

16-3-49 re-arrangement of benches and machines were a big improvement. The lighting, artificial and natural, was being used to full advantage and the new extension provided a very fine theory room.

The gardens and grounds were in good order and they were pleased to note the name plates on trees and

shrubs.

On the Eastern side of the Clumber building they noticed a bad seepage of water. This was the result of the recent heavy rains and was coming from a retaining wall which had been erected during the construction of the new engineering buildings. They felt that immediate attention should be given to this wall by the Public Works Department otherwise it would get rapidly worse.

Their visit had been most interesting and much progress and many improvements were noted. As a result of endorsing Mr. Dickson's remarks said that they were greatly impressed by the central library. It appeared to be used extensively by students and they wondered if arrangements could be made to open it on more than one night per week.

The report was received and adopted.  
(By mail of John)

Business  
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reports Special classes for farmers.  
The Principal said that he was keen to provide scientific instruction in farming and dairying subjects to men on

16-3-49 the land. Several were attending evening classes in Clumber, Blacksmithing and Carpentry but he felt that the school could and should give tuition in such subjects as Pasture Improvement, Stud Improvement etc. If it could be arranged he would address a convention of young farmers which was to be held in Ballarat in April.

If sufficient interest in these subjects was shown by local men on the land he felt certain that sufficient pressure could be brought to bear on the Department of Agriculture to provide an instructor in such subjects. He had explored the possibility of getting a local man but without success.

Prize Giving Night.

The Principal said that the presentation of prizes won by students in 1948 would take place in the Chemistry lecture room on the following evening. This function was something new and would be in the nature of a buy-out. If successful it would encourage him to hold it on a bigger scale next year. Several members of the Council expressed their intention of attending this function.

Tests of Refrigeration Units.

In supplementing his report the Principal said that the room which housed these units had two locks to the door and there was no evidence of forced entry. It would