

THE WEST BRUNSWICK STATE SCHOOL.

THE UNVEILING OF THE HONOR BOARD.

A large gathering assembled at the West Brunswick State school on Saturday afternoon last, to witness the ceremony of the unveiling of an Honor Board containing the names of 185 old scholars of that fine school, which maintains the true British traditions of thorough loyalty and good faith. The chairman of the School Committee, Mr H. R. Montgomery, occupied the chair, and there were present the Minister of Defence (Senator Pearce), the Acting State Commandant (Brigadier-General Williams), the Mayor (Cr. David Phillips, J.P.), Cr. Balfe and Mrs Balfe, Cr F. T. Hickford, M.A., and Mr Charles Norman, J.P.

The Chairman said that of the 185 honored names on the Board 7 had been killed; 21 wounded, and 4 missing.

The Minister of Defence, in unveiling the Honor Board, alluded to the necessity of giving the enemy a staggering blow while they were reeling with successive shocks of Allied attacks. It was the duty of Australians to support those who were already at the front. That was their promise, which as Britishers should be amply fulfilled. (Great cheering.)

After Brigadier General Williams had added a few soldierly utterances, the Minister unveiled the Board, amidst great enthusiasm. The Board was designed by Mr Cullen, the very capable and active correspondent of the School Committee, and reflects the greatest credit on his artistic taste and skill. The assembly hall was beautifully decorated by the ladies connected with the school. During the afternoon Misses Stillman and Humphreys and Mr Bergin gave some excellent musical items.

Mr Cullen, in moving a vote of thanks to the visitors, the Minister of Defence, and the Acting State Commandant, said the school required further assistance. He also referred to the generous way the visitors had accepted the invitation to be present at what was a most memorable occasion.

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Mr McAlister, the head master, in a few brief but expressive words, indicated his delight at the honor conferred on the school by such notable visitors.

Mr Bennett, in moving a vote of thanks to the performers and the fine military band which discoursed excellently during the afternoon, said the school had been started in May, 1888, just 28 years ago. He was delighted to see Mr William Field, the first head master, present with them that afternoon. He (Mr Bennett) had been an assistant at the school from its first commencement, 28 years ago. (Cheers.)

Mr W. Dowsley, J.P., seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried.

At the conclusion of an excellently fine ceremony, the ladies' committee entertained the visitors and their friends at afternoon tea. The whole affair was one of the best managed and the most enterprising of anything of its kind ever held in Brunswick.