

1901 May 9<sup>th</sup>

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

on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1901

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman) J.D. Hutchison, O.Haynemann,

C.B. Bernard, F.S. James

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April were read and confirmed.

➤ Protection of Coal Bunker from Fire

Protection of Coal Bunker from fire The Managing Director reported that the construction of an asbestos ceiling would be completed in a few days.

➤ Water Supply

Water Supply A statement by the Engineer was submitted showing that the flow from the wells had somewhat decreased since the date of the last meeting but it had not, in the interval, been necessary to “import” any water. Mr. Bernard reported he had authorised Mr. de Becker to offer yen 8,000 for 3,000 tsubo of land at the end of the Rifle Range and that Mr. de Becker had undertaken to negotiate on that basis.

➤ Brewery Extension

Brewery Extension The Chairman stated that the Managing Director and the Engineer had further discussed the question, with the result that in their opinion the best plan was to allow an order to go forward as arranged at last meeting.

➤ Financial Statement and Chief Brewers Report for April

Financial Statement prepared for the meeting and also the Chief Brewer's Report for April were read.

➤ Increase of Price of Beer from 15<sup>th</sup> May

Increase of Price of Beer from 15<sup>th</sup> May The Managing Director reported that in accordance with the arrangement entered into with the Breweries' Association he had, on 1<sup>st</sup> May, written to Mr. Yonei of Meidiya advising him of the increase. Mr. Yonei happened to be absent in the country on that date, but on 3<sup>rd</sup> May a letter was received from him complaining of having been thus taken unawares, while as he said, other Breweries had advised their agents some time previously and had accepted large order for beer to be delivered after 15<sup>th</sup> May at the present prices. Mr. James visited Mr. Yonei in Tokyo on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant when Mr. Yonei repeated his complaints and said that the Asahi, the Yebisu and the Sapporo Breweries were those he had referred to as having informally given early notice of the advance in. He said that in ignorance of any increase he had booked large order at the old figure and that he would require 40,000 cases to enable him to do justice to his sub-agents. He had absolutely accepted order for 20,000 cases and many more might since have been accepted. After discussion an arrangement was finally come to that the Company should supply Meidiya with the equivalent of 25,000 cases as from 1<sup>st</sup> May inclusive, at the old price; 10,000 to be delivered in May, 10,000 in June and 5,000 in July.

The Directors confirmed this arrangement.

➤ The Draft of the Chairman's Speech at the General Meeting

The draft of the Chairmans speech prepared for the General Meeting having been referred to.

The Meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman