

Returned Soldier's League

The November meeting of the above was held on Friday night last, and was attended by the President (Mr. J. E. M. Marshall) and Messrs J. Michie, E. Turner, W. P. Scott, Les. Birch, D. Paterson and C. S. Brand, J. W. Davies and G. Duncan.

The President mentioned the deaths of Jim Joseland and Cliff McDonald, and one minutes' silence was observed.

The State Secretary acknowledged the receipt of £40 towards the State Relief Fund.

The accounts of the Branch were in credit as follows:—General a/c; £11/0/11; Prisoner of War, £49/14/6; Hall, £73/19/1.

The President reported that £24/10/- was received from the sale of Poppies, and it was decided that in addition to the £12/10/- to be paid to the State Branch, £10 be paid into the State Relief Fund and £2/10/- be placed to the General account.

The President stated that the various schools had sold Poppies to the value of £16/11/-, and letters of appreciation were to be forwarded.

Accounts amounting to £2/6/- were passed for payment.

It was decided that £2/2/- be donated to the Cottage Hospital.

Telegraph traffic within the Commonwealth increased from 17,252,000 messages in 1938-39 to 23,662,000 in 1941-42 to approximately 33,000,000 in 1942-43. International telegrams to and from Australia rose from 1,462,000 in 1938 39 to 2,475,000 in 1941-42.