

Tarnagulla Cricket Club.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

On Friday evening, 8th inst., a social evening was spent at the Victoria Hotel, when the trophies won last season were presented. Mr. T. Leonard was voted to the chair, and there was a fair attendance present.

Mr. Leonard thanked them for the honor conferred by electing him their chairman, which he appreciated very much. He proposed the toast of "The King," which was drunk with general honours.

The chairman then, on behalf of the club, welcomed all, and hoped they would enjoy themselves. He said it now fell to his lot to perform a most pleasing duty, namely, to present the cup (which was presented by Mr. Batcher, of Llanelly, for competition last year and won by Tarnagulla club) to their worthy president, Mr. E. Toole. (Applause). This had been decided at a meeting of the members some time ago. Mr. Toole had been a good supporter of the club for many years. He (the chairman) had known Mr. Toole since he came into our midst, and he was one of the best sports in the town. (Applause). He congratulated the club on having won the cup last season, and hoped they would be successful again this season. Mr. Leonard then presented the cup (a handsome silver one), which bore the inscription:—"T.H.C. Trophy. Presented by Mr. N. Batcher; won by Tarnagulla club. Presented to them by their president, E. Toole, Esq., December 8th, 1911." He hoped Mr. Toole would long be spared to us. (Applause).

Dr. Elcoate, in support, said he could fully endorse all the good things which had been said about Mr. Toole, and it was such types of men like him that keep a town going. He thought the club was doing a wise thing in presenting the trophy to their president, and he was sure Mr. Toole would keep it in a conspicuous place and point to it with pride when he was relating how it had been won by the Tarnagulla boys. (Applause).

Mr. W. Martin remarked that he was proud of winning last year's trophy, and was pleased to know they had presented it to their worthy president. He wished Mr. Toole every prosperity, and hoped he would be their president for many years to come.

Mr. J. Rogers spoke highly of their president, and said he had never met a better man, or a man with a better public spirit.

Mr. S. Patterson spoke of the pleasure he had in being present. Mr. Toole had been their president ever since he had been connected with the club, and he wished him and his family every success.

Mr. G. Kamm endorsed all that had been said, and spoke of the great interest their president had always taken in cricket and all kinds of sport.

Mr. J. Duggan congratulated the club on its success in winning the cup, and in presenting it to their president they showed the esteem in which he was held by the club. Mr. Toole was a sport in every respect, and he had many good qualities outside of sport.

Mr. F. Page supported the remarks of the previous speakers, and spoke of the many acts of kindness which Mr. Toole had done to the club. He was a "true white man."

Mr. Toole, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He said he was surprised when he heard the club was presenting him with the cup which they had won. He said he thought that he did not deserve the remarks which had been made in reference to himself as president, and he thought he had been a lazy one. He never thought he had made himself so popular as he appeared to have done. Now he has got the trophy he would always look on it with pleasure, and his family would do likewise. He congratulated the club on having such a good secretary as Mr. Leonard. He was pleased the club had won the trophy. They had a good team and a good captain, and all worked well together. His wife and children will be proud of the trophy, and they would never part with it. He thanked them sincerely for the cup which they had so nobly won and which they had presented to him. (Applause).

The chairman said he had another pleasing duty to perform, and that was the presentation of the trophies won by the various members last season. Dr. Elcoate had won Mr. Rogers' trophy for the highest individual score. Mr. Lightfoot was the winner of Dr. Elcoate's trophy for the best batting average in the A team. Mr. G. Kamm had won the batting average in the B team, trophy presented by Mr. W. Martin, and Mr. S. Patterson was successful in winning the trophy for best bowling in B team. He congratulated them all on their success.

The recipients all acknowledged the presentations, and thanked the respective donors for their presents.

During the evening songs were nicely rendered by Messrs. J. Green, G. Lane, Dr. Elcoate, and — Smith, all of which were well received. All the toasts were drunk with musical honours.

After the toast of "The chairman," all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne, which brought a pleasant evening to a close.