MINUTES of the Three hundred and seventeenth meeting of the Committee of the RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on Thursday, 4th January, 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the Chair), Messrs. F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson, J.K. Wedge. The Secretary was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received from Mr. H.S. Beavis.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

MUNICIPAL VALUATION:

The Secretary reported that he had lodged a protest at the Ringwood Town Hall against the valuation made by the Borough Valuer, Mr. English. This action was taken after enquiries made with the Secretaries of the Donvale and Doncaster Co-operative Cool Stores had revealed that their valuations were considerably less than the valuation made by Mr. English.

Resolved that the Secretary instruct the Society's solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, to take the necessary action to appeal against the valuation made.

NO. 3 CHAMBER:

The Engineer recommended that 600 feet of Baltic Flooring, 2 rolls of Malthoid and 150 feet of 4" x 12" Hardwood be purchased to repair the ceiling in this chamber. Resolved that the Engineer's recommendation be accepted and the repairs carried out immediately.

SPACE RENT 1951:

Resolved that in accordance with the Rules of the Society a Rent Rate of One shilling and nine pence (1/9d.) per case space be struck for the year ending 31st December 1951. Payable at sevenpence per case space on or before 1st March 1951, sevenpence per case space on or before 1st July 1951, and sevenpence per case space on or before 1st September 1951.

ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD:

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Society showing an increase in the rates of 19/-, being recent Basic Wage decision of the Federal Arbitration Court, to apply from the first pay period to commence in December 1950.

BANK OVERDRAFT:

The Secretary reported that the Manager of the English, Scottish & Australian Bank Ltd. wished to be informed as to the amount of financial assistance the Society would require for the ensuing year.

Resolved that the Secretary interview the Manager, Mr. Giles, and endeavour to increase the present overdraft of £1150:0:0d. to £1500:0:0d.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

6 payments General Account totalling £196:11:0d. to be
8 " " " £140:13:2d. to be
passed.
3 " Trust Account " £ 36: 0:5d. to be
ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Bank Statement, General Account, Dr. Balance £526:5:4d.

Less unpresented cheques £197:4:9d.

Bank Statement, Trust Account - Nil.

Dated this 25 day of January, 1951.

H. Pump.

of the COMMITTEE of the RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE
COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the
residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road,
Ringwood, on 25th January, 1951, at 7.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the Chair), Messrs. F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson, J.K. Wedge and H.S. Beavis. The Secretary was also in attendance.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

MUNICIPAL VALUATION:

It was reported that this matter was now being handled by the Society's solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson. The Solicitors had requested that a notice of intention to appeal be presented to the Council of the Borough of Ringwood by the Secretary on February 1st, 1951.

The Solicitors also requested that Mr. F. Sampson, a competent valuer, be engaged to value the Society's buildings.

After consultation with the Chairman, the Secretary had instructed Mr. Hodgson to engage Mr. Sampson.

Resolved that the Secretary present on February 1st, 1951, the Notice of Intention to Appeal, and that the Secretary's instructions regarding the appointment of Mr. Sampson be and is hereby endorsed.

NO. 3 CHAMBER:

The Secretary reported that repairs to this chamber had been effected with secondhand timber, as the material on order could not be delivered before the arrival of this season's fruit.

Resolved that the action of the Secretary in securing suitable material for the repairing of this chamber be endorsed.

ENGINEER'S RESIGNATION:

The resignation of Mr. C.C. Mitchell, Engineer in charge, was received. He desired to be relieved of his duties on 26th January 1951.

Resolved that Mr. Mitchell's resignation be accepted.

ENGINEER IN CHARGE:

Resolved that the second Engineer, Mr. J. Vergers, be appointed as Engineer in charge.

SECOND ENGINEER :

Resolved that Mr. G. Edwards be appointed to the staff as second Engineer.

