

7-11-47. Recent events connected with the visit of the Board of Inspectors and the Chief Architect Mr. F. Everett, had shown that a start on the long-range plan could be expected at an early date if the necessary pressure was brought to bear. A preliminary plan prepared by Mr. Everett envisaged an extension to the present junior school in a southerly direction and the erection of a block of buildings linking that proposed extension with another wing to the south and west of the old Court House.

As the Education Department had recently requested a plan and particulars of the area between Alfred and Russell Streets, which had been selected as the most suitable site, the time had arrived when the question of removal of this school should be re-considered. There was a grave danger of this new junior school being made a first charge against moulds allocated for new buildings with the probable result that the long-range plan would be deferred indefinitely.

After discussing the matter fully it was resolved that the Education Department be informed that their request would be dealt with at the next meeting of the Council on the 19th November. It was also decided to recommend to the School Council that the present junior school be extended in conformity with Mr. Everett's preliminary plan

7-11-47 in preference to the erection of a new junior school on the Alfred Russell Street site. (Mrs. Branland & John)

First Unit of Long-Range Plan

The President drew attention to Mr. Everett's preliminary plan and pointed out that Mr. Everett had provided for a new Chemistry and Metallurgy building in the yard of the junior school. Instead of on the old Court House site as requested by the Council following Mr. Everett's recent visit.

This proposal of Mr. Everett was discussed from all angles and it was felt that not only would such a building seriously interfere with the junior school's only assembly and recess area but it would also result in the loss of a very strong argument for the removal of the gas buildings and the complete implementation of the long-range plan. Mr. Richards also pointed out that the first unit requested for the old Court House site was to house Chemistry, Electrical Engineering and Drawing. Mr. Everett's proposed building in the junior school yard was to house Chemistry and Metallurgy.

As the Metallurgy building was in reasonably good order he felt that we could not put up a case for its removal whereas we could put up a good case for a new building for