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## OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the band rotunda and tea kiosk erected in King Edward Park to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King George V., took place on Thursday evening in the presence of a large gathering of citizens. The night was beautifully fine, and the ceremony was most successful.

The Hawera Municipal Band marched from the band-room to the park, playing en route a spirited selection. On arriving at the kiosk, the band was met by the Mayor, Borough Councillors, and officials.

The Mayor (Mr H. K. Whittington) expressed his pleasure at having the honor of opening the tea-kiosk and band rotunda, which was started on Coronation Day. The Borough Council and the citizens thought the town should do something to celebrate the Coronation of King George V., and having decided upon the present building, appointed a strong committee of citizens to collect funds. The total cost of the building was £574 4s 6d, of which the Government subsidy amounted to £250, public subscriptions £170 8s 6d, and the Borough Councils' contribution £153 16s. (Applause.) He had received an apology for unavoidable absence from the architect, Mr Duffill, and the building was a credit to him. (Hear, hear.) A flag had been presented by Mr Sage to the rotunda—(applause)—and he would now...

and he would name it the Coronation flag. (Applause.) After the flag had been hoisted, he would ask Mr Barton, who had practically initiated the building, and who had the pleasure of laying the foundation-stone on June 22, to address the gathering.

The hoisting of the flag was then performed, after which Mr Whittington officially declared the tea kiosk and rotunda open, saying he hoped that from the Rotunda the citizens would often hear good music. (Applause.)

Mr E. Barton was received with applause. He had been requested by His Worship to address a few remarks on the work which he had been associated with as Mayor. He could assure the Mayor and his fellow citizens that he appreciated the honor very much, and he was quite sure the people of Hawera would appreciate the building they were that night looking upon. He wished to congratulate his Worship the Mayor and the Council upon the generosity in which they had supplemented the funds, and the citizens upon their public spirit in coming forward with their assistance, supplemented by the sum which came as a gift from the Government of the dominion. He was sure, also, that it was a source of gratification to the people of Hawera that this building should have been erected to commemorate the Coronation of his Majesty King George. Mr Barton proceeded to speak of the good work which had been carried out in the park under the direction of Mr C. Goodson, the father of the park. (Applause.) But a good deal remained to be done. For instance, there was a lake to construct, the foundation-stone, if he might term it, of which was laid also on Coronation Day. Such a sheet of water would add greatly to the appearance of the Park, and would be a pleasure to the children. Another attraction to the people of Hawera was wanted—an apiary and aviary. He added that within a fortnight a meeting would be convened for the purpose of deciding what steps shall be taken to further beautify the town, and seeing

that the citizens had been public-spirited enough to raise £170 for such a fine building before them, there was no cause for despair in the future. He was sure a great deal of good work would be carried out as time went on. Everyone would regret that their fellow citizen Mr John Campbell, who took such an enthusiastic part in the erection of the kiosk, was not in Hawera that night to meet the citizens, and to rejoice upon the work he had accomplished. He hoped, and he was sure the citizens were with him, that when Mr Campbell returned, he would be restored to good health and would be long spared to remain in Hawera to look upon a work which he had done so much in contributing to. (Applause.) In conclusion he heartily congratulated the people in possessing such a fine building.

Mr C. Goodson said his Worship had been kind enough to refer to him as the "father of the park." He certainly had taken a great deal of interest in the park, because he knew it had a great future before it. The park belonged to the people, and it was only right that somebody should protect their interests. He had been told by visitors that for its size the park would compare with any other in the dominion. He was pleased to see that the citizens were taking more interest in the grounds than had been done in the past. The little work he had done had been a mere trifle, and it was only with the assistance of the citizens that the Council could develop the park. There were 29 acres to work upon, and he hoped that the beautifying committee would be able to raise the necessary funds to enable further improvements to be carried out. When an appeal was made for funds he was sure that the public would again lend their support. (Applause.)

The band, under Mr T. B. McConnell, played an excellent programme, and the music was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards the Mayor, borough councillors, and bandsmen were entertained at supper, which was kindly supplied by the ladies.