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES:

Resolved that expenses incurred by the Secretary in procuring materials and providing labour for the repairs to No. 3 Chamber and the concentrating copper be reimbursed.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

It was suggested that an electric jug and a few small items of furniture be procured for the staff.

Resolved that the Secretary be empowered to purchase any articles which he considered necessary.

GAS MASKS:

Resolved that the Secretary procure two gas masks as recommended by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

SUCTION GAS ENGINE:

Resolved that the original cost of the Suction Gas Engine, £4000, which has been replaced by Electric Power, be written off.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE :

Resolved that two tons of Calcium Chloride be placed on order.

TRANSFER OF SHARES:

Resolved that the following transfer of shares be and is hereby approved:

H.M. Farmilo to A. Castagnone T.M.H. Farmilo to E. Castagnone 390 shares 65 shares

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates Nos. 631 and 632, the documents were duly signed and the seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H. Pump and F.S. Dunn, together with the Secretary.

COOL STORES CONFERENCE:

The Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association advised the Annual Conference would be held on June 14th, 1951, at Mildura.

Resolved that the Secretary, Mr. W.A. Stewart, be informed of any orchardists who desire to attend.

SPACE LEASED ACCOUNT SUNDRY SHAREHOLDERS :

Resolved that in accordance with the Authority to Let space received from sundry shareholders, who were unable to utilize their and their nominees' space holdings, such space to be let on the said Shareholders' account to applicants for such space. The Space Rent charge for leased space to be One shilling and ninepence for the 1951 season, payable in three equal instalments, viz.,

Sevenpence per case space on or before 1st March Sevenpence per case space on or before 1st July, and the balance, Sevenpence per case space, on or before 1st September 1951.

Resolved that the several amounts received for the hiring of the said space on account of sundry shareholders from time to time be credited to the respective shareholders' Space-rent accounts until such accounts are liquidated.

CONFIRMED this

15th day of charch 1951.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and nineteenth Meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on 15th March, 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the Chair), Messrs. F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson, and H.S. Beavis. The Secretary was also in attendance.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received from Mr. J.K. Wedge.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT :

Resolved that the Secretary's action in purchasing office equipment considered necessary be and is hereby endorsed.

GAS MASKS: The Secretary reported that he had interviewed Mr. Whitehead of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade regarding suitable Gas Masks for use in the event of escaping Ammonia Fumes. After pointing out the dangers and inefficiency of the masks available, Mr. Whitehead recommended that in the event of ammonia fumes escaping in the Society's buildings, the Brigade be notified and trained personnel with the necessary equipment would be in attendance in a very short time.

Resolved that the recommendation of Mr. Whitehead be adopted.

ADVERTISING BOARDING :

Maxwell G. Rawson seeking permission to erect an advertising boarding at the front of vacant land near the entrance to the Society's buildings.

Resolved that as this boarding would obscure the vision of drivers of vehicles leaving the Cool Stores, thereby causing a danger to traffic on the Main Road, permission could not be granted.

ANNUAL MEETING :

Resolved that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1951, at 8 p.m.

INSURANCE ON FRUIT :

Resolved that the fruit and containers the property of Shareholders who have not pooled their fruit with the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Co. be insured for 10/- per case for the ensuing year.

TANK: Resolved that a new tank necessary for the cooling of the Diesel Engine be purchased to replace the existing tank which is beyond repair.

SECRETARY'S SALARY :

Resolved that the Secretary's Salary be increased from £208:0:0d. per annum to £260:0:0d. per annum.

ACCOUNT FOR PULLEY:

It was reported that an account for a pulley supplied by Messrs. Donald Don & Co. was £7:1:0d. over the estimate given in a letter received on 16th July 1951.

Resolved that as certain difficulties were encountered after the estimate was given, an adjustment was in order, and the Secretary to seek a reduction and if possible make a satisfactory settlement.

ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association showing an increase in the rates of 8/-, being recent Basic Wage decision of the Federal Arbitration Court to apply from the first pay period to commence in February 1951.

