

Associated Stock and Station Agents Erect Two Honour Boards.

Sharp on the stroke of 3 p.m. last Monday, eighty members, representatives, and employees of the twenty-eight firms composing the Associated Stock and Station Agents of Melbourne, gathered in the Board Room, Oxford Chambers, to attend the function of unveiling the Honour Board presented by the Association as a tribute to the men who had gone to the front, and all of whom were at the time of enlisting either employed in the offices or in the general business of the several firms constituting the Association.

The Hon. Donald Mackinnon, Director-General of Recruiting, performed the unveiling ceremony.

The following names form the complete list appearing on the Honour Board to date:

W. V. ADAMSON
 G. M. AINSLIE
 A. B. ARCHER
 D. BARRINGTON
 W. A. BLAIR, Jun.
 N. BECHERVAISE
 W. P. BOLAND
 N. W. CAMERON
 R. CHARLTON
 C. CLIFTON
 W. COX
 H. G. H. COLCLOUGH
 J. G. COLCLOUGH
 L. F. COOPER
 A. D. CLYNE
 T. H. CLYNE
 J. D. DAWSON
 D. A. DAVIS
 H. P. DENSLEY
 C. EDWARDS
 O. C. H. FARRANT
 W. T. FRASER
 L. W. FORSTER
 C. GARDINER
 G. S. GRANT
 F. GILLIES
 S. GOODWIN
 W. GOLDSON
 H. GUTHRIE
 J. T. GUNDRY

H. GUTHRIE
 J. T. GUNDRY
 T. L. HAWKINS
 G. HUMMERSTON
 W. E. JENNER
 A. JOHNSTON
 E. JOHNSTON
 J. KAY
 M. W. KLAWS
 G. KELSALL
 D. B. A. KING
 R. LESTER
 C. McE. LILLIE
 K. LOBBAN
 L. MARCHANT
 J. E. MASON
 M. MEEHAN
 D. M. MORPETH
 E. MOYLAN
 D. McDONALD
 F. J. McDONALD
 D. K. MILWRAITH
 W. MINDOE
 R. McMILLAN
 D. McNAMARA
 J. McPHERSON
 V. NANCARROW
 R. O'LEARY
 C. OSBORNE
 W. C. PARLETT
 A. B. PATERSON
 R. K. PATTERSON
 E. H. PECK
 H. RANKIN
 W. RIELLY
 H. A. ROBERTS
 A. G. SPENCE
 A. SMITH
 R. M. SMITH
 N. TAVERNER
 C. W. TRENCHARD
 J. P. WALLACE
 G. G. WILLIAMS
 L. WILKINSON
 L. H. WILKINSON
 J. WINFIELD
 W. M. WHINFIELD
 C. YOUNG

In introducing Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Edward J. Cordner, Chairman of the Associated Agents, said that no more suitable and popular man than Mr. Mackinnon could have been found for this special occasion. For not only was Mr. Mackinnon, Director-General of Recruiting, but was closely identified with the stock industry. Moreover, it was felt that Mr. Mackinnon was in the fullest sympathy with the occasion, as he had in common with a lot of those present sent sons to the front. He had also given a very great deal of his time and

sent sons to the front. He had also given a very great deal of his time and his energy to the objective that the Honour Board represented.

On the Board would be found the names of the 76 men who had gone from among them to the front. Of these six had paid the full price of their duty by giving up their lives for their country.

It would be noticed, he continued, that the names were just painted temporarily on the Board, as it was anticipated that a number of others would yet be added. When the list was finally completed, the present names in their now form could be easily wiped out, and finally set in gold lettering in alphabetical order.

Mr. Mackinnon said he felt much complimented in being selected to unveil the Honour Board which compliment gained a special flavour through his interest in live stock, and the friendship of many of those present. He had often, he said, when he was at Newmarket listened to the auctioneers when they were on the fence, but the positions were now reversed, and they would have to listen to him.

The good old stock and station business was, he was pleased to say, still about at the head of our industries, and he felt proud that this should be so, and that from the businesses of the stock and station agents so many had enlisted for their country's service. Still he hoped that before that Board was finally completed a good many more names would be added to those already there; but he trusted that the casualty list of these would not be more than slightly increased.

Though they had done well, however, they would have to do better. The message he had to give them that day was "That Australia would have to get more men." Both classes of the community should recognise this fact—both the employed and the employer. Australia had done marvellously well, but she would have to make greater efforts to win the war, and see that every man who could go did go. (Hear, hear.)

More money was being made in

many businesses at the present than at any time since the gold days—the income tax proved this—and the live stock industry was not an exception. While employers were busily engaged availing themselves of the opportunities offered, they were apt to omit giving their employees leave to enlist. He knew that employers were afraid of the uncertainty of the future, and wished to make provision against a time wherein they might stand to be heavily affected by taxation; but they must have the courage to make self-sacrifices and let men go. There were many men who would go, he knew, because he had received hundreds of letters to that effect if their employers would let them.

What would win this war was sustained effort. No one must be discouraged by any political turmoil, but keep steadily on. Our Army had to be maintained at 100,000 men at the front fit and well. This we had undertaken to do, but were not performing as we had promised. Until more men were obtained, so that rest and recuperation could be provided for the Australians in the firing line, we were not acting fairly towards them. We were placing our men under worse conditions than those under which the British, the Canadian and the Imperial troops at the front were fighting. All but the Australians had full opportunity for rest and recuperation, while our men had not, because there were not sufficient fresh troops to take their place. He appealed to their good sense and good feeling to end this.

Even though a soldier took risks of his life and maiming, he considered that a great and rare opportunity was offered to any young fellow—an opportunity to see the world and all that that meant, and to take part in the greatest war that humanity had ever had to wage.

Mr. Mackinnon then unveiled the Honour Board, saying "I hope that those whose names here appear may all come back, and I wish that you may again see your sons and employees safely return to help to build up Australia after all they have gone through."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Mackinnon was moved by Mr. Edward Trenchard, and was carried by hearty acclamation.

A second Honour Board—an exact replica—will be hung at the Association offices at Newmarket, and Mr. Mackin-

many businesses at the present

piece—will be hung at the Association offices at Newmarket, and Mr. Mackinnon has consented to travel it at 12.45 on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 11th of July.

The Board is decidedly handsome of presentation, and is composed of fine figured Australian blackwood. It is suitably designed in bold relief hand carving, being surmounted by a typical merino ram's head, exceedingly well executed in high relief, the wool and the eyes showing especially good work and truth of detail. Crossed laurel leaves appear above the names, while on the square columns are carved the leaves of the eucalyptus.

The whole was specially designed, manufactured and carried out by the Goldman Manufacturing Co. of Latrobe-street.
