

NORTH HAMILTON ROLL OF HONOUR

A large number of North Hamilton residents and friends were present on Thursday afternoon at the North Hamilton State school, when the honour roll was unveiled by Mrs. M. Higby. The mayor (Cr. M'Luckie), Cr. S. Learmonth (president of the Shire of Dundas), and Cr. and Mrs. W. J. Balkin journeyed out to officiate in the ceremony. An apology was received from Cr. J. Stewart. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem by the children. On entering the school the eye of the observer was struck by the flags of the Allies drawn and coloured in chalk on the blackboards in excellent style. Miss McDonald, the junior teacher, being the artist.

Mr. Clapperton, the head teacher, said the honour roll contained the names of volunteers, and it was made by volunteers. Miss L. Edwards carved the sprays of gum leaves surmounting the roll from a tree growing at North Hamilton (free). Mr. A. Fielder painted the sixty-two names in elegant gold lettering free of charge. The beautiful printing and colouring of the names in the book of honour were the work of Mr. C. D. McDonald, while the honour board itself was made by Mr. S. Allan, of Messrs. Allan and Errey. It consisted of polished oak frame, with black wood panel, and though very high in quality was very low in price. They also had a memorial bronze, besides the honour roll, and this exemplified the enthusiasm with which the cause had been taken up.

The mayor said it was not the first time he had been in the North Hamilton school, but never on a more auspicious occasion. This roll was being unveiled in the honour of the brave boys who had gone to the front. They had done their duty and the boys and girls in the school should emulate them in their sense of duty, which did not always consist in doing big things. School boys and girls had a duty to their teachers and parents. Those boys who had gone to fight nevertheless had learnt the lessons of obedience at that school. Turning to the war he thought the first volume of the war was finished in the capitulation of Bulgaria and her determination to fight in the interests of the Allies against Turkey, though he hoped that would not be necessary because Turkey would probably surrender, too. He referred to the great part the Australians had played in the war, and thanked Mr. Clapperton for the invitation to assist in the unveiling ceremony.

Cr. Learmonth said he was born and bred in the Hamilton district, but he had travelled in America and lived there. Australians possessed absolutely the best land on earth, and he exhorted them to live so that their country might become the hope

of the universe. We had good blood in us, and the Australian soldier was the equal of no other on earth. These boys had gone to offer their lives for their country, and he asked the boys and girls of the school never to do anything to make them ashamed to shake one of these boys by the hand.

Mr. Clapperton then called on Cr. Balkin to present certificates to Alfred Lovett, Mabel Monaghan, and Marian Aberg for raising £1 or over for the education department's war relief funds. The certificate of Marian Aberg was framed.

Mr. Clapperton moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, which was seconded by Mr. C. Pitman, and carried by acclamation. The visitors, after the ceremonies concluded, were entertained at afternoon tea.

The North Hamilton school has every reason to be proud of its war memorials. The memorial bronze showed a female figure protecting a child, near-by which was the name "Anzac." Underneath were the words: "In memory of the pupils of this school who served the Empire in the great war." On top of the bronze were the words "Pro Patria." Underneath the honour roll, on which were the words, "The Great War, Roll of Honour," was a small cabinet, let into the overmantel, and containing a book which will show the war record of each soldier mentioned on the honour roll.

On Wednesday evening ex-Private S. Walker who has lately returned wounded, was welcomed back at the North Hamilton hall. The first part of the evening was devoted to euclys and dancing also was indulged in. The mayor (Cr. M'Luckie) and Cr. W. J. Balkin extended a hearty welcome home to ex-Private Walker. Excellent music (accordion and piano) was supplied gratis by Messrs. J. Wall and T. Walker, while Mrs. W. Balkin and Miss Belle McDonald also

assisted with the music. Mr. S. Walker carried out the duties of M.C. in a very efficient manner.

The list of names on the North Hamilton State school honour roll is as follows:—Morison, J. A.; Morison, N. J.; Morison, L.; Higby, R.; Higby, C. R.; Rankin, D.; Rankin, A.; Cox, J. S.; Walker, B.; McDonald, J.; Dark, J. S.; Porter, G. R.; Porter, H. J.; Campbell, J.; Lee, P. J. M.; Healey, A.; Brown, J.; Lees, C.; Hauenstein, C.; Maister, L.; Sheehan, D.; Koops, R.; Koops, G.; Gibson, V. R.; Trotter, J.; Hutchins, S.; Warburton, W.; Edwards, B.; Pitman, R. F.; M'Lean, J. G.; McDonald, E.; Keegan, R. J.; M'Neil, D. J.; Smith, G. H.; Smith, A. G.; Lewis, W. C.; Nathan, M. D.; Betts, H. J.; Boyd, W.; Morris, G.; M'Swain, J.; Denton, C. H.; Hartwich, J.; Walter, E.; Cameron, W.; McDonald, C. D.; McDonald, C.; Milward, L.; Jamieson, T.; Ryan, M. J.; M'Arthur, C.; Baker, L. H.; M'Cracken, A. J.

Jamieson, T.; Ryan, M. J.; M'Arthur,
C.; Baker, L. H.; M'Cracken, A. ;
Harris, L.; M'Grath, J. P.; Denlon,
L.; Mutch, J.; Mulley, E.; Walter,
R.; Lovett, A.

Mr. Clapperton, the secretary of
the honour roll, would be pleased if
any persons knowing the names of
past North Hamilton boys, who are
gone to the war, would supply the
names to him.