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At the present moment the long range plan was not on the Department - at list of new buildings and he strongly recommended that no action be taken to have it included until next year. By then the new Director will have commenced duty and it was expected that he will call a round table conference of Technical School Inspectors and iron out a number of difficulties that at present exist.

Mr. Nilsson said that in his opinion the plan is a good one and he felt that sufficient support could be obtained in Ballarat to get it approved next year. He strongly recommended the Council to elicit the Premier's support for the whole plan and not one particular part. Once approved the plan would stand until completed, irrespective of what government might be in power.

The President thanked Mr. Nilsson for his advice and was supported in his remarks by Mrs. Hederman and Kibson.

### New Equipment

The President said that much of the equipment in the Machine Shop was obsolete and local employers felt that it was not good enough for apprentices who are allowed some off during the day to do their course. Mr. Nilsson said that he had put up an application for £112,000 for

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new equipment during the year ending 30 June, 1949, but had been granted only £50,000 and £44,000 of that was already earmarked.

He was trying to get new schools equipped out of loan funds. He was at present having a survey made of the requirements of all technical school machine shops. This might cost £300,000 spread over the next five years. He was also aiming at standardizing equipment for all technical school departments.

The plans he had in mind would call for the strong support of School Councils and he was confident he would get it. He suggested that a motion be put on the agenda for the forthcoming Technical Schools Conference to the effect that special grants for equipment be made available to school councils for payment into a trust account and purchases to be approved by the Department.

### Re-classification of Mr. R. Allsop

Mr. Nilsson said that he would be quite happy to recommend Mr. Allsop's re-classification. He was asking schools to submit a staffing plan on a long range basis. He favoured class 1 instructors in charge of departments. One of these class 1 instructors would also be Vice-Principal. In this school he suggests that class 1 instructors be as follows: