

The School of Mines Ballarat

Joint Meeting of the Council } Friday 7.30 pm.
and Administrative Council } 11th March 1892.

Present - The President in the Chair Councillors His Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat, E. Morey, M.L.C., J. Bath, J.P., S. E. Figgins, J. C. Molloy, E. J. Rosenblum, R. M. Sergeant, J.P., A. Shelton, B.S., R. J. Vale, and Vice-President F. J. Martell. - Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, J. N. Dunn, M.L.C., M. Lindsay, J. Lorie, and Vice-President D^r Pinnock.

Business - To pass Accounts and transact the ordinary business and to receive and consider Plans and Specifications for proposed new buildings.

Minutes of previous meeting held 26th February ultimo were read and confirmed.

Accounts paid since previous meeting £424.16.4 were confirmed, and the Accounts presented amounting to £200.14.7 making a total of £625.10.11 were passed for payment.

Progress Reports for the past month submitted by the Staff were read and received. - The Professors' recommendations in regard to The School supplying indentured students with certain articles (enumerated) free of charge were adopted. - The suggestion of Professor Krause to undertake several journeys into the Country for the purpose of collecting samples of rocks and soils for the Department of Agriculture, and for The School, was approved - the Registrar to write Mr Martin and ascertain if his Department would be willing to bear a portion of the expense.

On the motion of His Lordship the Bishop a letter received from the Registrar of the University in reply to Memorial praying for a concession of Fees was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The resignation of D^r Usher as lecturer in Materia Medica, etc., was accepted with regret. - The Registrar was instructed to convey to D^r Usher the very cordial acknowledgments of the Council of the zealous interest he has shown for many years in this Institution, and the punctuality and efficiency with which he has fulfilled his duties as one of its lecturers. -

The request of Mr J. A. Hamilton to be permitted to complete his three-years' course in Metallurgy was granted.

Letters from the Clunes Branch and the Creswick Schools of Mines were read and received. - It was resolved to comply with the request contained in the latter. -

Vice-President Martell read correspondence passed between Mr Lecturer Hall and himself - Referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report.

Plans and Specifications for proposed new buildings prepared by the Architects were laid on the table.

The Certificate of Title to the land and the discharge of mortgage thereon were submitted and it was resolved that these documents be handed to the solicitor with instructions to have the same registered.

His Lordship the Bishop, Messrs E. Morey, M.L.C., and R. M. Sergeant, J.P., were deputed to wait on Mr Oddie with a request that he would transfer the title to the property to two Trustees appointed by the Council, ^{viz Mr J. C. Molloy, and Andrew Anderson Esq., President of The School.} Mr Vale moved that the Plans submitted be adopted.

This was seconded by Mr Rosenblum and Carried. It was resolved that the Plans be submitted to the Minister of Education for approval by the Government, and that Mr Morey be requested to arrange with the Parliamentary representatives of the district to interview the Minister with a view to obtaining a Grant-in-aid.