

DISTRICT NEWS.

DAKEY.

Monday.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

This district cannot complain that it is not getting its share of any rain that is going in these days. Never has such

a season for growth been seen here before. Feed is in the greatest profusion everywhere. When the Mount Russell railway was opened in September 1915, the Ministerial party were treated to such a prospect of desolation as was probably unique even in their varied experiences. As one of the party remarked, "you could not feed a billy goat on miles of it." But to-day the same country is a veritable paradise of growth. Marvellous are the changes which are brought about by the bounteous hand of Nature when in generous mood. The weather conditions still favour further falls of rain. Last Tuesday evening, after a cloudy day, rain began to fall lightly, but it soon thickened up, and fell all night and throughout Wednesday. In the town area 2 inches 50 points were registered, but in the country much heavier precipitation took place, some localities reporting as much as 4 inches for the period. The effect on roads already deeply scored by previous falls may be easily imagined by anyone acquainted with black soil formations, and the trade of the town has suffered considerably during the past few weeks from this cause.

WOODVIEW HONOUR BOARD.

At Woodview State school on Saturday afternoon a most interesting function was carried out, consisting of the unveiling of an honour board bearing the names of all those who have been connected with the school, as teachers or scholars, and who have since enlisted. The credit of the idea rests with Mr Marks, the head teacher, who laid the matter before his committee and secured their whole-hearted assistance. As a result of subscriptions raised in the district an order was placed with Messrs Smith and Paterson of Brisbane for a suitable board, and the firm in question carried out their work in a most satisfactory manner. The tablet on which the names are inscribed is of

marble, and the frame of the board is of a handsome design, in very artistic design. There was a very considerable gathering, numbering some 60 or 70 persons representative of the district, present to take part in the unveiling ceremony, and there would have been many more had the roads been in a condition to permit of motor traffic. The chair was taken by Mr D. Ross, about 2.30 p.m., and in his opening remarks he warmly welcomed those who had assembled to assist them to do honour to the heroes of Woodview school. He referred in very eulogistic terms to the excellent work of the head teacher, Mr Marks, whom they had to thank for the inception of the idea, which they were that day to see consummated.

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Mr Marks addressed the gathering at some length, giving a resume of the circumstances which had led to the erection of the board. The roll, he said, contained the names of 14 previous teachers and scholars of the school, and they were recorded in the order of their enlistment. The names included A. E. G. Leitch, Nurse Annie Cuskelly, M. P. McMahon, W. F. Donisch, W. Glasby, W. Bogg, J. Pillester, J. Cavanagh, E. Bogg, E. Lee, F. Lynam, R. Bogg, A. McMillen, P. McMahon. By a singular and pleasant coincidence, Mr A. Leitch, who was teacher at the school, had Nurse Cuskelly as a pupil. After he was wounded at the front he was nursed in hospital by Nurse Cuskelly, a happy meeting for both the former master and his one time pupil. Amongst those who had made the great sacrifice were the names of Michael Patrick McMahon, W. F. Donisch, John Pillester and Ernest Bogg, all of whom were killed in action. On behalf of the committee and himself he desired to extend the deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

The chairman then briefly introduced Hon. Chas. Campbell, M.L.C., chairman of the Jondaryan Shire Council, who had been invited to unveil the board.

Hon. C. Campbell, who was very heartily received, thanked them very sincerely for the great honour they had done him in inviting him to perform such a ceremony as this. He spoke of the great fight that was being made for the world's liberties, and the duty that devolved upon every man to do his share manfully and well. Those whom they had met to honour had realised their part and had done it in a noble spirit of self sacrifice which was so characteristic a feature of the race to which they belonged. At Mr Campbell's call three hearty cheers were given for the brave boys still in France, and in manifestation of their respect and affection for those who had fallen, at the

invitation of the speaker, the audience silently rose and remained standing for a short period. Mr Campbell then unveiled the handsome memorial which is to hang in the Woodview school room through all the years to come, a silent witness to the nobility of character of some who have passed through its training, and those who trained them.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

The Western Line Hotel, Dakey, changed hands on Friday last, the incoming proprietor, being Mr J. T. Calder, of Greenmount. Mr and Mrs Tee, the late licensee, left the town on Friday evening.