

DISTRICT NEWS

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PICOLA

At the State-school on Friday last there was a double function. It being the day set apart for Arbor Day, advantage was taken of the occasion to unveil the honor roll of young heroes who had taken part in the Great War. There was a fine attendance. Mr Harris Hartshorne, in the unavoidable absence of Mr S. Baxter, J.P., who is chairman of the school committee, occupied the chair. Under the leadership of Mrs K. N. McLeod, the National Anthem was first rendered, after which Mr E. A. Neeld gave an address. He said he felt it his duty to be present on all such occasions, and no matter in what part of the State he happened to be, if called on he would be sure to attend. Mr Neeld then dealt exhaustively with his subject. He dwelt on the fine patriotic spirit that had been exhibited throughout the shire, and particularly in the Picola district. They did not wish to exult over the war, but occasions like the present were necessary to keep the fires of patriotism burning. It was right that they should show honor to those who had so valiantly and so freely defended the homeland. It was right that the children of generations to come should know that they appreciated those services, and held the participants in the highest honor and esteem. He had been asked to accept the great privilege of unveiling the school honor roll. It contained the names of 14 lads who had been taught in the school, three of whom had paid the supreme sacrifice. There could be nothing nobler than that. They had given their all that those at home might live in peace and comfort. They were among the

great host of the honored and beloved dead. To them we could only give adoration and extend to their parents and friends the fullest sympathy. There was no better place for the honor roll than the school, where the rising generation would be ever reminded of the brave deeds of those whose names were on the board. The following are the names on the roll of honor:—
 W. Buswell (deceased), R. Crawford, E. Edmonds, V. Grinler, F. Gephart, Fk. Grant, A. E. Hartshorne, H. Huckston (deceased), Chas. Lovelock, J. Lovelock, W. Moyle, M.M. (deceased), W. Morrison, J. Phelps, John Stidwill. After a very nice spread, provided by the ladies, had been done full justice to, the second part of the day's programme was proceeded with. By request, Mr Neeld planted a gum tree, sent by Mr J. Burke, to the memory of the fallen, and then trees were planted in honor of every soldier. These, it is intended, shall have a brass plate bearing the name of the soldier.

A visit to the school under the present management—Mr K. N. McLeod (H.T.), Mesdames W. Buswell and E. Edmonds, Messrs S. Baxter, J.P. (chairman), W. H. Turner (correspondent), A. Bohn, Fk. Walker, and H. Hartshorne (school committee)—is interesting. The first noticeable thing is, apart from the new teacher's residence and renovated school, the neat appearance of the grounds, well fenced and subdi-

vided, with nice little garden plots. In all, something over £100 has been spent on the work. Inside the school are fixtures too numerous to enumerate, but Mr McLeod is proud to have a Madam de Montes-soure set, of which there are only a few in the State. It is a system of training the young

system of training the young folk through the senses, and a demonstration at once appeals to the visitor. Then there is the war book, in a beautiful case. It speaks well, not only for the teachers and the committee, but also for the district which gives such objects its support. The recent records of the school show that in educational attainment the scholars are not lacking, as merit certificates have been obtained by practically all those examined.