

DEATH OF THE HON. J. A. GUNN.

A BIG LOSS TO THE COUNTRY.

The Hon. J. A. Gunn, M.L.C., died, after a short illness, in a private hospital in Sydney last Wednesday. The deceased pastoralist, who was modelled by nature for a public man, was of imposing physique, clear-eyed, happy of countenance, and withal, honest, broad-minded, and full of patriotism—patriotism that influences a man in times troublous or peaceful to strain every effort to benefit the people of his own country.

Few men may claim to have devoted the same measure of time and energy to the advancement of producing interests in New South Wales as J. A. Gunn, who was intensely popular amongst pastoralists and small farmers alike. His work was widely recognised, for wherever country interests claimed special advocacy the influence and personal effort of the deceased pastoralist were enlisted. An appeal for his co-operation in an honest cause was never made in vain, and the bush must regard his loss as being little short of a calamity.

The Hon. John Alexander Gunn was only 50 years of age, having been born at Bunninyong (near Ballarat), Victoria, in 1860. While in his teens he came to New South Wales, and at once became associated with the pastoral industry. For Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Mr. Gunn managed Yalgogrin and other stations, and eventually purchased Braehour, a property that he owned at the time of his decease. For a long time he was chairman of the Narrandera P.P. Board, and subsequently filled a similar position on the Wagga board. He was a member of the P.P. Boards' Council of Advice in Sydney and was also connected with the Kyeamba Shire Council. As a partner of Mr. McGarvie Smith the deceased gentleman took an active part in the manufacture of the anthrax vaccine, which has proved of inestimable value in combating that terrible disease, anthrax. Amongst those who took a really active part in bringing Dr. Danysz to New South Wales in connection with rabbit destruction, Mr. Gunn was a leading worker, and since that time he has been closely in touch with Dr. Tidswell's experiments in the same direction.

When the owner of Braehour was nominated to the Legislative Council by the Wade Government in 1908 the appointment met with enthusiastic ap-

proval throughout the State.

It is hard to realise that this brainy, wholesouled inlander has passed from us, but whenever the need is felt of a strong, true hand in the defence of bush rights, J. A. Gunn's name will be referred to with regret.