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arrived and was given a warm welcome by the President who said that he understood that the Mayor was desirous of addressing the meeting on the subject of extending the University to Ballarat.

The Mayor said that he greatly appreciated the welcome he had received. His object in attending the meeting was to enlist the support of the Council in an effort to have a branch of the Melbourne University established in Ballarat. A certain gentleman was prepared to give large financial support to such a move and the City Council was prepared to make available 25 to 30 acres of land. He had ascertained that the University was at present overcrowded and on the return of service personnel this position would be further complicated. All the local colleges were full and those who wished to go on to the University were often unable to do so as the financial assistance provided by the Commonwealth Government was inadequate as far as country students were concerned.

He had interviewed the Chancellor of the University and Sir James Barrett.

Both were in favour of such a move.

In his opinion the first steps should be to obtain greater recognition of the by the University of the work done

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at the Ballarat School of Mines. He had an appointment with the Vice-Chancellor for the following day and proposed to invite him to visit Ballarat for the purpose of meeting interested bodies.

The President said that the Council heartily endorsed the Mayor's proposition and would give all the support possible.

This school had been striving for greater recognition by the University for several years but without success.

In the near future the Education Department intended to establish an Institute of Technology with a post-graduate course for students of Senior Technical Schools. This Institute would be empowered to issue Degrees and to give full recognition for work done in Senior Technical Schools. The School Council was keen to see an extension of educational facilities in Ballarat and had been in negotiation with the Minister (The Hon. J. J. Hollway M.L.A.) regarding new school buildings on the gaol and Old Court House site.

Mr. Faye said he heartily endorsed the President's remarks. The School Council greatly appreciated the Mayor's visit.

Mr. Heselbine said that the move was a good one. There was no real reason why country students should be compelled to go to Melbourne to attend University