

VALEDICTORY TO BOB HAINES.

A large and representative gathering assembled at the Club Room on November 29th, to honor Mr. R. Haines who has relinquished service after a record period of 52 years. The evening took the form of a games night followed by a supper.

The Presentation - a "Rockerback" easy chair in which to spend some of his leisure in his REclining years - was made by Mr. T. A. Farr who briefly traced Bob's long career with the Ballarat Tramways, and paid an eloquent tribute to the character and worth of our guest, which had built up for him a unique place in the estimation of the Ballarat Public and our Organisation alike.

Mr. Farr's remarks were supported by Mr. Dunstan, Office Manager, (himself with a 42 year period of service), by Mr. Mawby, Tramways Inspector, by Mr. Wade for the Traffic Staff, Mr. Dolan, Mains Department; Mr. W. S. Lyons on behalf of the Depot, and in his capacity as President of the Social Club, and Mr. Stewart Miller who represented the Tramways Union.

So well known is Bob Haines to readers that it would be superfluous to tell of his varied jobs and achievements during his long association with us, but it is safe to predict that he held a place all his own which will never be filled by another. One of the happiest announcements of the night was Mr. Lyon's invitation (which was happily accepted), to Bob to continue his association with the Club.

Mrs. Haines too was not forgotten, and an Electric Toaster was handed over to be presented to that lady, with the good wishes of the subscribers.

Carpet Bowls, Billiards, Table and Deck Tennis, Quoits, and Darts were equally popular, and a spot of Community Singing was also enjoyed.

The supper was, needless to say, a success -- pies and pasties with Tomato Sauce, Tea, and other beverages dear to the heart of most of us, in sufficient quantities to meet all demands.