

LANKEY'S CREEK SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL HALL.

OPENING CEREMONY.

The opening of the above hall took place last Friday night in the presence of a very large number, visitors coming from Holbrook, Tumbarumba, Jingellie, Walwa, and elsewhere.

The building, which is of small corrugated iron, is 40ft. by 25ft. with a bungalow roof, three doors and six windows. The contractor for the work was Mr. G. Skelton, of Holbrook.

The secretary for the opening was Mrs. B. Alexander, who had everything in order.

Mr. W. Richards (president) occupied the chair, and prior to the ceremony the Union Jack was dipped in honor of the occasion, whilst the audience stood in silence.

The president said he was very pleased to see such a large number in honor of the occasion, and had much pleasure in calling on Cr. F. W. Nolan, president of the Holbrook Shire, to perform the opening ceremony.

Cr. Nolan said it afforded him great pleasure to be present to perform the opening ceremony of the Lankey's Creek Soldiers' Memorial Hall. He felt it was a great compliment to him to be asked to do it. The building was a credit to the people. He wished them success and trusted they would have many nights entertainment. He had much pleasure in declaring the building open.

An invitation was extended to all to come inside and the chairman said they were all very proud the hall was now an accomplished fact. On behalf of the committee he thanked all, and trusted they would receive the same support in the future as they had in the past. He had much pleasure in presenting Cr. Nolan with a golden key in honor of the occasion. (Applause.)

Cr. Nolan thanked them very sincerely for their presentation. He would keep it as a token as long as he lived and would then hand it on to his boy. He greatly appreciated their gift.

Three cheers were then given for Cr. Nolan.

Mr. F. J. Gifford, on behalf of the Holbrook people, thanked them for the opportunity to say a few words. He

opportunity to say a few words. He was surprised to see such a fine building, and congratulated the people of Lankey's Creek on their effort. It was most commendable to have such a building in honor of the soldiers who had left the district.

Mr. Pollock thanked the people for their able support whilst working for the building.

The hall was then cleared for dancing, which was indulged in until the break of day. The music was supplied by the Tumbarumba orchestra.

To the ladies a word of congratulation must be extended for the beautiful set out supper provided, which was greatly appreciated.