

# Misunderstandings About Kapuni War Memorial Raised

Misunderstandings between the Kapuni war memorial committee and the Waimate West County Council over the proposed war memorial hall for Kapuni were discussed between a deputation from the committee and the council at a meeting of the council at Manaia yesterday. The deputation comprised Messrs G. Kissick, G. Olsen and D. Walker, and after a lengthy discussion both parties expressed satisfaction at the result.

An outline of the birth and growth of the project to build a fitting war memorial at Kapuni to take the form of a community centre was given by Mr. Kissick. He said there was now £11,000 available, which had been raised in the district.

Plans for the hall had been approved at Wellington and a site obtained. Mr Kissick pointed out that the council had at first not approved the suggested value of the hall and indicated that it would only be too willing to approve one of a capital value of £8000. Then the plans had been rejected in favour of those drawn by a registered architect. There was a feeling in the Kapuni district that the hall might not on completion belong to Kapuni.

The deputation sought the feeling of the council and also wished to know the future policy of the council with regard to the hall.

## "Vested For Subsidy."

Residents felt that the job of building the hall was rightly theirs, said Mr Olsen. They knew it had to be vested in the council to obtain the subsidy. It was felt that the committee elected in the district should be deemed capable of spending the money raised in the district in the manner they wished.

The committee would, in practice, spend the money raised, but the expenditure would have to be approved by the council, acting as agent for the Internal Affairs Department. The county engineer would have to certify the accounts.

The engineer, Mr G. L. K. Drew, explained that the previous restriction on cost to the committee, saying that the council had not wanted too great a liability vested in it. He pointed out that this had been reconsidered and a greater expenditure approved. He also spoke of the advantages in hall maintenance to be obtained from vesting in a local authority.

Mr A. J. R. Hastie commended the district on the efforts it had made in raising the funds and pointed out that the council, contrary to being antagonistic to the project was in favour of it and would support it. After expressions of thanks and mutual intentions to cooperate the deputation withdrew.