

## LORD BRASSEY AT CASTLE- MAINE.

### THE PATTERSON MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.

There was considerable stir and excitement in Castlemaine yesterday morning consequent on the visit of Governor Brassey to the town. He came at the invitation of the mayor and Borough Council on his first official visit to the borough, and incidentally to unveil the memorial fountain erected here to the memory of the late Sir James Patterson, and to open the annual Spring Show in the Orderly Room, under the auspices of the Castlemaine District Horticultural Society. His Excellency arrived by special train about noon, and was accorded an enthusiastic reception. The Militia Band, on the platform, received him with musical honors, and members of the Castlemaine and Bendigo Militia constituted a guard of honor. The mayor (Mr T. Elliott, J.P.) welcomed him to the borough on behalf of the councillors and burgesses. Mr W. M. Butler, president of the Pioneer and Old Residents' Association, presented His Excellency (on behalf of that body) with a handsome illuminated address. After His Excellency had replied, a large number of the State school children sang the National Anthem.

The Governor was then driven to the Patterson Memorial Fountain, which is situated opposite Patterson's Corner, Market Square. The structure is of blue stone and polished Harcourt granite, and comprises four square pillars, surmounted on a plinth pedestal, over which are four arched pediments, with tall spiral finials. These supplement the central finial, which attains an altitude of 25 feet. The front arch consists of a polished granite tablet, bearing the inscription. In the centre is a drinking fountain that is approached by a couple of steps. In the front is a trough for horses and cattle, and at either end of the fountain there are drinking troughs for dogs. The inscription is as follows:—"Erected to the Memory of Sir J. B. Patterson, K.C.M.G., who represented this district for 25 years. Died October 30, 1895." Arrived at the spot, Mr T. Graham, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, welcomed and invited his Excellency to unveil the fountain.

The Governor then performed the ceremony of unveiling.

Subsequently his Excellency was entertained by the mayor at a banquet in the Mechanics' Hall, and at 3 o'clock opened the

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