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position, arithmetic, mental arithmetic, euclid, algebra, grammar, geography, history, bookkeeping, latin and french, singing and drawing; a list of subjects that may be regarded as representative of the whole of the schools.

As years went on, the policy of the Education Department became more progressive; the various Governments recognising the importance of liberal grants in aid of education. As an outcome, we have the modern State Schools, fine examples of them being found in Prahran. There is the High Street State School, the site of which contains three rods: 131 by 304 feet. The site was purchased from Mr. George P. Mills, the offer of £2,900 being accepted by him on March 16, 1886. The property included a house which, with stable, fencing, fruit and other trees, was sold by auction on July 22, 1886, for removal, and realised £57/4/6. A brick school house was erected in 1888, accommodation 6,000 square feet, costing £5,499/17/6, and was opened on February 13, 1888, by John Blayney. Additions were added in 1899—2,600 square feet, costing £1,157/13/9. Mr. Blayney acted as head teacher until 1894; in 1895, Mr. James McLaren succeeded him.

The Hawksburn State School site contains one acre of land, and is situated at Malvern and Surrey Roads, on six allotments in the Dunster Estate, which were purchased on October 8, 1873, from Mrs. Margaret Hobson, at a cost of £1,110. Additional land was purchased in 1908, costing £1,600—125 feet to Cromwell Road by 184½ feet. A brick school was erected in December, 1874. Crouch and Wilson, architects, and

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