

23-2-49 were due there at 11 a.m. In a later conversation with the Registrar the Principal of the Training College said that he was unaware of the party's intention to visit the School of Mines and as far as he knew the itinerary consisted of a visit to the Training College and the High School with the object of examining the proposition to build a new Training College in Ballarat. This created a feeling of uncertainty in the minds of the Principal and the Registrar and until the position could be clarified they felt that it was inadvisable to call members of the Council to the school. At 11 a.m. the Minister walked in alone and contact was immediately made with Mr Sax, Lawyer, Kellison, Lederman and Mr. These members of the Council with the exception of Mr. Spohn arrived at the school shortly after 11 o'clock and after discussing the Long Range Plan, a copy of which the Minister had brought with him an inspection of school buildings was made. The Minister gave them a fair and sympathetic hearing and suggested that it might be possible to use portions of the State premises for the time being to provide additional accommodation. The status of the school and the classifications of the Principal and the Registrar were also discussed. The Minister was of the opinion that these matters were decided by the Teachers Tribunal and

23-2-49 and the Public Service Tribunal, and that he had no say in the matter. He promised, however, to look into it on his return to Melbourne. The President said that he regretted very much his inability to be present during the visit owing to his being absent from Ballarat on holiday. However, the Minister had been given all the information possible and a strong case had been put forward ~~by~~ on behalf of the school. He felt that much benefit would result from the Minister's visit.

Pigeon Fund Account

It was resolved that an account be opened at the Commonwealth Savings Bank in the name of the School of Mines, ^{of Ballarat} Pigeon Fund, and that the balance of the fund be transferred from the Maintenance Account and that all future receipts of donations to the Pigeon Fund be paid to the credit of this account. It was also resolved that the President and the Hon. Treasurer be authorised to sign withdrawal slips on this account. (Mrs Fard & Canland)

Visiting Committee

Mrs Nicholson and Savage were appointed the Visiting Committee for the ensuing period, Mr Nicholson to act as convenor.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed.

M & Canland
16/3/49