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advise parents and pupils. After advising a boy to go to the Junior Technical School it was found that the boy failed at the entrance examination. For such boys there remained the High School and two Post Primary Schools. He would like to see a general purpose school established in Ballarat and agreed that a better way of advising parents should be aimed at.

Mr. Sweeney said that up to two years ago there was a very active Vocational Guidance Committee working in Ballarat but since then the Manpower Authorities had stepped in. His experience, however, was that many parents ignored the advice given them. He had also found that the wise boy put his name down for the High School in case he failed to pass the Junior Technical Entrance Examination.

Mr. Lynch said that there was an impression among members of the Council that primary school teachers favour the High School but a Head Teacher had told him that many boys want to go to the Junior Technical School but fear the entrance examination.

Mr. Simcocks said that it had been hinted that teachers have a bias

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in favour of the High School. In his experience this was not so.

The Principal said that it was possible that teachers, knowing that there is an entrance examination, do not put their pupils up for it.

Mr. Jeffery said that he thought the standard of boys in the Junior Technical School was somewhat lower than the standard of High School boys. As the result of a re-arrangement of classes he expected to be able to take a larger number of boys next year but any lowering of the entrance standard will result in a larger number of weaker boys. In his opinion many boys are too young when they enter the Junior Technical School. A bright boy can complete the course at 16 years of age and enter on a Diploma Course in the Senior School where, in due course, he would get his Diploma at 18 years. The entrance examination, has many virtues but in his opinion they were not sufficiently strong as to warrant its continuance. He had received complaints from Head Teachers that the entrance examination had included boys who were better than some who had been admitted.