

NAROGHID.

UNVEILING OF HONOR BOARD.

The unveiling of an Honor Board at the Naroghid School on Friday was quite an even in local history. The President of the Hampden Shire (Cr. E. J. Kelly) who was assisted by Crs. J. Bradshaw and S. G. Black, performed the ceremony, and in the course of an impressive speech, expressed on behalf of his fellow councillors and himself, their thanks for the great compliment paid to them in being invited to take part in honoring the men whose names appeared on the Honor Roll. He complimented the people of the district on the beautiful workmanship, and said that it would keep in lasting memory, the men whose noble deeds had inspired the whole world—men who, at the call of duty, fearlessly gave up all that life holds dear in an endeavor to preserve for us and the future generations of the Empire that priceless heritage of freedom which is so dear to the heart of every Britisher. After a glowing tribute to their deeds, Cr. Kelly emphasised what we owe to the memory of the fallen and our duty to those who return after leaving their records on the scroll of history.

Cr. Bradshaw expressed his great pleasure in being privileged to honor the sons of so many old acquaintances. Being so far from the heart of Empire, it was sometimes thought reasonable to suppose that the spirit of loyalty was not so strong in the Australian people; but the falsity of such impressions was soon shown by the action of some Australian boys, who have lived up to the highest traditions of our glorious past. The

mes of so many from a country district bore eloquent testimony to the high ideals instilled into the minds of the boys and girls by their teachers in the past. Cr. Bradshaw paid a high tribute to the parents, especially the mothers who, after all, had perhaps made the greatest sacrifice—with what heroic calmness they bore their griefs, their hopes, their suspense—would the names of their loved ones be the next on the casualty list? He trusted many would have the pleasure of welcoming back their heroic sons in perfect health, and that the battle-scarred would be restored to former health.

Cr. Black was delighted to assist in honoring the men who so nobly responded to the call of King and country. When duty called they stood beside our noble Allies and helped to save the world from the barbarous treatment meted out to the conquered countries. After a stirring speech, recounting the immortal

stirring speech, recounting the immortal deeds of the Australians, and the great debt owing them, Cr. Black concluded by expressing the belief that a victorious peace appeared to be approaching.

In a neat speech Mr. Soles (chairman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the West Riding councillors for their attendance.

The success of the function reflects great credit on the school committee who ably assisted by Mrs. R. Buncle, and the indispensable Mr. Bert Potter, had all arrangements in perfect order.