,
O. Haynemann, C.B. Bernard, and F.S. James

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 19th December were read and confirmed.

➤ The Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was read and referred to point by point.

➤ Water supply

Water supply The Engineers Report was read and also a Table showing the monthly rainfall during the past five years. The Engineers Report gave the flow of water in the three brewery wells as 8315 gallons on 31st December and 9800 on 9th January. Mr. Bernard reported that no arrangement regarding the land at the Rifle Range had been arrived at. The owner, he said, was now asking 8 yen per tsubo and he, Mr. Bernard, thought it best allow the matter to stand over for a few days. The Secretary reported that water was again being carted from Honmoku.

➤ Fermentation Room

Fermentation Room The Secretary reported and the Chief Brewer confirmed that the addition of the "Starting Tank" had increased the capacity of the Fermentation Room by about 25% and it was therefore unnecessary to consider any extension at present.

➤ Breweries' Association

Breweries' Association The Secretary reported that he had attended two

meeting which had been held for the purpose of considering steps to be taken to oppose the threatened tax on beer, and a report of the resolutions passed the meeting of the 9th instant was read. Resolved that the Secretary should attend the next meeting fixed for the 11th instant.

➤ Sale of old Machinery

Sale of old Machinery The Chairman reported that no actual progress had been made although enquiries still continued.

➤ Financial Statement

Financial Statement This was read and commented upon.

Chief Brewer's Report. This was submitted and read as was also a letter from Mr. Glover regarding a complaint as to the inferior quality of the coal supplied by the Mitsu Bishi Company.

➤ Short Supply of Hops

Short Supply of Hops The Chairman related circumstances under which the supply of hops had fallen short and referred to letters on the subject which he had addressed to the Chief Brewer and the Manager and also their replies. He suggested that it might be advantageous to keep stocks of hops in Germany and have supplies sent forward as required.

➤ Brewery Accounts

Brewery Accounts A letter from Mr. Baehr on the method of accounting followed by some breweries in Germany was referred to and ordered to be filed.

➤ Meidiya Advertising Estimates

Meidiya Advertising Estimates The Secretary's letter of 29th December to Mr. Yonei together with the reply and also a second letter of 9th January

were read. A letter from Mr. Bernard was also read submitting draft of a proposed letter to Meidiya.

➤ F.S. James appointed managing director

After consideration and discussion it was resolved to write to Meidiya informing him that Mr. F.S. James had been appointed Managing Director with full powers to discuss this and other subjects and asking him to name a day when it would be convenient to have a meeting.

The Meeting then closed at 5.40 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman