

Unveiling Molesworth Honor Board.

In remembrance of old pupils of the school who enlisted in Australian Imperial Forces, a fine Honor Board was unveiled on Friday last, Armistice Day, by Mr. C. R. Long, representing the Education Department.

The president of the school committee, Mr. H. P. McAlpin, in introducing Mr. Long expressed appreciation of the attendance of so large and representative gathering. Mr. Long replying, recalled his first journey through Molesworth to Enochs Point 61 years ago, and it pleased him to return and meet old acquaintances.

Rev. Kessel Taylor uttered a word of warning that we must be prepared for wars in the future.

If we endeavored to live our lives worthily, the sacrifices of our soldiers were not in vain, summarizes Captain Hosking's words directed especially to the children who would find inspiration also in the stanza,—

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time."

Lt.-Col. S. Hindhaugh said the day was one of remembrance. He was touched by the memory of his good fellows who had not returned, and condoled with parents whose sons had laid down their lives for their country. The association of returned soldiers had been formed for the assistance of disabled men, and he trusted those present would readily respond to the poppy appeal. Recounting an anecdote of the war, Mr. Hindhaugh said the French peasants were difficult to convince the war was over at 11 a.m. on the 11th November, 1918. A party of French captives were rehabilitated and were told it was all over, but a British battery, having fired the first shots for Britain wished to fire the last for the war. The Germans replied and the refugees were not satisfied an Armistice had been effected.

Councillor Bacon apologized for the absence of the Yea Shire Presi-

dent. He commended the committee on the selection of the occasion, and suggested an avenue of trees as a memorial of utility.

An interested visitor, in the person of Mr. F. F. Bainbridge, of Yea, was the first teacher in Molesworth. Sixty years ago Mr. Bainbridge came to the district in Mr. Cosgrove's coach, and nine years later opened the first school that had been established through the enterprise of Mr. C. W. Ridd. He was proud of his brief association with the district and the school's worthy representation.

Mr. Bartrop one of the first pupils of the school told happy reminiscences of school days. It was said that the pioneers had more grit than present day youth, but the response to the call proved the stamina of Australians. A pathetic story was told of a mere boy in camp five months at Broadmeadows, five months in Egypt, and four or five hours on Gallipoli, when a shell mortally wounded the gallant youth. A padre attended in time to hear his expiring words, "I had my go, and done my bit." The boys and girls of today have the ability to carry on.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr. C. R. Long. The Education Department which Mr. Long represented was grateful to school communities for establishing memorials. There was a unity of purpose in commemorating those who had made sacrifices. The fine board erected was a worthy one of which they might be proud, and which would be an aid to war teaching. The British Empire was the greatest force in the world for peace, and it pleased to contemplate its influence when there was a depressing feeling of revenge on the Continent. There was immense satisfaction after the hardship and suffering of war when at 11 a.m. on 11th of the 11th month of 1918 the Armistice was signed. The peace of the world was rudely disturbed when Germany and Austria made their attack on Russia, the ally of France. Britain went to the defence of Belgium and the dominions assisted her. The Aus-

dominions assisted her. The Australian troops had faced an impossible task at Gallipoli, had done vital work in France, and the account of their deeds should be told from the Australian point of view.

The present teacher, Mr. H. J. Bassett summarized the history of the Boer War, veterans being honored on the memorial, and read from a letter of Marshal Foch to General Tom Bridges. The following is quoted as witnessing to the value of the Australian force.—
 ".....In 1918 they took part in the defence of Amiens, and when that city was seriously threatened by the penetration of the Germans into Villers-Bretonneux, it was the Australians who retook the village on 25th April in a magnificent attack. I cannot think without emotion that by their action they saved Amiens, assured the junction of the British and French armies, and rendered magnificent service to our cause. Say to those valiant warriors of Australia that their memory is ever-green in France, and that we will witness to this by the reverent care

with the following names :—

Great War 1914-18 —

H. Bennett, M. Anthony, J. Colwell, *C. J. Dinsdale, T. Dinsdale, A. Dunn, D. Hoban, T. Hodson, E. Morrissey, A. V. M'Cann, H. C. M'Cann, P. M'Cormick, M. M'Cormick, J. M'Cormick, D. M'Rae, *C. Sandilands, R. Sandilands, A. Sheriff, H. Sloan, J. Sloan, W. Thompson, *W. Weaver, H. Weaver, D. Ware, F. Walker, W. J. Webster, A. Viccars, L. Viccars, *M. O'Sullivan, T. Mulavey, Sister J. Roberts.

South Africa, 1900-02. — J. Clarke, C. Hodges, T. F. Roberts, C. W. Ridd.

with which we will cherish the graves of their dead."

Two minutes silence were solemnly observed, when Scout Trumpeter Leslie Reed sounded the Last Post. Wreaths were laid on the Honor Roll by Lt.-Col. Hindhaugh on behalf of the children, school committee, and Mr. and Mrs. Ridd.

A vote of thanks moved by Mr. C. Ridd was acclaimed the speakers, Miss Grant, organist, and Trumpeter Reed.

The school committee, Messrs. H. P. McAlpin, president ; N. J. Ridd, correspondent ; J. H. Mawson, M. Mahoney, C. W. Ridd, Mrs. Mawson and Miss B. Ridd, deserve the commendation of the residents for their efforts in establishing such a fitting memorial.

The Honor Board is in black-wood, panelled, with canopy, two supporting pillars and repository for the Education Department's Record of war service, and contains the following names :—

Great War 1914-18 —