Resolved that the Engineer's wages be adjusted in accordance with the determination as from February 1st 1951.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

20 payments General Account totalling £717:17:10d. to be ratified. £ 69: 2:10d. to be passed. £238: 5: 9d. to be " Trust ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account Dr. Balance £340:11: 4d. 63:17:11d. Unpresented cheques

Bank Statement Trust Account - Cr. Balance £ 48: 2:11d.

15th day of May 1951. CONFIRMED this

MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentieth meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on the 15th May 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. H. Pump, H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn and H.S. Beavis.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. J.K. Wedge.

CHAIRMAN: Resolved that Mr. H. Pump be appointed Chairman for the ensuing term.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

MUNICIPAL VALUATION:

At the request of the Municipal Valuer, Mr. English, the Committee and Mr. F. Sampson attended a meeting held at the Town Hall, Ringwood, on 4th April 1951, to discuss the recent valuation made on the Society's Buildings. After considerable discussion, Mr. English offered to make a small reduction in this valuation.

As the reduction was not acceptable to the Committee, Mr. Sampson suggested that a conference of the Solicitors of both parties with Mr. English and himself in attendance be arranged. A report issued by the Society's solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, was received and discussed.

. COOL STORAGE RATES :

A circular received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association advised that Cool Storage Rates have now been de-controlled.

ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association showing an increase in the rates of 7/-, being recent Basic Wage decision of the Federal Arbitration Court to apply from the first pay period to commence in May 1951.

Resolved that the Engineer's Wages be adjusted in accordance with the Determination as from May 1st, 1951.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER'S RESIGNATION:

The Secretary reported that Mr. G. Edwards had tendered his resignation and wished to be relieved of his duties on May 19th, 1951. Resolved that Mr. Edwards resignation be accepted.

The question of securing applications for the position of Assistant Engineer was discussed at length, and it was agreed that some alterations would have to be made in the existing conditions to induce suitable men to apply for this position. Resolved that the Engineers be paid time and a half for work done on Saturday, Sunday, and all gazetted holidays, and that the Secretary invite applications for the position of Assistant Engineer on these terms.

COMPRESSOR :

The Secretary reported that one of the valves in the Compressor driven by the Electric Motor had not been working satisfactorily. This matter was placed in the hands of Messrs. Werner & Co., and satisfactory repairs were effected.

It was recommended by this Company that the other valves in this Compressor should be overhauled at the first available opportunity.

Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed and that the necessary attention be given to the other valves.

PARKING: It was reported that owing to the shortage of parking space on the main street, vehicles were being parked on the Society's property, thereby causing inconvenience to shareholders loading or unloading fruit.

> Resolved that two notices prohibiting parking of vehicles on the Society's premises be erected.

TRANSFER OF SHARES :

Resolved that the following Transfer of Shares be and is hereby approved:

D.H. Sleeth to Edi Ravizza - 390 shares.

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip No. 633, the document was duly signed and the seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H. Pump and H.F. Pearson, together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that 27 payments General Account totalling £1001:8:3d. be ratified, and

that 2 payments Trust Account totalling £ 124:14:10d. be ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Bank Statement General Account, Dr. Balance £824:13: 4d. Less unpresented cheque £ 1: 2: 1d. Bank Statement Trust Account, Cr. Balance £ 72: 3: 6d. 26th day of Jane 1 H. Pumpe.

CONFIRMED this

MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentyfirst meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on 26th June, 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the Chair), Messrs. H.F. Pearson, J.K. Wedge and H.S. Beavis. The Secretary was also in attendance.

Mr. F.S. Dunn, being away on holidays, was unable to be present.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER :

The Secretary reported that he, together with the Engineer in charge, Mr. J. Vergers, had interviewed Mr. J. Baker, who had intimated that he was interested in the vacancy existing on our staff. At the request of our Engineer, the position was held open for one month as Mr. Baker was unable to accept the position immediately. Mr. Baker has now been engaged and commenced his duties on June 25th last.

