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The enrolments for the year of 1935-36 students were an all time record but he felt that the number of Dillon students could be doubled if the school had the necessary accommodation. Steps were being taken to obtain two large Red Cross huts and these would ease the position for the time being. The equipment grant made available by the Education Department was inadequate for the needs of a large school such as this and the Council intended to present a strong case to the Education Department for a larger grant to enable the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Departments to be brought up-to-date.

The President continuing said it was very pleasing to be able to report that after being discussed for many years a Central Library was now in existence. A donation of £100 had been received from the Associated Mining Companies of Broken Hill and this would provide a number of text and reference books required.

The President said that he desired to thank Mr R. W. Richards for the way in which he had stepped into the breach on the retirement of the Principal, Mr A. F. Herschline.

The Central Library and many other improvements had been due in no small measure to Mr Richards' initiative and enthusiasm.

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In recording the adoption of the Report and Financial Statement Mr Sideman said that he desired to congratulate the President on a very satisfactory and comprehensive report.

It was very sad, however, that a school with such a fine record should be hampered by lack of accommodation and equipment. This was due to no lack of effort on the part of the School Council which had been striving for years to convince the authorities of the school's needs. He felt that it should be placed on record that the Education Department does not appreciate the importance of this school with the result that many deserving young people are being denied a technical education. It was to be hoped that the Long Range Plan could be commenced at an early date not only for the benefit of students but also for the staff. The school was very fortunate in having secured Mr Richards' services as Acting Principal. The many pleasing changes which had already taken place were an indication of things to come.

The motion for the adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments was carried.

#### Auditors' Report

The Auditors' Report for the year ended 31 December, 1946, was received and adopted (Mrs Jones & Son)