

H-10-H3 Mr Simcocks in responding to the welcome said that boys who attended the High School were in the majority of cases, looking for a different career from those who attended Junior Technical Schools. The former were looking to the Teaching Service Public Service Banks or Commercial Institutions for positions. In his experience it was very difficult for anyone to successfully advise boys of eleven years of age as to careers. Often two or three years later they show a decided leaning in a certain direction. In his opinion a year or two longer of a general course would be an advantage for boys.

Mr Farr said that he thought that to get the right boy into the right school called for the education of parents as to courses of instruction and opportunities available. He doubted whether parents generally fully appreciated the position in endeavouring to obtain for their sons better positions than they occupy themselves. His own experience was that boys from the High School and Colleges frequently came to him with leaving subjects and expressed a wish to be engineers. There were always plenty of boys for clerical positions but insufficient for technical

work. If at the sixth grade, parents could be advised as to courses of instruction and positions available for trained personnel he thought it would be much better. In his opinion there would be a large number of technical positions available in the future. He would like to say that the officers of the School of Mines greatly appreciated the cooperation received from Mr Simcock.

Mr Hutchinson said that he felt that there was, in the minds of some members of the School Council, the impression that boys are persuaded to go to the High School by teachers in the Primary Schools. He <sup>had</sup> endeavoured to correct that impression at a previous meeting by outlining the procedure adopted each year by Primary School teachers in visiting local Post Primary schools and then having a round-table conference before giving parents and pupils advice regarding future studies. The High School was overcrowded but it was popular because a number of parents who were small tradesmen were seeking something better for their sons. On the other hand the Junior Technical school holds an entrance examination. He felt that the Primary School teacher was the best one to