

Mr Reeves

and eventually a deputation - from
the Board - consisting of Mr J. H. Bickett,
and E. J. Croker - waited upon the
Hon. the Commissioner of Public Works
at his office Melbourne. and obtained
a promise - that the building should be
leased to Trustees to be appointed on
behalf of the School. The deputation
also preferred a request to have the
half acre of land on which the building
was erected included in the lease.
The Commissioner upon this latter
request took time to consider the
matter but eventually conceded the
request.

The Trustees viz:- His Honor
Sir Redmond Barry & Sonneville
Lompson Learmonth and Rivett
Henry Bland Esquires - were nominated
by the Mining Board and accepted
by the Government. The trustees having
previously consented to do.

The Lease of the premises was
issued by the Board of Lands and
Works - Signed by the Common Seal
of which was attached in the presence
of the Honorable Col W Lellan and Clement
Hodgkinson - on the 7th April 1870.
Term of lease seven years
Rent one shilling per annum
Trustees to put and keep the building
in repair.

The Government retaining power to resume
the possession of the building by paying

Compensation not exceeding £2000

Robert Davidson C.E. acted as architect
to the school - and from plans and
specifications prepared by him the building
was put in repair under his supervision
at a cost of £ 239-

Mr Magee Governor of the jail at
Ballarat kindly allowed some of the
prisoners to trench a portion of the land
and plant trees thereon under the
supervision of Mr James Baker, the
prisoners also repaired the fences and
otherwise improved the property -

The Mining Board appointed Mr
James Baker Collector pro tem - to the
Trustees ~~with their consent~~ on the
25th January 1870, subject to the
approval of the Trustees. This consent
having been obtained the Collector
commenced his duties early in April
in that year. and immediately
issued the prospectus which appears
on the following pages.