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a Special Meeting of the Council, should be called for the purpose of fully discussing the matter before the annual meeting.

At this stage Mr. Siffeth offered to retire but the Chairman assured him that it was not necessary for him to do so.

Mr. Liderman, continuing, said that because of the war the training of machinists and technicians was being undertaken by the Commonwealth Government. So far the Capital Cities only had been mentioned but our school had a record second to none and he felt that our claims

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should be pushed very forcibly with a view to getting classes and equipment here. In his opinion two young men who should be appointed Vice-Presidents and our claims to classes pushed to the utmost.

Mr. Smail said that he was surprised to learn that the Vice-Presidents were not seeking re-election. His own opinion was the same as Mr. Liderman's.

Mr. Jones said that in the circumstances he felt that Council could not do anything else but re-elect Mr. Middleton as President.

He felt, however, that either Mr. Harcourt or Mr. Barrow should continue to act with a new Vice-President so enable the new man to feel his way for a year at least.

Mr. Liderman said that at this stage he would like to ask Mr. Farr whether he would accept nomination for the position of junior Vice-President.

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Mr. Farr said that he would have very much pleasure in accepting such nomination and in working with Mr. Siffeth.

Owing to the war we would be called on to train many men in Australia as machinists and in his opinion Mr. Siffeth was the right man for the job.

Mr. H. Henderson said that he spoke with great diffidence owing to his infrequent attendances. He felt, however, that the school had been in excellent hands and he was very happy to know that Mr. Middleton had agreed to carry on as President. In his opinion it was a wise move to enlist the services of younger men and it would be in the best interests of the school.

Mr. Herkline said that he had been connected with four Technical Schools and had found that none of the other three functioned as well as this one.

That was due to the excellent man who had been President of this Council for a great many years. To come here and find the wonderful grasp Mr. Middleton had of the school and its history was a real eye opener. Even now his memory of past events and the causes leading up to them was remarkable.

A few conditions brought about by war were bringing serious times with them and the War Dept would have to fight the Capital Cities for a share of the money that would be spent on Technical Education.