

GOVERNOR VISITS BENDIGO.**Memorial Hall Opened.**

BENDIGO, Tuesday.—His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lieut.-Commander G. A. G. Haggard, D.S.C., R.N., made his first official visit to Bendigo to-day. After attending a civic welcome at the town hall the mayor (Councillor J. E. Holland) entertained at luncheon the Governor and representatives of district municipalities and other public bodies. Among those present were Mr. John McWhae, Agent-General-elect, who represented the State Ministry; Messrs. Sternberg and Keck, M.L.C.'s; Messrs. Smith and Dunstan, M.L.A.'s; Captain G. J. C. Dyett, Federal president, and Mr. E. Turnbull, State president of the Returned Soldiers' League.

In responding to the toast of his health, proposed by the mayor, Lord Stradbroke said that though the mining industry was somewhat decadent at present, he was pleased that attention was being given to building up other natural industries, thus adding to the wealth of the district. He hoped that everything would be done to keep education in the forefront, so that the rising generation could be fitted to develop the natural resources of the State.

In proposing the toast of the Federal and State Parliaments, Sir John Quick regretted that the Prime Minister, owing to pressure of Parliamentary duties, was unable to be present.

Mr. McWhae, responding for the State Ministry, said that the development of the immense deposits of brown coal at Morwell should give a great impetus to industry. Victoria was one of the richest countries in the world in resources, yet it had but a small population. The only way to make Australia safe and prosperous was to get British people to come here and settle. What was needed was an Anglo-Saxon Australia.

In the afternoon Lord Stradbroke opened the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in Rosalind Park. The building, erected by subscriptions from the public and the city council, cost £5,400, and about £2,000 was expended in furnishings.

Lord Stradbroke said that as a regimental officer at the war he had had many opportunities of knowing of the bravery of the Australian soldiers. Over 2,500 men from the Bendigo district went to the front, which showed a splendid spirit of patriotism. Those who were killed left examples of gallantry which would live in history.

The "Last Post" was sounded, and the school children sang the Recessional. His Excellency handed the keys of the building to Chaplain the Rev. E. S. Dorman, president of the Bendigo branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association, who said that members would honour the trust reposed in them by the citizens of Bendigo.

Later the Governor unveiled an ornamental seat, and a memorial tablet erected in front of the Law Courts by Mr. Barkly Hyett, president of the Bendigo Law Association. The tablet contained the names of Major C. E. Connelly, Captain E. W. Connelly, Major M. N. Mackay, and Lieutenant A. N. Hyett, members of the legal profession killed in the war.

His Excellency proceeded to the Unity mine of the Bendigo Amalgamated Goldfields Company. Escorted by Mr. Milne, the general manager, the Governor made an inspection of the workings at the 1,253ft. level, and was much interested. In the evening Lord Stradbroke attended the concert by Mr. Henri Verbrugghen's orchestra, and later was the guest of the Masonic lodges.