

NEWS LETTERS.

ALMA, June 27th.

The residents of Alma were favoured with ideal weather on the occasion of the unveiling of the Honour Roll and Machine Gun in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon. The hall was crowded. Mr A. Harkness was in the chair and introduced the speakers. After the singing of "God Save the King" and "O God, our Help in Ages Past," Mr S. Lake, the oldest resident, was asked to unveil the Roll of Honour for the district of Alma, which was presented by the members of the Council at the time when Mr Lake was chairman of that body. The Roll contained ninety-four names, seven of whom paid the supreme sacrifice. Mr. Lake said he regretted there was a Roll to unveil, but it was a question of fight or cease to be a nation, which was the policy of old England. He asked the boys and girls to remember the ceremony, remember those names upon the Roll, remember how the diggers behaved and follow their example. The hymn, "God, of Our Fathers" was then sung, followed by the unveiling of the machine gun by the Hon. D. J. Gordon, M.L.C. He said the machine gun was typical of victory and represented the honour of their country. Honour, dearer than life itself, in war and in peace. The mothers were a source of inspiration and "mother" was the uppermost thought in a soldier's mind. Nurses in the war zone would support that. He went on further to say that Australia had troubles, as great in peace as in war. There was their war debt to be met, and they had the largest continent with only a population of a little over five millions. It was on the Pacific that the eyes of the world were turned. The way to solve the problems was by displaying unity and concord, a determination to conquest similar to that of the pioneers of Australia, who realized they must work hard, be thrifty and honest. A united Australia was wanted. They would welcome to their shores all kinds and conditions of men, irrespective of nationality or religion, but they must be men loyal to the British Empire and the British Flag. (Applause) They did not want the bringing of old-world troubles and grievances into Australia. The speaker then eulogised the character of the South Australian youth, and quoted favorable opinions by Melbourne business men. He also said he considered the people looked too much to Parliament for help. Mr James Mc-

Parliament for help. Mr James McLachlan, M.P., also spoke in his usual pleasant manner, and praised the noble work accomplished by the women in the great war. The ceremony was brought to a close with the "Song of Australia." The machine gun hangs on the wall and was captured at Passchedaele Ridge on 15/10/17.

GEORGETOWN, June 29.

The entertainment given by St. Mark's Band on Monday evening was very successful. It is to be hoped it will act as an incentive to our local lovers for music hath charms for the soul to soothe the savage breast. We have a number of young people possessed of the necessary requisites to infuse some life into our township. Get going boys! You can hold your own in everything else doing, yet lag behind other centres in waking our sleepy town up to its own importance.

A change in the weather set in to-day. No frost last night giving this week five. Most of the farmers will finish seeding.

—Coursing.—

An eight dog stake was held at Georgetown on Wednesday, June 22nd. Results:—

First Round—

Wirrilla's Pride beat Merry Fortune.
Sister Sue beat Broadway Billy.
Nellie McGrath beat Merry Dora.
Sarah Fleetfoot beat Evador.

Second Round—

Wirrilla's Pride beat Sister Sue.
Nellie McGrath beat Sarah Fleetfoot.

Final—

Wirrilla's Pride beat Nellie McGrath.