

Great Tree-Planting Scheme.

The final section for the season of the soldiers' avenue of honor on the Bur-rumbeet road was planted on Saturday afternoon, when two special trains were run from Ballarat to the Bur-rumbeet racecourse, beyond which the avenue now extends, making an unbroken stretch of over 13 miles. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the Windermere and Bur-rumbeet Red Cross Society, and there was a large attendance. Thirty-eight gardeners were present to supervise the planting of over 500 trees, each man having a special section. Speeches were delivered, amongst those present being Sir Alexander Peacock, Brigadier General Williams, (Acting State Commandant), Messrs Brawn and Bell, M.L.C.'s, McGregor and Major Baird, M.L.A.'s and Councillor Medwell (president of the Ballarat Shire). A special souvenir, containing the name of every soldier in whose honor a tree has been planted, was issued. This year's planting has cost about £800, the whole of which is being provided by the young women employed at Lucas and Co's who originated the scheme, and have carried it through. A maintenance fund is being established. It is intended to continue the planting next year to link up with the work done by the Beaufort committee, who have planted towards Ballarat as far as Trawalla. Arrangements will also be made for planting on the Melbourne side.