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CEREMONY AT WOODLANDS.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL UNVEILED

The unveiling ceremony of the Wood-lands district soldiers' memorial was performed on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a representative gathering.

Mr R. M. Hewitt presided at the func-

Mr R. M. Hewitt presided at the func-tion and expressed pleasure at seeing such a large gathering present, and said that he hoped the full meaning of the cere-mony would impress itself upon the minds of the school children, who were lined up round the monument. He then called upon Mr G. J. Anderson, M.P. for Ma-

taura, to perform the unveiling ceremony.

Mr Anderson first apologised for the
absence of the late Minister of Defence, Sir James Allen, whose departure from New Zealand made it impossible for him to be present to unveil the memorial, as was hoped he would have been able to do. In asking him to perform the cere-mony in Sir James's' stead, he felt that one of the greatest possible honours had been conferred upon him. In the treemidous sacrifice of men and money that the war had caused, New Zealand had borne her full share. A total of over 99,000 men had been sent overseas, and when the armistice was signed there were 12,000 in camp, representing in all 10 per cent. of our population. Amongst the men sent out, the Woodlands district had contributed its quota, and they had worthily up-held the noblest traditions of our race. Some of them had returned, and were present that day. But there were others who would not return, and they honoured their memories, and extended sympathy to their relatives. He believed that every district should have its memorial if possible, for in that way the sacrifice of their men would be lastingly recorded. monuments would impress upon the children of this generation the meaning of their sacrifice, and teach them the real meaning of patriotism, which was the first duty that they owed to their country. He hoped that the final outcountry. He hoped that the final outcome of the war, the result of which was still evident in the chaotic condition of Europe and other countries would tend towards the uplifting of humanity, and the general improvement of conditions all over the world. If such were the case, then the sacrifices of the terrible struggle would not have been in vain. Individual effort and sacrifice were the only things that would bring about a better state of affairs. No sacrifice that they might make in civil life could equal the sacrifice made on the fields of France and Flanders, and it remained for them and for the children who were to be the future citizens of New Zealand, to make those heroic sacrifices worth while.

Mr Auderson then formally unveiled the memorial, after which a short Scripture memorial, after which a short Scripture reading and prayer were read by the Rev. Wedderspoon. A fiving party of 12 returned men of the district, under the command of Captain Eell, then fired a volley, and the "Last Post" was sounded by Bandsman Rex Wills.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr John Stead), who was present by invitation, was the next speaker, and he expressed the hope that every country district would prect its own memorial. He touched briefly

creet its own memorial. He touched briefly on the war, of the suffering and misery it had caused, and of the magnificent response that the men of the Dominion had made to the call, and, in concluding, congratulated Woodlands on its fine me-morial, which was a credit to the build-ers, and also to the district.

Chaplain-Captain Gilbert and Mr Hall-Jones, who were present as representatives of the Returned Soldiers' Association, also spoke briefly. Capt. Gilbert said that he hoped that while the children might forget what was said on that occasion, they would never forget what their men had done. The best monument that they would have would be the cherished memory in the hearts and homes of those who had sent them. But when this generation had passed it would be good to have a monument that would awaken memories of the sacrifices of those whom they held in honour. He hoped that while we honoured the dead, we would not forget those who had come back maimed and disabled, and needed our assistance. "May we all be worthy of their sacrifices," he concluded. "Nothing better than that could be wished for."

Mr Hall-Jones addressed his few remarks

to the children, impressing upon them that those whose memories they held in reverence had died in order that the heritage of freedom which they enjoyed might be handed down to the generations of the

Mr Maurice Thompson, representing the War Funds Association, and Mr A. Martin, Mayor of Gore, also spoke briefly, after which the simple, yet impressive ceremony, was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman, in a few words, thanked the speakers for their attendance and assistance, and also, on behalf of the Com-

sistance, and also, on behalf of the Committee, conveyed to the builders their sincere appreciation of their work, which would be a standing tribute to their honesty and ability.

