

The School of Mines

Adjourned meeting

of

The Administrative Council

April 17th 1873

No quorum

The Report of the Committee (the Vice-President) was as afterwards appears

Ballaarat 15th April 1873

Examination Statute of 30th Oct. 1872

The Statute (Art 3) declares that the Examin^g of Captains of Shift and Engine-Drivers shall be *viva voce*: It is submitted that written Examinations be substituted and the Statute altered accordingly:

The following reasons suggest themselves

The Candidates are able to read and write, except, perhaps, in a very few instances

It is proper that such persons should read & write a better chance of passing would be afforded to the Candidates - of understanding the Questions

It is probable that the number of Candidates might in the case of *viva voce* Examinations, militate against a proper Examination taking place as the few hours allotted would not suffice for the *viva voce* Examination of many Candidates

The inconvenience of personal attendance on the part of the Examiners would be prevented

It is recommended that the new Statute be framed in terms wh: wd. enable the Administrative Council upon special application in any individual cases to suspend the rule and permit the Examinations to be *viva voce*: such an amendment of the Statute would prevent the absolute exclusion of able workmen in middle life, who had not been taught to read and write and yet maintain the principle that workmen should receive the rudiments of literary instruction

Statute Cap V. Art. 3

It is submitted that the Council be recommended to appoint Joseph Fude Superintendent of Laboratories at the stipend of £100 p. ann. and all Fees received for Assays & Analyses: with use of Laboratories and an Office, including Fuel & Light

Statute Cap. VII Art. 7

It is submitted that the Council be recommended to reduce the Entrance Fee payable by Students to 1 Gu^{ea}. It would seem that the Fee was fixed at the amount of subscription paid by an Annual Governor: now that this has been reduced (from 3 Gu^{as} to 1 Gu^{ea}) it seems only right to lessen the Entrance Fee proportionately.

Statute Cap IX

It is submitted that the Council be recommended to amend this Statute by the substitution of the word "may" for shall

Examinations

So little difficulty occurring in the obtaining of qualified Examiners, who are in a position to spare sufficient time, and with a view of making suitable provision for the future, it is submitted that the Council be recommended to approve of the following Scale of Fees to Examiners, for the preparation of Question-Papers, and Report on Answers thereto, in Scientific and other subjects

By a Professor or Graduate of any University or certificated Pupil of A School of Mines } Two Guineas

By other than such } Half a Guinea

If this Scale of Fees should be adopted it is suggested that the number of Examiners should be limited to one, two, or three in each subject.

2 That the Reports of Examiners be accompanied by