

## MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

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The citizens of Mortlake have erected a drinking fountain to perpetuate the memory of the late Cr. Thomas Montgomery. The ceremony of unveiling took place on Saturday afternoon and the attendance, considering the short notice, was fairly representative. The fountain, which is of blue stone and Apollo Bay and Ceres stone, nicely dressed, was designed by Messrs Wilcox Bros., Geelong. The site chosen for such a public utility is admirable, being in close proximity to the State School gates in Dunlop street and facing the post office.

After the Mortlake Brass Band had played an opening number, Rev. McBride (President of the Progress Association) said the proceedings were the outcome of an effort on the part of the Progress Association. When the project was first launched, Cr. Montgomery was in the land of the living and apparently in his health and strength. The Progress Association thought it nice to recognise the services of such a valuable citizen during his lifetime. Steps were taken to have the fountain erected, but God in His providence saw fit to call Cr. Montgomery home before the fountain was completed. Therefore the unveiling of the fountain took the form of an in memoriam instead which would be looked upon and valued in the years to come.

Cr. G. L. Dennis (President of the Shire) said he felt it a very great honor to have the privilege of unveiling the memorial to their late townsman, Cr. Montgomery. He was admired immensely for the great good he had done during his long residence in Mortlake. Cr. Montgomery did not seek the limelight in the exercise of his deeds, but worked quietly and silently. He went about in a quiet way doing good and had benefited numberless people, taking a great interest in the doings of the town and working hard for the benefit of the community. It was a

fit of the community. It was a happy idea on the part of the Progress Association to decide on such a memorial. Such a fountain would be a benefit to the town. He had pleasure in unveiling the fountain.

The dark pall was then removed. At the top of the memorial the following inscription appears:

A.D. 1922.

Erected by the Citizens of  
Mortlake

To Perpetuate the Memory of  
Thomas Montgomery.

Cr. Brumley said he had pleasure in being present to do honor to their late respected citizen, Cr. Montgomery. For 33 years he had been a member of the Mortlake Shire Council. It was a remarkable period of service. Cr. Montgomery was the greatest figure in establishing the butter factory, besides being the chairman of the honorary justices and occupying almost every honorable position in the town.

Mr G. Graham, in moving a vote of thanks to Cr. Dennis for performing the ceremony, said that many of the citizens enjoyed the friendship and acquaintance of Cr. Montgomery. He thanked the President for his kind words and sympathetic appreciation of a good man. They were pleased to have the President with them. Cr. Dennis bore an honored name and it was gratifying to know that he was following in the footsteps of his respected father. Not only were they delighted to have Cr. Dennis with them in his official capacity, but also because of his personal worth. They were glad that the President had joined the Council and would thus more closely identify himself with the town than before. It was the first appearance of Cr. Dennis as President, and he trusted it would not be the last.

Cr. Dennis then turned the water on and took the first drink, wishing success to future drinkers.

The Band then played the National Anthem and the proceedings terminated. For a time numbers became worshippers of aqua pura, the good quality of the water being favorably commented upon.