

"LITTLE KALKABURY" SCHOOL.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING CEREMONY.

There was a large attendance of residents of the Kalkabury district at the opening of the Little Kalkabury School, which took place in fine weather on January 28th, the public holiday. The school committee had been active for some time, and assisted by the ladies, who also provided refreshments for the occasion, the function proved a thorough success.

After the singing of the Song of Australia by the children, Cr. O. D. Jericho (chairman of school committee) in welcoming the assemblage, said it was a pleasure to see such a large gathering, and all were gratified that the chairman of the Clinton Council (Cr. J. P. Pontifex) had accepted the invitation to perform the opening ceremony. Often the need of a school had been discussed and at length a meeting had been called by Mr and Mrs Sawley, to take place at their residence. A decision was then arrived at, and Mr Sawley had offered to build a new school without expense to anyone, and just wanted help with the quarrying of the stone and the carting, etc. This fine offer had been gratefully accepted, and today, he asked Mr and Mrs Sawley to accept the sincere thanks of the residents for what they had done for the district. Besides the building Mr Sawley had also given the land. The school had been erected according to the Education Department's specifications, and was a credit to Mr Sawley and the district. The name, "Little Kalkabury," was affixed to the school, which was a unique distinction. Although no statistics were available, old residents had stated that the first school was established about 1887. In 1911 it had been removed to the old building near the main road, where school was held till 1925. It had been unfortunate that with ten children still attending, the building had been closed. At all times there had been a good attendance, and they rejoiced that Little Kalkabury school had come to life again.

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mony, who in the course of his speech said:—

"In behalf of the Clinton District Council, I wish to thank the Little Kalkabury school committee for their cordial invitation to be present with you this afternoon, and to assist you in the opening of your new school. I also wish to congratulate you on the completion of not only such a well built structure, but of the neat and ornate appearance which it presents. Having occasion to pass this way during the course of its construction, when the walls were nearly up to the square, I came to the conclusion that it was a Government building that was being put up and not that of a provisional school. On learning that such was not the case I did not feel so much surprised, because of the fact that when the people of this neighborhood take a matter in hand, a good job is invariably accomplished. Your new school building brings to my mind recollections of past years, when I was a member of the old Green's Plains Board of Advice, and with other members we had occasion to visit the various schools within our jurisdiction. The first school I remember was a few yards away, in Mr Hawkes' old residence. We want you boys and girls to remember that your parents have not given of their time and substance for your pleasure only, but for your benefit and advantage in years to come, when you will be called upon to take your place as citizens, and to fit you for any business or profession you may choose to engage in. Do not forget or neglect to pay attention to what your teacher tells you, and get all the knowledge you possibly can, now you have the opportunity, for your own good and future welfare. (Applause.)

Amid cheers, Cr. Pontifex then unlocked the door, and declared the building open for educational purposes.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr A. W. Gower, seconded by Mr L. A. L. Gordon, to which Cr. O. D. Jericho and Mr N. J. Wall (on behalf of the ladies) responded. Miss Trenter, the teacher, was then introduced, and refreshments served by the ladies. An apology was received from Cr. J. J. Henschke, and the function concluded with the National Anthem.