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Agenda Paper - Re-classification of Instructors

It was resolved that the matter of reclassification of Science, Engineering and Trade Instructors, previously placed by this school on conference agenda as an item for discussion, be now listed as ^{the following} a ~~separate~~ motion.

"In view of the difficulty in obtaining suitable instructors in Science, Engineering and Trade subjects it is evident that the classifications of such men require revision as the salaries offered are not equal to those ^{now} paid by employers."

(Crs Roff & Snail)

Resignation of Mr. H. H. Wight.

It was resolved that Mr. Wight's resignation to date from the 2nd November be and is hereby accepted with regret and that Mr. Wight be notified accordingly.

(Crs Jones & Nicholson)

Senior Instructor - Mechanical Engineering

It was resolved that the position of Senior Instructor in Mechanical Engineering at a salary of £528 - 576, commencing at £528 per annum, be advertised in leading daily newspapers in all States and that the President, Vice Presidents, Crs Maxwell, Jones and the Principal be appointed a committee with power to make a selection from the applications received.

(Crs Lederman & George)

General.

Inspectors' Report.

C. J. M. Hutchinson, in commenting on a section of the Annual Report of the Technical School Inspector,

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said that the meaning of this particular section was not very clear and although he ~~could~~ ^{did} not desire to submit a motion he would like to see the Education Department asked to submit the matter in clearer terms. He stated that during the month of November each year a survey was made by himself and the local Head Teachers of the facilities available in the matter of Post Primary education and the aptitude of children who would complete a year in the sixth grade that year. This survey formed the basis for recommendations to parents and although the parents often made decisions contrary to the recommendations, the fact remained that the Ballarat district could provide annually more boys than the Junior Technical School could take. To make a selection the Head Master of the Junior Technical School held an entrance examination and, whilst this examination was a fair one, it was, in his opinion, unfair to the teachers who had already advised the parents to send their boys to the Junior Technical School, because a large percentage of those who fail to pass this examination are too old the following year, irrespective of whether they could then pass the examination or not.

The only solution of the problem appeared to be an enlargement of the Junior Technical School and if that was found impracticable, then it might be possible to take junior classes in some of the Senior classrooms. He felt that objections would be raised to this course both by the Junior and Senior staff, and rightly.