

## TUMUT HONOR BOARD.

### THE UNVEILING, AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

THE unveiling of the Tumut and District Soldiers' Honor Board was effected under the ægis of the War Service Committee at the Post Office, where it hangs, on Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was a very impressive one, mixed with pride, enthusiasm and sadness—the pride of those whose sons and relatives have gone to the front to fight for freedom and liberty, the enthusiasm of those they have left behind to protect the dependents and the sorrow of those who have lost dear ones in their efforts to help win this cruel war. Our Federal representative, Mr. Robert Patten, came to Tumut especially for the occasion, and delivered a capital oration.

The Honor Board was shrouded with the Union Jack and the badge of mourning for the dead whose names were emblazoned thereon, hung beneath. A string of our national and Allies' flags floated from the trees alongside the footpath, and altogether the tout-en-semble presented an imposing spectacle. The only disadvantage was that the Honor Board, from the position it occupies, was obscured from view of the thousand people who came to witness the unveiling.

The children from the Public School, in charge of Mr. Ambrose, one of their teachers, and marshalled by Recruiting-Sergt. Levy, lined up in the street in front of the Post Office, and the Town Band played 'God Save the King,' while the assemblage sang it.

Cr. Cooke (Shire President) had charge of the ceremony, and briefly introduced Mr. Patten.

Firstly, Mr. Patten said he was particularly proud to be there that day to participate in a ceremony of such vital importance to the town and district. Mr. Greg. M'Girr, his State colleague, had telegraphed that he was unable to attend, having a previous engagement and the

that he was unable to attend, having a previous engagement and the parliamentary session being on; but he wished the committee all sorts of success. As their Federal member and dealing with a matter very much affecting the war, he was pleased to unveil the Roll of Honor, which contained 180 names—names which would remain as an imperishable record of their courage and patriotism to take on the fight for those present and their homes. Although he had offered himself for service, until the age limit of acceptance is extended he must remain at home to stimulate them to relieve the men at the front with reinforcements and to provide them with comforts. There were very nearly 200 to follow from this district to keep up the quota. The Hume, of which Tumut is a part, had probably provided more soldiers than any other federal division in Australia, for it had sent up to date into camp or the fighting line over 6000. There was a legitimate excuse for old men, and for the young men who have responsibilities which compel them to remain, for not enlisting; some were the sole dependents for keeping the home together and were doing the proper thing in seeing that their mothers, sisters and young brothers were not neglected. But there were others not so circumstanced that words failed to express his condemnation of them. It was on account of coming in contact with the latter sort of men that he had held tenaciously to at any price. He had always argued that one volunteer was worth ten pressed men. He had not gone back on that policy without solid and grave reflection, and to support some other movement than that he had supported in the past. He was one who had declared for the equality of man and the equality of opportunity which all should support. By advocating some form of compulsion all would be brought into line. The voluntary system had not done that. All the big, brawny, brave-hearted fellows, the very moment they heard the call, said, 'Here am I, take me!' Others sat back and

take me!' Others sat back and never uttered a word. He went out on two recruiting campaigns, and found that the response was not as wholehearted as it might have been. When invited by the column of the 'Kangaroos' to accompany them to Sydney, he marched with them the whole 320 miles as a recruiting agent. He did not wish to raise the cry of town against country, but the nearer they got to the centres of population the less the response. He then came to the conclusion that the time was close at hand to compel those in the centres to respond more freely. Of the 15,000 recruits who had enlisted in N.S.W. 11,000 were from the country and only 4000 from the city in the first campaign; and many country men went to the city and enlisted there. These slackers should have a little bit of ginger put into force to make them realise their responsibilities. It was quite the opposite in New Zealand, were he had travelled from North to South. As a result the N.Z. Government had introduced a measure of compulsion. No doubt

when the Federal Parliament meets on August 3 it will have to take into consideration what measure of compulsion to adopt. Whatever is introduced he will vote for it. He agreed with the Prime Minister that we must fight this war to the last shilling and the last man. The names on the Tumut Honor Board would redound to their everlasting credit. But there were half a dozen of them registered on a higher roll of honor—"they died for you young men around here, as well as for the race." No greater effort could be blazoned on any scroll than that they died that we might be left in safety, and that the liberty we know and treasure should not be trampled in the mud. The parents bemoaning them had his heartfelt sympathy. No one could tell the anguish of a mother whose loved one had died for their country's

anguish of a mother whose loved one had died for their country's sake. All males should come up to the salute when passing that board as long as Tumut remains. However much they desire the war to end, the end is not in sight. Britain and her cubs and her Allies were going ahead magnificently; no doubt our boys on the western front are going to show the same gallantry, heroism, and the same record where they first made a name for Australia—at Anzac. Finally, he appealed to young men able to go to join the colors and give their brothers a spell in the trenches.

The school children sang 'Advance, Australia Fair,' the Band accompanying.

Mr. J. Geer, who has three sons at the front, was entrusted with the unveiling of the Honor Board, which was carried out under the direction of Mr. J. W. McCutcheon, and 'God Save the King' was sung.

