

GREAT OCEAN ROAD.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled.

LORNE, Thursday.—Rough seas, easterly winds and sullen skies were the weather conditions prevailing as the Governor and Lady Huntingfield arrived at the Erskine River bridge this morning, where 80 school children and a number of residents had assembled. Mr. T. Darcy, president of Winchelsea shire, extended a welcome to their Excellencies on behalf of Lorne and shire residents. After inspecting the school children the Governor delivered an address to the children firstly, and adults later. He referred to the approaching jubilee, and urged all to learn as much as they could at school, as they were to become citizens of the future. Judging by the large number of bright, happy faces before him he felt sure that Lorne would flourish. He thanked the adults for the warm welcome, and expressed regret that the Duke of Gloucester's and his visit had to be cancelled in November.

The official party then adjourned to Lorne Hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, at Mount Defiance, a large number met to witness the unveiling of the memorial tablets. The official party included Messrs. C. H. Herschell and W. T. B. McCormack, directors of the Ocean Road Trust; F. W. Fricke and L. Dale, Country Roads Board members; A. Galbraith, chairman of the Forest Commission; G. Broadbent, A. Stanford, E. T. Hendy, J. T. Anderson; Alderman J. Pettitt, N. Malcolm, A. Stanford and L. Bechervaise, of the Ocean Road Trust; and Messrs. H. H. Smith, G. McArthur, A. McDonald and T. K. Maltby, members of the State Parliament.

Mr. C. Herschell outlined the formation of the trust, and narrated the wonderful stimulus given by the late Mr. Howard Hitchcock. He visualised the scenic wonders of the road, and also its means of employment for those who served their country. Lorne, which was originally twelve hours' journey from Melbourne, was now three and a half hours. Unbounded enthusiasm had been displayed by the founder, and the memorial lookout was erected to his memory. The road was a memorial to soldiers and sailors, and 3000 returned men had worked on its construction.

Lord Huntingfield referred to the keenness of Sir Stanley Argyle on this road, and said the latter had looked forward to the trip. He had travelled on many scenic roads in the world, and no road could surpass this one from a picturesque standpoint. He was greatly impressed by its grandeur. Its construction had a twofold aim, beauty of scenery and work for those who had served their country. In fighting for freedom and democracy against militarism and tyranny they gave their lives. Tyranny at present was raising its head in

tyranny they gave their lives. Tyranny at present was raising its head in Europe, and he urged them to endeavor to keep peace and freedom in the British Empire. The memorial plaque bearing the inscription, "This lookout was erected to the memory of the Honorable Howard Hitchcock, founder of the Great Ocean Road Trust," and a second plaque reading, "This Ocean Road was built to commemorate the services of soldiers and sailors in the Great War, 1914 to 1918," was then unveiled, and dedicated by Lord Huntingfield.