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outline in a few minutes he had requested that he be permitted to carry on till the end of the school year 1940.

Cabinet had power to grant such an application on the recommendation of the Minister and he had asked Mr. Smith to be present and state his reasons.

Mr. Smith then said that his reasons were as follows:

1. In his opinion it was unfair to both students and staff for a new Principal, possibly a stranger, to have to take over the reins after three months of the year had gone.
2. Next year was the Jubilee of the Ladies Art Association and if he were permitted to carry on he intended to organise an exhibition of work by past and present students, many of whom would be students who had been helped by this Association. The Ladies Art Association had always been a strong supporter of the school and had over the years given a large sum of money to help talented and deserving students. Such an exhibition as he proposed would be a big advertisement for the school and would give a wonderful kick-off to his successor.
3. He had been connected with the school for forty-nine years, forty-two of which he had occupied the position of Principal of the Art school. During that time he had by his own efforts raised approximately

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£5000 by way of scholarships etc.

4. Another reason was that he sacrificed eighteen months' salary plus £500 by going to England some years ago to obtain the Art Master's Certificate. The Education Department had received the benefit of the experience he had gained by having at least 50% of its Art Teaching Staff trained under him. In addition many well known personalities in the Art world had been trained here.

5. By carrying on for 1940 there would be no additional cost but a saving of the amount of his pension. Such an arrangement would not inflict an injustice on any member of the Public Service ~~in the matter of~~ promotion as this was a Council Staff and not subject to Public Service conditions. Mr. Lederer said that in his opinion Mr. Smith's proposal should be cordially endorsed by the Finance Committee who, if in agreement, should recommend its acceptance to the Council. He felt that Mr. Smith's services had been of such outstanding merit that they had resulted in the school being looked upon as a leader in Art Education. The Chairman said that the method of approach to Cabinet would be a letter from the Council to the Minister through Mr. Hollway, M. L. A.

It was resolved that it be a recommendation to the Council that Mr. Smith's application be granted and recommended to Cabinet.

(Mr. Lederer & Barrow)

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