The lowerlog of the flag disclosed the following names:—

Harris, G. H. L.  
Harris, C. W.  
Harris, G. T. H.  
Harris, V. H. L.  
Harris, H. H.  
Myers, E. W.  
Eurell, W.  
Eurell, T.  
Blakeney, C. M.  
Kelly, C.  
Carr, R. M. (killed).  
Johnson, E.  
Kiley, M. W.  
Brooms, A. P.  
White, R. H. J.  
Elphick, F. M.  
Elphick, A. H.  
Taubman, F. C.  
Kershaw, E. (killed).  
Kershaw, C.  
Gould, R. A.  
Rankin, R. (killed).  
Ball, G.  
Whatman, H. J.  
Clout, N.  
Williamson, S.  
Beale, P.  
Usher, B. (killed).  
Downing, R.  
Downing, F. J.  
Campbell, A.  
Geer, S.  
Geer, John.  
Geer, Jas.  
Coady, T. J.  
Mills, M.  
Davis, F.  
Murray, O.  
Hibbens, J. M.

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Hibbens, J. M.  
Cruickshank, G.  
M'Kinty, T.  
Curnow, N. J.  
Birmingham, J. P.  
Wilson, E.  
Horan, H. (killed).  
Manning, G. (killed).  
M'Cradie, J. J.  
Steele, A. P.  
Pike, H. A.  
Brown, W. H.  
Kinred, H. C.  
Kinred, C. D.  
Purcell, L.  
Miller, A.  
Harris, J. V.  
Parker, G.  
Carr, H. G.  
Grant, W.  
Allatt, L.  
Norris, A.  
Vogel, E.  
Price, L.  
Dodd, E. H.  
Mason, J. W.  
Nelson, C. L.  
Robinson, D.  
Killilea, C.  
Kemp, L. M.  
Buckley, G. H.  
Buckley, W. J. P.  
McNamara, J. P.  
Munt, F. H. R.  
Day, A. J.  
Hibbens, G.  
Barlow, F.  
Pearce, M.  
Taylor, G. H.  
\*O'Brien, A.  
O'Brien, T.  
O'Brien, O.  
Downing, M. S.  
Beck, W. S.  
Gelling, P.  
McNamara, F. G.  
Rooney, J. P.  
Grove, E. J.  
McDonnell, S. S.  
Beck, R. C.  
Beck, F. H.  
Brumby, R. S.

Pickering, J. A.  
Browne, J. W.  
Edgar, D. H.  
Browne, Dr. O. S.  
Marsh, Colin.  
Marsh, Campbell.  
Harris, H. R. A.  
Harris, P. H. S.  
Harris, B.  
Owen, A. P.  
Gunn, J. E.  
McDonald, G. A.  
Dalton, N. P.  
Wilkinson, M.  
Wilkinson, N.  
Thomas, M. A.  
Thomas, D. L.  
Brown, L. W.  
Hardwick, W. R.  
Chave, E. G.  
Chave, W. F.

Chave, W F.  
Chave, J N  
Maher, D C  
Smiles, O  
McNamara, H H  
Auckland, W B  
Auckland, J A.  
Malrose, C  
Kingswell, C J  
Barber, R O  
Bailey, P G  
Brown, N A G  
Green, T B  
Learmont, N  
Beattie, H H  
Hearne, H  
Jamieson, W A  
Cassidy, S A  
Cowans, W  
Mulqueenie, J J  
Wyburn, G  
Joyce, V  
Joyce, S  
Joyce, C  
Joyce, J  
Rustson, J E  
Hall, W W  
Hoad, C H  
Bridle, E W  
Jenkins, W A  
Costello, T  
Bennett, O  
Downing, C L  
Klein, H C  
Stanfield, E G  
Rigg, J M  
West, E H  
Webb, F A  
Jones, T  
Frost, F J  
McGrath, D  
Malone, W P  
Malone, T M  
Malone, F A  
Johnson, F H  
Sturt, W A  
Keown, A J  
Keown, O  
Leader, H G  
McAlister, P E  
Bendall, F V  
Lilley, C E  
Hubbard, E W  
Hubbard, J  
Leach, W T  
Brown, M G  
Cornelson, R  
Sutherland, R C  
Murray, J E  
Clarke, R  
Push E  
McKennis, A  
Hill, H  
Quilty, F  
Hargreaves, J A  
Watson, C G  
Jeffrey, A W  
Henry, F  
Lowther, W B  
Muryhy, J

A vote of thanks to Mr. Patten, in an eloquent speech President Cooke, in seconding, announced that he believed the names of some Tumut district recruits who had gone to the front were not recorded on the Honor Board; but if they were supplied the War Service Committee would see that the omissions were remedied.

Mr Patten having responded, the Mayor called for three cheers for the boys at the front.

#### Other items of interest on fourth and first pages

Old friends, old looks, old songs, old wine  
Old-fashioned folks to these incline;  
But as a rule, apart from such,  
Old-fashioned facts don't count for much.  
The old-time chemist made and sold  
His worthless doses for cough and cold;  
But sufferers now such trash abjure  
Preferring Woods' Great Peppermint Cure

Ald Jas. Elphick (Mayor) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Patten, in an eloquent speech President Cooke, in