

1. 10. 1917.

Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Monday, 1st October, 1917 at 5 p.m.

Present: The President (Mr W. H. Middleton) in the chair, Councillors J. J. Brokenshire, W. T. Humphreys and R. Maddern.

Applications for the position of Instructor in Practical Turning and Fitting and Motor Mechanics were received and considered from Mr Newton King

" H. C. Martin

" H. G. Richardson

" A. Darby.

Mr Brokenshire undertook to make enquiries with regard to Mr King's qualifications, and also to ascertain if a returned soldier was available for the position. The Committee resolved that if no returned soldier were available, and the other enquiries were satisfactory, that the position be offered to Mr King. It was further resolved, in the event of Mr Newton King being appointed that the Education Department be asked to classify him from £204 to £250.

Expenditure of £6.0.6 for a Sewing Machine & Motor was sanctioned

J. J. Brokenshire } It was resolved that ^{two thirds} the ~~total~~ ^{grant} be applied for for the above purpose.
R. Maddern }

(i.e. purchase of sewing machine & motor).

Report of the Special Committee appointed to determine the value of Mr Martell's services.

The Committee met on Monday, 15th October at 8 p.m. and entered into a full discussion of the facts for over two hours. The Committee then adjourned in order to make further enquiries. The second meeting was held on Tuesday, 23rd October at 5 p.m. and after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

After a close investigation of all the circumstances, the Committee finds, with reluctance, that Mr Martell's present position is not justified, but submits a recommendation to be forwarded to the Minister for his sympathetic consideration, that a compassionate allowance be provided for Mr Martell in view of the past services rendered by him to the Institution.