

- 19-10-49. 12-10-49. Technical Schools Assoc. List of motions to be discussed at Conference Education Dept. Copy of resolutions passed at conference regarding establishment of an Institute of Technology.
- 13-10-49. Dept. of Works and Housing. Cadets may complete Diploma Courses at this school.
- (Per mail & diary)

General Term reports on apprentices.

Business Mr Bealand enquired as to whether parents of apprentices received copies of criminal reports. The Principal said that the practice was to forward such reports to the employers but he would look into the matter and see whether it would be possible to forward a copy to parents.

Manual Arts Students

The President outlined the history of the Education Department's decision to transfer Manual Art Teacher training to metropolitan schools as from the commencement of 1950 and reported that as the outcome of a joint report by Seeloy Bendigo and ourselves to the Department and subsequently to the Premier through Mr J. Kibson, the Minister and the Director had visited Ballarat the school on Friday, 14 October. Those present at the meeting were the President Mr L. A. Farr (Chair), the Minister, the Director, Hon J. Kibson M.L.C., Hon H. Ludbrook M.L.C., Hon W. E. Wolfe M.L.C., Mr L. Thompson, Principal Bendigo School of Mines

19-10-49. The Mayor Mr L. L. Lallow, Mr P. Lyall, the Principal Mr H. W. Richards. The President said that he had had to visit Melbourne that day and did not arrive back in Ballarat until late in the afternoon when the discussion had almost concluded. He would therefore call on Mr Farr to report on the discussion which took place.

Mr Farr said that the Minister and the Director listened attentively to the case for the retention of the present system of training which was presented by the Mayor, Hon. H. Ludbrook, Hon J. Kibson, ^{Mr P. Lyall} the two Principals and himself. A letter from Mr R. Pavia, Principal of the Gordon Institute of Technology, Geelong, was also read.

In reply the Minister said that the establishment of Teacher Training Colleges in the country centres was evidence of the Government's policy of de-centralisation. The decision to transfer Manual Art Teacher training to Melbourne had not been arrived at lightly but was the recommendation of experts after considering all the circumstances. The numbers involved were infinitesimal as far as individual schools were concerned and the experts were satisfied that the advantages of the proposed transfer outweighed the disadvantages. In reply to the objection raised to the transfer of young students to Melbourne he would say that a similar objection could be raised to