



The MP for Stratford, Mr D. S. Thomson, unveils the memorial plaque in honour of the centenary of the Borough of Inglewood and its settlement by Polish immigrants.

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Plaque unveiled

A plaque dedicated to the centenary of the Borough of Inglewood and the arrival of Polish settlers there was unveiled yesterday.

In fact, it was 100 years to the day that the town of Inglewood was given its name.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, the MP for Stratford, Mr D. S. Thomson, said

the people of Inglewood had much to be proud of.

"The Polish people, particularly, can look proudly at their 100 years in this district, with the tribulations, difficulties and prejudices which they've overcome."

"They begin a new century as a proud part of Inglewood, of Taranaki and of New Zealand," said Mr Thomson.

One must look back with gratitude at the past and for-

ward with confidence, he said.

The memorial takes the form of a large ornamental boulder and a picnic area on railway reserve land in the town.

Under the stone the files of the centennial celebration of the borough and Polish centennial committees have been laid. These would be something for future generations to uplift and have as a memorial of the centennial

of the borough, said the Mayor of Inglewood, Mr D. R. Crone.

One of the trustees of the Polish centennial committee, Mr V. P. Stachurski, presented Mr Crone with a cheque for \$600 to be used for the development of the reserve.

The Inglewood-based Ngati Maru Maori culture group performed action songs and dances and gave the traditional welcome to the official guests.