

as a special committee to draw up an estimate of requirements.

Cr A. E. Catter } The Principals' report was then adopted.
Cr D. Maxwell }

Cr G. Fitches } Mr F. J. Martell's report was received and
Cr R. E. Junbridge } adopted.

The following letters were read:-

6585 }
11.4.1917 } To the Education Dept. Enclosing Mr Martell's Report and the list of students who were placed in local positions in 1916.

6586 }
5.4.1917 } From the Education Dept. re advertising expenses.

6624 }
17.4.1917 } From the Working Men's College, requesting attendance at a Deputation to the Minister.

6647 }
19.4.1917 } From "Forward Ballarat" in connexion with "Home-Coming" Week

6655 }
25.4.1917 } From Mr H. J. Hall, expressing appreciation for leave of absence granted.

Cr W. Baragwanath } The Correspondence was received.
Cr D. Maxwell }

Cr A. E. Catter } It was resolved that Mr H. J. Hall be granted
Cr G. Fitches } another month's leave of absence.

The President informed the Council that the matter of Mr Martell's commission had not been discussed at this evening's Finance Meeting owing to the absence of three members of the Committee. The Council then resolved that a special meeting of the Finance Committee be called to consider the question and to furnish a report at the next Council Meeting.

Mr J. S. Vickery referred to a former resolution of the Council in which he had recommended that the School of Mines ^{staff} should conduct research

work with a view to the establishment of new industries and the development of existing ones. He again moved that, owing to the probable shortage of many indispensable articles, the services of the staff could be used, at the present time especially, with excellent advantage to the community. Mr D. Maxwell in supporting the motion, suggested that the by-products of wool offered a good opportunity for scientific research. Mr Donald Clark recommended that a member of the staff's time be entirely devoted to research work of this character. The Mr Vickery's motion was then carried.

W. H. Middlekin
25.5.17