

## Tyrendarra Hall

### OFFICIAL OPENING.

For some time past the contractor, Mr H. Saunders, has been busy at the work of enlarging and improving the hall at Tyrendarra. The original building was erected in May, 1914, and had become too small for present requirements, so it has been practically reconstructed on a larger and improved basis. Two dressing rooms have been provided and a larger stage built, while the main dancing floor has been increased from an area of 630 square feet to one of 950. The hall is lined throughout, and built to fulfil the stringent regulations of the Board of Health. The committee decided to dedicate the new hall to the memory of the fallen soldiers from the Tyrendarra district, so on Sunday last the building was officially opened by Capt. Hislop, president of the Returned Soldiers' Association in Portland.

In dedicating the hall, Capt. Hislop said he was indeed honoured at being asked to open it in memory of the lads from Tyrendarra who had "remained on the other side." He congratulated the people, not only on building the hall, but on remembering their fallen boys, and he hoped the spirit would always remain in the minds of the people.

Mr Bond, M.L.A., said he was glad to see the soldiers' memorial in Tyrendarra take such a tangible form as the splendid hall he was assisting to declare open that afternoon. The people should continue to assist the men who had returned, and keep alive the memory of those who had fallen.

Mr H. V. MacLeod spoke of the sacrifice these men had made. All honour should be given to those who enabled us to still claim the Union Jack as our flag. As a returned man he was glad to assist in opening Tyrendarra's memorial hall.

Rev. J. Coats was glad that his duties that afternoon called him to Tyrendarra and enabled him to join the former speakers in paying his tribute to the soldiers who had "laid down their lives for their friends."

The chairman of the hall committee moved a vote of thanks to the speakers for coming to Tyrendarra that afternoon and opening the hall. He reminded the people that a grand opening concert and dance would be held on 14th April, when a record attendance was looked for.

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The fallen men from Tyrendarra were Staff-Sgt.-Mjr. R. Jerritt, L. Corp. L. Stanford and Privts. W. Stanford and T. Miles. Enlarged photos of these men are hung in the hall, as are also the photos of T. O'Connor, from Narrawang, and C. Roberts from Codrington.