

Honour Roll Unveiled.

Q.N. BANK'S OFFICERS.

The Queensland National Bank's honour board, a massive copper structure on the wall of the banking chamber at the head office in Queen street, was unveiled on 19th August, in the presence of the board of directors and the staff.

Mr. G. E. Bunning (chairman of directors), who performed the unveiling ceremony, said the unveiling of the honour board must occasion amongst all of them sorrow and regret, mingled with pride and reverence. They sorrowed with the relatives and friends of those who gave their lives for their country; and regretted that they died in the prime of life with all the bright future before them. They revered with pride all whose names were inscribed on the board. They responded to their country's call, and offered the best that was in them for the welfare of the Empire. The names of all brave men were inscribed in the hearts of their relatives and friends, but those public records were essential for the purpose of keeping their names and deeds before the generations to follow—a record of work well done and duty fulfilled. Amongst the "Deeds that Made the Empire" could be recorded those of—

J. Gibb, M.M., who carried the wounded of his unit through shell fire for 48 hours without rest.

G. W. Hulkins, M.M., who got an important message through under heavy machine gun and shell fire.

G. H. Hurd, M.C., displayed conspicuous gallantry in holding and consolidating a position under heavy fire.

A. L. Hall, M.C., who captured a strong post and secured 3 prisoners and a machine gun.

Then there were the posthumous honours awarded to A. Bailey and R.

C. Caston, who were killed in action and were each awarded the Military Medal. Their records were:—

R. C. Caston, M.M., for conspicuous gallantry at Gallipoli, in assisting to remove a gun in full view of the enemy, whilst exposed to rifle, machine gun, and shell fire.

A. Bailey, M.M., for rescuing wounded from an exposed position under heavy fire in France.

"There is no distinction," continued Mr. Bunning, "between any of the names I have mentioned and the other names inscribed on this board. All were animated with the same desire, the ambitions of youth with its love of action—all were brave—all were filled with the intention to join in the fight for the maintenance of the prestige of the British Empire, and honour is their due. Their names are inscribed on loving hearts as well as on these records of brave deeds. The staff of this institution, in common with their confères, fulfilled its duty to its country. In Australia 150 of its officers enlisted, and six of the London staff also joined. Twenty-two of the Australians were killed; 91 of the Australian staff, and one of the London staff returned to duty, and four more are returning. The proportion of officers who enlisted to the number on the staff at the outbreak of the war in Australia was 32.25 per cent, and 50 per cent of the London staff. And it has merited honour in common with all who did their level best for their country's welfare, whether in a military or civil capacity, throughout the last war."