

Munro Honour Roll

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

The admirable hall which serves the people of Munro as a place of assemblage to take part in local community functions, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on Saturday afternoon last. This was the unveiling of the handsome board on which are set out in the Roll of Honour the names of 16 district men who represented Munro in fighting for their country in the Great War, of whom three sacrificed their lives. The chair was occupied by Cr. Geo. Kirkham, and with him on the platform were the Hon. G. I. Wise, M.H.R., Postmaster-General; Hon. G. M. Davis, M.L.C.; Mr. J. W. M'Lachlan, M.L.A., and the President of the Avon Shire (Cr. W. H. Carter).

Addresses applauding the self-sacrifice of the men who voluntarily undertook service in arms in defence of their country were delivered by the chairman, the Hon. G. H. Wise, Hon. G. M. Davis, and Mr. M'Lachlan, M.L.A., and Cr. Carter, Mr. Wise pointing out that the spirit of self-sacrifice and unity of purpose which distinguished the Australian soldiers should serve to stimulate the people of Australia to similar self-sacrifice and unity, the speaker going on to declare that no expenditure of money in meeting war debts, and striving to place returned men in a better position than they occupied prior to the war could be in any way commensurate with the sacrifice of parents whose sons had fallen in battle, or with that of the men who had braved the risks and hardships of the battlefield.

At the close of Mr. Wise's speech, the Honour Roll was unveiled by Mrs. Kirkham, wife of the chairman, and the children, trained by their teacher (Miss Fletcher), with Mrs. M'Farlane at the piano, sang "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past," and later on Kipling's

in "Ages Past," and later on Kipling's Recessional "Lest We Forget."

At the close of the proceedings the chairman thanked the speakers and the ladies and all who had assisted in connection with this interesting function, amongst whom was the hon. secretary (Mr. D. Andrews), and the final feature of the ceremony was the sounding of the "Last Post" by Mr. Prescott Jones.

Subsequently the assembled company were entertained with true Gippsland hospitality by the Munro ladies at afternoon tea.

Mr. A. Mathieson, who was engaged elsewhere, sent an apology for unavoidable absence.

The names on the Honour Board were as follows:—

*W. E. Bartlett.
*J. Bartlett.
*A. W. Bartlett.
J. A. Bartlett.
E. W. White.
K. W. Lake.
S. J. Williams, Sgt., M.M.
S. Luxford, Lce-Corpl.
P. Williams.
C. Riley, Sgt.-Major.
M. R. Bruce, Bombadier.
E. W. Orchard.
T. Austin.
R. H. Bartlett.
W. A. Douglas, Lce-Corpl.
W. H. Williams.

*Killed.