The monument is a handsome edifice, in concrete and plaster. The hase is square, with four pillars, and on each side there is a huttrest on which a man side there is a buttress on which a ma-chine gun (war trophy), will be mounted.

The cap is aumounted by a figure of a soldier, shilfully sculptured out of a concrete block. There are four large a soldier, smithly scutptured out of a concrete block. There are four large marble slabs inset, on which are engraved 45 names, including ten killed. The total height of the column is 33 feet, the plot of ground being concreted and planting and currounded by a solid concern. plot of ground being concreted and plastered, and surrounded by a solid concrete fence of fitting design. The memorial is conspicuously placed on a corner on the main road in the township, and could not be better displayed. It was erected entirely by Messrs J. Fraser and Co., of Invercargill, being designed and the figure sculptured by Mr A. D. Anderson, a member of the firm.

School Roll of Honour.

The Roll of Honour at the Woodland's School was also unveiled early in the after-

noon by Mr J. C. Thomson, Chairman of the Southland Education Board, in the presence of the school children and numbers of parents and friends. Mr J. D. Trotter presided, and other speakers were the Mayor of Invercargill (Mr Jno. Stead), Mr G. J. Anderson, M.P., Mr Martin (Mayor of Gore), and Mr Learmouth, the schoolmaster. The Roll of Honour contains the names of 53 men, of whom, thirteen made the supreme sacri-

ROD & GUN.

The annual meeting of the Southland Acclimatisation Society was held on Tues-

Judging by the balance-sheet the year has been a very good one financially. The sale of game and fishing licenses being record for the Society.

It is to be regretted the liberation of fry was so small, only 170,000 being disposed of in the various rivers as under :-Makarewa, 50,000; Oreti, 30,000; Aparima, 30,000; Otautau, 20,000; Orawia, 20,000; Otapiri, 20,000.

In former years these figures were doubled, and in some cases trebled.

Anglers and sportsmen in general should assist the Society whenever possible particularly in regard to poaching. Any information imparted to either the president or ranger will be treated as strictly confidential.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:-President, Mr A. H. Stock; vice-presidents, Messrs G. I. Moffett and E. Rabbidge; council, Messrs Eustace Russell, C. W. Wilson, R. Sloan, E. R. Crofts, E. Keast, J. M. Watson, G. F. Strang, D. L. Poppelwell, J. Perry, F. Young, R. Fisher, W. J. P. Hodgkins, J. Gilkison, and Dr. Ritchie Crawford; auditor, Mr James Hunter,

It is reported that a local stalker secured a 17 pointer in the Hump district about a fortnight ago.

Two stalkers from North Island were successful in the Lilburn, each securing two heads.

One of the Stewart Island parties has returned not having had very much luck. The other party remained on the Island in quest of a large head which had been seen, reported to be a 20 pointer.

The shooting season opens locally on Saturday next, 1st May, and lasts till 51st July. The following game may be shot in Southland :- Black swan, grey duck, spoonbill and hares, the latter on payment of a license fee of £1.

It is a great pity paradise ducks are not open for at least one month as they are reported to be very plentiful in the Lakes district. They are even to be seen on the local prison farm.

Apparently the Minister concerned does not take very much notice of recommendations from acclimatisation societies who are in a much better position to judge as to whether the game are plentiful or

ENGLISH HISTORY.

The Roman threw us a road, a road, And sighad and strolled away; The Saxon gave us a raid, a raid, A raid that came to stay.

The Dane went West, but the Dane confessed

That he went a bit too far: And we all became, by another name,

The Imperial race we are. The Imperial race ,the inscrut-

The invincible race we are.

Tho' Sussex hills are bare, are bare, And Sussex weald is wide, From Chichester to Chester

Men saw ne Norman ride; He threw his sword in the air and sang To a sert of a light guitar;

It was all the same, for we all became The identical nobs we are.