Resolved that the Secretary's action in making this appointment be approved and is hereby endorsed.

ENGINEER IN CHARGE:

It was reported that the Engineer in charge, Mr. J. Vergers, had been unable to report for duty since June 25th owing to illness. During his absence his duties are being carried out by the Secretary with the assistance of the Assistant Engineer.

Resolved that the Committee regret to learn of our Engineer's illness and wish him a speedy recovery, and also that the action of the Secretary is appreciated and that he be recompensed for his assistance.

PAINT: The Engineer sought permission to purchase a special paint which was at present obtainable from Messrs. Dane Taylor & Co. for use on the interior walls of the Cool Store.

Resolved that 15 gallons of this paint be purchased.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD :

A letter was received from the Country Roads Board seeking permission to acquire portion of our land leased from the Victorian Railways Commissioners. The land in question has a frontage of 80 feet to Maroondah Highway and 30 feet to Wantirna Road.

Resolved that the Secretary interview the Society's solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, and ascertain whether the Board have the power to compulsorily acquire the land.

BONUS TO ENGINEER:

As our Engineer, Mr. J. Vergers, has been carrying out the work at the Cool Store for the past six weeks singlehanded, the Committee expressed their desire to show their appreciation in a tangible way.

Resolved that a letter be forwarded to our Engineer expressing the Committee's appreciation and that a cheque for £15:0:0d. as a bonus be enclosed.

LOST CHEQUE :

As a cheque for £7:9:10d. reported to have been lost had not been presented at the Society's Bank, authority to forward new cheque to Mr. Newton was sought. Resolved that a cheque for £7:9:10d. be forwarded to Mr. R.W. Newton.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that 14 payments General Account totalling £442:12:5d. be ratified

that 3 payments General Account totalling £211:5:4d. be passed

that 4 payments Trust Account totalling £181:13:11d. be ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account - Dr. Balance £788: 0: 8d. Bank Statement Trust Account - Cr. Balance £ 22: 4: 4d.

CONFIRMED this

23 rd day of August. 1951.

H. Gempo Chairman:

MINUTES of the Three hundred and Twentysecond

Meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD

CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED

held at the residence of the Secretary, 46

Mullum Road, Ringwood, on 23rd August, 1951,
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the chair), Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, J.K. Wedge and H.S. Beavis. The Secretary was also in attendance.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

REPORTS: The Secretary reported that he had attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association held on August 13th last. A resolution was passed at this Meeting imposing a levy of one-tenth of a penny per case on all affiliated Co-operative Cool Stores.

The Secretary also reported that the Engineer in Charge would commence his annual leave on August 25th.

OVERTIME: As our Assistant Engineer, Mr. J. Baker, would be in charge for three weeks, it was decided that he should be recompensed for the overtime he will be required to work. Resolved that Mr. J.Baker be paid one week's salary for extra services rendered.

J.D. & JAMES MULDOWNEY:

A letter was received from Messrs. Hennessey. Knowles & Behan, Solicitors acting for J.P.A. Trowbridge, Executor of the Will of J.D. Muldowney. Mr. J.D. Muldowney having died intestate and Mr. James Muldowney having died without disposing of the shares, as Administrator of his brother's estate, there is no one who now represents J.D. Muldowney's Estate, and who has power to sell or transfer the 390 shares registered in the Society's books. The only persons entitled to the Shares held by J.D. Muldowney and James Muldowney are Mrs. Trowbridge and her four children. The Solicitors seek permission to allow Mr. J.P.A. Trowbridge to transfer both lots of shares into the name of his mother and her four children, including himself. An Indemnity would be given, if required.

Resolved that permission be granted to allow Mr. J.P. Trowbridge to transfer the shares, on receipt of a letter of indemnity, also that Mr. Trowbridge through his solicitors, be made fully aware of the fact that the shares are a liability on the Shareholder.

