

H-10-43 Mr. Swann said that it would appear that there was something wrong with the Junior Technical School course as some of the best boys from his school had gone to the Junior Technical School but had fallen in the way side. This in his opinion, indicated that too much was attempted in the three years course.

Mr. B. Brown said that it appeared that the Junior Technical School was not big enough and that the course should be one of four years, not three. In his opinion boys were becoming workmen at too early an age. Efforts should be made to get earlier than 21 years of age and that applied to business students also. He ventured that it was very difficult to convince parents and students as to what they ought to do.

Mr. Simcock said that it was very pleasing to know that a move was being made to have the school leaving age raised to 15 years. A boy who remained at school until he was 15 to 16 years of age would be a much better citizen.

Mr. Bealand said that for many years the Junior Technical School had not had sufficient accommodation for the number of boys offering, but it

was not certain that the number offering were all of the right type for a technical course. He thought that more could be done in getting parents to consult Head Teachers regarding post primary education. Raising the school leaving age was very necessary and the Trade Unions were pushing this matter very strongly.

Mr. Lane said that in view of the war he felt it would not be practicable to push the matter of raising the school leaving age at present as lack of accommodation and staffing difficulties would probably prevent it. In his opinion it would be better to press for a larger Junior Technical School and an extension of the course by one year.

The President said that all had listened with deep interest to the views of the different speakers. It was agreed that a bigger Junior Technical School was necessary and that the school leaving age should be raised. These matters would be referred to the School of Mines Council for further action. He would like to see the formation of a local committee to press for educational reforms.

Mr. Lane moved and Mr. Lynch seconded; That it is desirable that the Junior Technical course be increased to four