

16-6-54 in place of the original Diploma, No 137 issued 30th May 1922 and declared to have been lost in Malaya during World War II and that an endorsement to that effect, appear on the substitute Diploma. The Diploma to be sealed and signed by the President, Vice-President or Mr. G. Pearland and the Registrar.

(Mrs Nicholson & Lynch)

Visiting Committee

Mrs Small and Webb were appointed the Visiting Committee for the ensuing month, Mrs Small to act as Convenor.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed.

Address: The Chairman then invited Mr. J. W. French to address ~~the meeting~~ members.

Mr. French thanked members for the invitation to address them and for the welcome extended to Mr. Holland and himself.

He said that his purpose in visiting country technical schools was not to dictate to them but to advance certain ideas that he had and to invite ideas to pass on to other schools.

In his opinion there was not enough co-operation by School Councils and without co-operation technical schools will never attain their rightful position in the sphere of education.

The recently appointed Education Committee does not include a technical expert therefore it can be assumed that ~~from its~~

16-6-54 enquiries and recommendations will deal mainly with the academic aspect.

Technical education was so important that there should be a Director of Technical Education. The Director of Education was an academic man and the highest official on the technical side was the Chief Inspector.

The authority and powers of School Councils were very limited ^{by} section 7 of Regulation 38. In his opinion more power should be given to School Councils.

He favoured a ^{Commonwealth} conference of technical education bodies with a view to persuading the Commonwealth Government to allow donations and gifts to technical schools as deductions for income tax purposes. In the U.S.A. many technical schools were subsidised by industry because of such deductions and he was confident that industry would respond in a similar manner here. In his opinion a recent very large donation to the University of Melbourne would have been shared with Victorian technical schools if it could have been claimed as a deduction from income for taxation purposes.

Mr. French said that technical schools should seek the co-operation of the Press in bringing their activities before the public, particularly during Education Week. Other matters touched on by Mr. French were - the proposed Institute of Technology, the teaching of ethics in technical schools, vocational guidance in schools, and the teaching of agricultural science in country technical schools.