

DISTRICT NEWS.

(From our own Correspondents.)

MACLEAN.

TALOUMBI'S ROLL OF HONOR.

IMPRESSIVE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

A most impressive ceremony was performed on Saturday afternoon at the picturesque little Gulmarrad School, Taloumbi, when, in the presence of quite two hundred people, Mayor T. A. Goddard, of Maclean, unveiled the roll of honor containing the names of 21 Taloumbi residents who have enlisted. As before mentioned in these columns, Taloumbi is essentially loyal and there is scarcely a house in the little hamlet that does not feel proud of having sent a representative to uphold its honor. Three families have supplied ten soldiers.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, after which Ald. Goddard unveiled the board, eulogising Taloumbi for the splendid record it had put up and pointing out that if every place had similarly distinguished itself there would be no talk of Conscription.

His remarks were followed on by addresses from Cr. F. Lawrence, ex-Cr. Plater, Messrs. C. E. Hawtin (Shire Clerk), W. Mansfield (Labor candidate for the Clarence), W. Nicholson (President of the Progress Association), who also acted as Master of the Ceremonies in a most efficient manner, A. Knight (War Service Committee), F. W. Collison (President Maclean Mechanics' Institute), J. T. Mallett (President, Ashby P. Association), Ald. O. R. Kelly, Messrs. Geo. W. Austen, T. B. Notley, F. Schwonberg, W. H. Towner and others. After the ceremony three hearty cheers were given for the "Boys on the Board."

A sumptuous repast was partaken of, which was supplied by the ladies of Taloumbi.

The honor roll, which is a most beautiful one, is of embossed copper, each name being written in script on separate brass plates, the whole veiled with two large flags—the Union Jack and the Commonwealth flag. The names are as follows:—

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P. Dougherty, Jas. Davis, F. W. Davis, P. O. Grady, J. O'Neill, Jack Pearson, Stan Plater, J. Durrington, O. Durrington, T. Lang, W. Lang, J. Lang, G. Lang, H. Sheean, W. Sheean, T. Sheean, J. Sheean, J. Nicholson, D. Bateman, Chas. Cox, Jack Essex.

There are still others who are leaving Taloumbi and whose names will be put on at a later stage.

Mr. Harry Browning, a veteran, who has offered himself several times and who is wearing the first Rejected Volunteer's badge seen in the district, is still intent on doing his bit and is offering again shortly. His son, C. W. Browning, has enlisted and goes into camp shortly.

Dr. Henry gave his lecture at the Mechanics' Institute at Maclean on Friday night, but owing to the very inclement weather did not have a large audience. Several musical items were rendered.

Mrs. Tully, the wife of Mr. M. Tully, had the misfortune to slip and break her arm.