Minutes

Opening Ceremony 26th Oct 1870

The establishment of a School of Mines was projected by the Mining Board for the Mining district of Ballaarat upon the Motion of Mr. J M. Bicket — Member. Smythes Creek Division — on the sixth day of October 1870.

The idea, originated with Mr Harris wood, for immediately establishing a School at Ballaarat — and he rendered very valuable assistance both to Mr Bicket in preparing the resolutions referred to above and afterwards in further maturing the scheme

The Mining Board having adopted the resolutions referred to above sought and obtained the cordial and active Co-operation of His Honor Sir Redmond Barry and His Honor I.W Rogers — who were requested to allow themselves to be Nominated President & Vice President respectively of the proposed School — This request they most cheerfully complied with.

His Honor I.W Rogers prepared the draft of the Outline of the Constitution of the School which was adopted by the Mining Board on the 25th January 1870. by the following Resolutions