

The School of Mines, Ballarat.

Special Meeting of } Friday 4 p.m.
the Council } July 25th 1890.

Present - The Vice-President in the Chair,
Councillors J. M. Bickett, S. E. Figgis, J. J. Jones, J. P.,
M. Lindsay, J. Lorie, L. J. Martell, R. G. Middleton,
J. C. Molloy, D^r Finnoch, R. M. Sergeant, J. P., and
R. J. Vale. - Apologies for absence of the Right Rev^d
the Lord Bishop of Ballarat and Councillor Rosenblum
were received.

BUSINESS:

1. - To receive a deputation from the Clunes Borough Council preferring a request that Elementary Classes in Mineralogy, Geology, Inorganic Chemistry, and Surveying might be established at Clunes.
2. - To receive and consider fresh Plans prepared by the Architects for the proposed new Buildings.

Letter under date 15th July instant from the Town Clerk, Borough of Clunes was read. - The letter contained a request that a deputation of gentlemen named might attend a meeting of the Council of The School to act in the interest of the young men and youths of the Borough and adjoining districts, that elementary classes in scientific and technical subjects might be established at Clunes.

The deputation consisting of Councillors Bryant, Meyers, and D^r Andrew accompanied by Mr Sands, Town Clerk of the Borough, was then introduced. - C^{rs} Bryant, D^r Andrew, and Meyers, addressed the Council, urging that elementary classes in mineralogy, geology, inorganic chemistry, and surveying, might be established at Clunes, in connection with The School. - They did not ask that the Professors should be sent out; they would be satisfied with teachers competent to give elementary instruction in the subjects named. - They did not desire to burden The School with any expense but would endeavour to make the Classes pay for themselves. - If the Council could see its way to meet

the views of the deputation, it was thought that it would be in the interests of The School, as Clunes would then become a recruiting ground for advanced students. They would see to it that a suitable room would be secured for the purposes of instruction. - If the Council favorably entertained the proposal, it was hoped that the Fees for instruction would be fixed at such a low rate as not to be prohibitory. - Thanking the Council for their reception the deputation withdrew.

On the motion of C^r Molloy, seconded by C^r Middleton it was resolved that the matter urged by the deputation be referred to the Administrative Council to fully consider, and report to a Special Meeting of the Council.

Mr Molloy, architect was then introduced and presented fresh plans for the proposed new buildings to be erected on the vacant ground south of the Museum, the estimated cost being £10,381. 10. 6. - Mr Molloy explained the extent and nature of the accommodation provided for.

C^r Martell moved C^r Bickett seconded and it was carried unanimously - That the plans submitted be adopted subject to the approval of the Professors, and forwarded to the Government for their approval