

WORKSHOP MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

An obelisk in grey granite, commemorating the heroism of soldiers from Newport Railway Workshops, who gave their lives in the Great War, was unveiled on Friday in the presence of their workmates by Mr. W. M. Shannon, Railway Commissioner.

Addresses were delivered by Commissioner W. McKenzie and by Mr. G. H. Bennett, president of the railways sub-section of the Returned Soldiers' League.

The chair was occupied by Mr. J. B. Smith, president of Williamstown Branch of the League. Among the visitors were members of the Williamstown Association of Soldiers' Mothers, members of the Association of Soldiers' Fathers, representatives of various branches of the Railway Department, the Mayor (Cr. H. Harvey), councillors and the town clerk of Williamstown, as well as representatives of other municipalities and public bodies.

Mr. Bennett said credit was due to Mr. Norman Armstrong, treasurer of the Newport sub-branch of the League, for the erection of the obelisk. It was solely through his efforts that the money was subscribed. The Railway Commissioners had also given every encouragement to the movement for the raising of this memorial.

Mr. W. M. Shannon said 4500 men from the Railway Department enlisted for active service, and of that number 668 came from Newport Railway Workshops. Of 457 railway men who died on active service, 72 were from Newport.

Sister Grace Douglas, of the Royal Red Cross, placed wreaths on the base of the obelisk. Warrant-Officer E. J.

of the obelisk. Warrant-Officer E. J. Robottom sounded the Last Post, and one minute's silence was reverently observed. Appropriate music was supplied by the Workshops Band, under Mr. H. Niven.

Lieutenant-Commander Trevaskis represented the navy. Colonel Whitton, of the 32nd Battalion, and Air Commodore R. Williams and Flying-Officer Hancock were also present.

The granite for the obelisk was brought from Harcourt, and was sculptured and erected by Mr. E. T. Fell, of Williamstown monumental works, who is a returned soldier.