

## BALLARAT EAST AVENUE OF HONOR

### TREE PLANTING COMMENCED.

The first 100 trees in connection with the Ballarat East Avenue of Honor, were planted along the Melbourne road, in the vicinity of the Caledonian Bridge, on Saturday afternoon, this locality being the main entrance to the municipality. It is hoped that the avenue, which is being linked up with the Avenue of Honor on the Burrumbeet road, will later on continue right through the municipalities along the route to Melbourne. Fortunately the weather was fine, and there was a large and representative attendance. Prior to the tree planting, a few short addresses were given from a lorry in close proximity to a temporary flagpole from which a Union Jack was flying. On the vehicle were Mayor Levy (Ballarat East), Mayor Hill (Ballarat City), Senator Bolton and the Hon. R. McGregor, M.L.A.

Addressing the large gathering, the Mayor said they had assembled to plant an avenue to the honor of the soldiers who had enlisted in Ballarat. It was not the intention of the committee to particularise Ballarat East or West, but they desired to look upon the fine avenue that had been planted along the Burrumbeet road and that in Ballarat East as one Ballarat avenue for Ballarat soldiers. While they intended to plant only 100 trees that day they would later extend the avenue to the boundary of the municipality, and the hope was expressed by the committee that the tree planting scheme would be carried on right to Melbourne. The committee regretted the fact that the names of a number of soldiers had been omitted, but at their last meeting they had arranged that if the names of soldiers who had enlisted before June 1916 were handed in before Tuesday, they would be inserted in the pamphlet of names, and trees to their memory would be planted on Saturday next.

The Hon. R. McGregor, in commending the people for the planting of the avenue, paid a tribute to the women for what they had done and were doing in connection with the war.

Mayor Hill expressed the hope that in the near future the avenue of honor would link up the western district with Melbourne.

Senator Bolton said they could in no more fitting manner perpetuate the memories of the brave men who went from Ballarat to fight for the Empire.

Cr. A. J. Fiske (Buninyong Shire) remarked that next year an additional 1000 trees were to be planted along the Melbourne road, and this would tap the Buninyong Shire.

Cr. W. Elsworth, on behalf of the Avenue of Honor Committee, thanked all those who had assisted to make the

movement a success.

Tree planting was then commenced. The first tree, which was in honor of Lieut.-Col. Bennett, was planted by Mayor Levy in the absence of the Premier, and the Mayor also planted trees to the memory of Lord Kitchener and Albert E. White, 2nd Sec. A. Vet. C. Miss Levy, the Acting Mayoress, planted trees in honor of Richard Renfree, 3th Batt., and Nurse Curnow.

A neat pamphlet containing the names of those to whose memory trees were planted, and the names of the planters, was sold and is still obtainable, for the small sum of sixpence.

This planting was carried out under the supervision of the Curator (Mr. J. S. Edwards).