ENGINE DRIVERS! AWARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association, showing an increase of 12/- cost of living allowance from the first pay period in August.

Resolved that the Engineer's Wages be adjusted in accordance with the Determination as from August 1st, 1951.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

19 payments General Account totalling £591: 8: ld. be ratified.

3 payments General Account totalling £ 73:16: 4d. be passed.

2 payments Trust Account totalling £ 24: 6: 3d. be ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account - Dr. Balance £472: 2: 1d. Bank Statement Trust Account - Cr. Balance £105:18: 2d.

CONFIRMED this

16th day of October. 1951.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and Twentythird Meeting of the Committee of the RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on 16th October, 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the chair), Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, J.K. Wedge and H.S. Beavis. The Secretary was also in attendance.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD :

A letter was received from the Country Roads Board advising of their intention to acquire portion of the land leased by the Society from the Railways Commissioners, also that a plan showing the portion of land in question be signed and returned to the C.R.B. Office.

Resolved that action be deferred, pending a reply from the Society's Solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, as to whether the Country Roads Board have power to compulsorily acquire the land.

COUNCIL VALUATION :

It was reported that an agreement on a valuation satisfactory to both parties could not be reached by the solicitors concerned.

The Ringwood Borough Solicitors, Messrs. Maddock, Lonie & Chisholm, have now taken action to have the case heard before the County Court at a date to be fixed (approx. 6 months hence).

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that no action be taken at present, and the matter be deferred.

TRANSFER OF SHARES :

Resolved that the following transfer of Shares be and is hereby approved.

E.F. Horn to E.S. Roy 300 shares F.B. Sleeth to Lidia Ravizza 156 shares

SIGN SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Nos. 634 and 635, the documents were duly signed and the seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H. Pump and H.F. Pearson, together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that
11 payments General Account totalling £412:8:2d. be ratified.

7 " £109:11:1d. be passed.

1 " Trust Account " £90:5:8d. be ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Bank Statement General Account Cr. Balance £308:15: 1
Trust " £101: 1: 9

CONFIRMED this

day of

H. Gampo 1951 Chairman. MINUTES of the Three hundred and Twentyfourth Meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on Thursday, 8th November, 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the Chair), Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, and H.S. Beavis. The Secretary was also in attendance.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received from Mr. J.K. Wedge.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD :

In reply to a letter written by the Secretary to the Society's Solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, the Society is informed that as both the Board and the Railways Commissioners are Governmental authorities, the Board is not entitled to give the Commissioners notice of intention to acquire the land leased by the Society. Resolved that no action be taken at present.

AFFILIATION FEE:

A circular was received from the Orchardists & Fruit Cool Stores Association setting out briefly some of the matters that have been dealt with, and also the reason for the necessity of increasing the affiliation fee.

Resolved that the affiliation fee calculated on the basis of one tenth of one penny per case space be agreed to.

ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD:

A copy of the Determination of the Factory Engine Drivers' Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association showing an increase in the rates of Ten shillings cost of living allowance from 1st pay in November.

Resolved that the Engineers' wages be adjusted in accordance with the determination as from 1st November, 1951.

BRINE PUMPS :

It was reported that the two Main Brine pumps were in bad repair and were frequently breaking down. Expert opinion had been sought and it has been recommended that two new pumps be installed. The cost of these pumps would be £42:10:0d. each.

Resolved that recommendation be accepted and two new pumps be installed.

CLOSING OF STORE :

Resolved that the Store close on November 30th next to allow the annual overhaul of plant to commence and that notices to this effect be placed on the Chamber doors.

SPACE 1952 :

Resolved that the usual Circular regarding the amount of space required for the coming season be forwarded to shareholders. Replies to be returnable on or before December 21st next.

CONFIRMED this

day of January. 1952.

H. Gump

Chairman