

Special meeting of the Finance Committee and the Principals and Registrar held on Monday, 7th May, 1917.

Present: The President (Mr. W. H. Middleton) in the chair; Councillors J. J. Brokenshire, W. T. Humphreys, R. E. Junbridge, R. Madden

The Principals (Messrs. M. Copland and H. H. Smith) and the Registrar (Mr. L. S. P. Austin).

no. 6600.

The Education Department's letter dated 22.4.1917 was read. An estimate prepared by the Principals and Registrar showing the School's financial requirements in Buildings, equipment, maintenance and teaching staff was fully discussed. It was then adopted after having been amended to show the amount of increases in salaries.

no. 6586.

The Minister's request (dated 5.4.1917) for a re-consideration of the School's expenditure in advertising was discussed. The Registrar was instructed to reply that, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, a further reduction of expenditure in this direction would not be in the best interests of the Institution.

The Principals, at this stage, retired from the meeting 15.29.17

The question of Mr. Martell's commission and the attitude of the Education ^{Department} towards the matter was again discussed at length.

The Committee finally adopted Mr. Brokenshire's suggestion that the position be placed before Mr. Martell by the President with a view to ascertaining what suggestions Mr. Martell might have ^{to make} with regard to a settlement.

It was also resolved that the following recommendation be submitted at the next meeting

of the Finance Committee
"That this Committee recommends that payments by commission be discontinued".

W. H. Middleton
25.5.17