

## 1902 February 12<sup>th</sup>

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Directors held at No.7, Water Street.

on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1902. at 4 p.m.

Present: Jas. Dodds (Chairman), J.D. Hutchison, T.B. Glover, O. Haynemann, C.B. Bernard, & F.S. James (Managing Director).

- Special meeting of Directors relating to Kayser and bad quality of beer
- Analysis of 3 Samples Beer

Reports were produced from the Government Laboratory, Mr. Schedel & Messrs. North & Rae on the 3 samples beer sediment Nos. 1687, 1688 & 1788 sent for analysis. They all showed practically the same result, viz:- That the sediment consisted largely of Yeast Cells, mostly unhealthy.

- Kayser or Eichelberg

After some discussion a conclusion was arrived at that in order to re-establish confidence with Meidiya, the services of Mr. Kayser would have to be dispensed with, but a difference of opinion was expressed as to when a change should be made.

Mr. Hutchison thought it would be unwise to change the Chief Brewer until after the busy season as if it were done immediately Mr. Eichelberg would be almost alone, & in the event of his becoming ill or unable to attend to his duties, the responsibility of running the Brewing department would fall to Mr. Wendt who is an untried man.

- Bernard's Leave of Absence for 2 or 3 Months

Mr. Bernard was in favour of an immediate change, as if the beer this coming season proved as unsatisfactory as last, the reputation of "Kirin" would be lost, and he thought that the risk of Mr. Eichelberg being taken ill or

becoming incapacitated, was very small, and that the Directors should take it, rather than allow Mr. Kayser to go on Brewing.

The question being a difficult and important one to settle it was decided that first of all the Reports on the 3 samples of Beer sediment should be sent to Mr. Kayser, and he be invited to make a statement in writing as to whether, with these reports in hand, he could give any further reason for the muddiness of the beer and then, after hearing what he had to say, to take the matter of dismissal into consideration, and settle it finally.

A letter from Mr. Bernard was read asking for leave of absence from his duties as Director for 2 or 3 months, which was agreed to.

➤ Copeland's Return from South America and His Death

Mr. Dodds said that some few weeks ago Mr. Copeland had arrived from South America with his wife, in a destitute state and dying condition, and that as he was the originator of the Spring Valley Brewery on which site now stands The Japan Brewery Co's premises, he thought it only right that some help should be forthcoming from the Brewery. He said that in company with Mr. James he had called on Mr. Eyton who took an interest in Mr. Copeland's affairs, and that they had arranged with him, that any expenses incurred in making Mr. Copeland comfortable should be borne by the Brewery. Mr. Copeland died suddenly last night and he thought that the Funeral expenses together with a small sum of money for the widow should be contributed by the Brewery.

This was agreed to, and the amount left to the discretion of Messrs. Dodds & James.

The Meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman