

CANCANNING.

(From a Correspondent.)

The opening of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall by Mr S Stubbs, M.L.A., took place on April 20th. The President of the Building Committee, Mr F J Rowell, in the presence of 200 residents of the district, invited Mr Durack, of Behu Ord Station, as the largest subscriber to the building fund, to preside over the meeting. Mr Durack, on taking the chair, was warmly received. In his opening remarks the chairman referred to the number of soldiers who had taken up farms in the district, and it was obvious that a building was needed in this part of the Wagin district where they could meet each other, talk over old times, discuss business, and spend an enjoyable evening. The result was the large gathering that evening in this fine large building. Before calling on Mr Stubbs to formally open the Memorial Hall, he invited Mrs Rowell and Miss Painter to play a pianoforte duet, which was well received. Mr Stubbs, in a very interesting address, referred to the work of the soldiers on the various battlefields of the Empire, of the deep debt of gratitude all are under to these brave men, and hoped now the great war was over and a large number had settled down to the peaceful avocation of farming that they would become happy and prosperous and spend many a pleasant evening in the hall, a building 24 feet by 35 feet, erected by the voluntary subscriptions and labor of the residents of the district. He had great pleasure in formally declaring the hall open for the use of the soldiers, and trusted they would always regard him as their friend. He offered to donate a flagpole from which the flag of the Empire could be flown. (The offer of the flagpole was gratefully accepted). The chairman next called on Mr Moran for a few remarks, and he made a most interesting speech. Mr P Toll, a member of the Road Board, was also called upon by the chairman. In a happy speech, terminated with a humorous recitation, wished the soldiers a prosperous and pleasant time, and hoped after to meet them to meet in their new hall. During the evening many musical items were rendered and well received. Mr Fuller, from Behu Ord, sang two songs. Miss Lila Smith rendered a recitation, Miss Le Cornu, song; Mr Arthur Smith, violin solo; Mrs Dow, recitation. Cr Reynolds, of Wagin, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to

spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with them that evening, and wished the soldiers success with their new hall. Mr T J Rowell moved a vote of thanks to all who had so ably assisted in the spending of a most enjoyable evening. Mr Durack for presiding over the function Mr Stubbs for kindly opening the hall, and the ladies especially for providing refreshments, many gifts, and a kindly interest from first to last. The floor was then cleared for dancing, Mr Walters presiding at the piano. The singers, reciters and pianist, to one and all he expressed the gratitude of the Building Committee. This was seconded by Mr Pryor and carried by acclamation. The following gifts were disposed of for substantial amounts:— Messrs Caris Bros., 2 cream jugs; Messrs Boon Bros., butter dish; Miss McAuly cushion; Mrs Rowell, table centre; Mrs Pratt, box chocolates; Messrs Burford Bros., parcel soap; Miss Crane, table centre. Four electroplated pin cushions, not disposed of, are held in reserve towards the purchase of a piano.