

The School of Mines Ballarat.

Special Meeting } Monday 4.30 P.M.
of the Council } October 11th 1886.

Present - The Vice-President in the Chair, Councillors
J.M. Bickett, F.J. Martell, J. Reid, R.L. Vale, M.A.S.,
E.J. Rosenblum, and A. Wynne.

An apology was received for the absence of His
Lordship the Bishop

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To receive and consider motion on notice by Councillor Reid for the appointment of a Sub-Committee to revise the rules and fees of The School and bring up a report to the Council.
- 2.—To consider the desirability of associating the Ambulance Classes with The School.
- 3.—To consider the advisability of requesting the Hon. the Minister of Mines to appoint a representative of The School on the Board which in future is to deal with the Vote for prospecting purposes.
- 4.—To consider suggestions to be offered to the Premier on the question of granting Certificates of Service to Mining Managers.
- 5.—To consider such other matters as the Vice-President may submit.

1. Councillor Reid submitted his motion for the appointment of a sub-committee to revise the rules and fees of The School. In view of the general revision which will necessarily be required when affiliation to the University shall have been effected the Council deemed it advisable to postpone the consideration of this question
2. It was resolved that the Ambulance Classes be incorporated with The School on the following terms, viz:— That members of the ambulance association committee be subscribers to The School of Mines; The School will re-appoint them to take charge of the class and have full control, but all moneys to pass through the accounts of The School
3. Not entertained.
4. On the motion of C^r Bickett seconded by C^r Reid it was resolved that a memorandum based upon the

following be transmitted to the Hon: the Premier:—

The question of issuing Certificates of Competency, and of Service, to Mine Managers having been submitted for consideration by the Government the Council of this School are of opinion that having regard to the safe and economical working of all mines, Certificates of Competency and of Service should be issued not only to Mine Managers but to Captains of Mines in manner following, viz:— That to persons who have for a given time filled the office of Mine Manager a Certificate of Service as Mine Manager should be issued (without examination as to fitness) by a duly constituted authority

That such authority should also have power to frame regulations, examine candidates, and issue Certificates of Competency to Mine Managers on examination

That each Captain of Mines when appointed should apply for and receive a Certificate, and should when he has satisfactorily performed the duties of his office for a given period be entitled to receive a Mine Managers Certificate of Service; and each such certificate should be issued by the above mentioned authority to such Captain, without examination as to fitness.

That after the year (say) 1890 no person should (under a penalty to be specified) be employed by any Mining Company as a Mine Manager or a Captain of Mines unless he be the holder of a Certificate issued to him by the said authority

That in the event of an accident occurring in a mine the Certificate of the Mine Manager and of the Captain of Mines on duty should be suspended pending an enquiry and the said authority should in the event that no blame, in respect of such accident, could possibly