The identical nobs, individual nobs, Unmistakable nobs we are.

O Warwick woods are green, are green, But Warwick trees can fall; And Birmingham grew so big, so big,

And Stratford stayed so small; And the hooter howled to the morning lark

That sang to the morning star; And we all became in Freedom's name

The fortunate chaps we are. The fortunate chaps, felicitous chans.

The fairy-like chaps we are. The people they left the land, the land, But they went on working hard, And the village green that had gone

mislaid Turned up in the squire's backyard; But twenty men of us all got work

On a bit of his motor-car; And we all became, with the world's acclaim, The marvellous mugs we are.

The marvellous mugs, miraculous The mystical mugs we are.

NICHTCAPS.

On Wednesday a football match was played between Winton and the local club. The result was a win for the vis-There were a great number of itors. people watching the game. Mr Bert Lee met with a slight accident to his knee, which prevented him from going to work for a few days.

There was no special parade of returned men on Anzac Day, but the localclergymen preached appropriate sermons. The Rev. G. Crockett was unable to attend the Presbyterian service through illhealth. Mr T. H. McLean of Birchwood, occupied the pulpit, taking for his subject, "Freedom." The keynote of the service being that our men had fought for temporal freedom, which was worthy of our recognition, but how much more worthy was spiritual freedom. The door to which was opened when the great sacrifice was offered up at Calvary.

The Nightcaps Coal Company have circularised customers that the price of coal has advanced 2s 6d per ton on trucks and 5s at the tip head. The miners have been granted 50 per cent bonus, and the shift men 60 per cent. The miners state there is no reason for the rise in price to the

Now Nightcaps, the "Digger" is interested in your local doings and wonders why the band was unable to get a meet-You know the band is a very necessary thing and fulfils a very important part in local affairs. In view of this it should receive your support. Our advice to the band is to start playing about do'clock in the morning and you will be sure to be taken notice of. We note the band is running quadrilles and are starting with a ball. We wonder if anyone will

The Otautau "Farmer," states that the

Nightcaps Eutertainment Society has been at loggerheads with the local branch of the War Funds Association over the amount collected by the former from their last entertainment. The amount is stated to be about £16. The War Funds Association has been asked to close its account, and it wants the money held by the Entertainment Society so as to wind up matters. The matter in dispute is the question of how the money is to be spent. The Entertainment Society maintains that the War Funds Association can only use the money raised by them for the object for which it was raised, i.e., soldiers' medals. There are quite a number of returned men who received no medals, but received cheques of more than double the value of a medal, but the Entertainment Society has taken exception to this, and will not give up the proceeds of their last concort. On Friday evening the members of the branch of the War Funds Association asked the members of the lesser society to meet them, and see what could be done. Mr Jas. Grant, senr., was in the chair. A lively meeting was the result, both sides maintaining that they could manage their own affairs. One member of the Association wanted to put the matter into the hands of a solicitor, and, after much talk and heated debate, the Entertainment Society were allowed a little time in which to think the matter over before the Association takes any legal steps to recover the amount due. Some time ago a deputation from this concert party met the members of the War Funds Association over this very matter-medals versus cheques for returned men-and the matter was considered settled, and that the moneys so raised could be used by the War Funds Association at their discretion, but the matter now seems to be in dispute again, the concert party denying that this conclusion had been come to.

Nightcaps has no medical officer, but has its V.A.D. workers, who render good service in cases of sickness. The removal of one of these workers from the Flat is causing dissatisfaction as the Morley Village or the Flat have to come to the township if they want assistance. There are now two V.A.D.'s resident in Nightcaps and the doctor visits once a week. Now Nightcaps where is your Medical Association, and what are they doing in not seeing that adequate provision is made for medical attention?—"Digger."

The Nightcaps ranger apparently does not go to kirk. On Sunday and Anzac Day, at that, he muzzled 26 head of cattle on the long paddock.

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