

29 YEARS' SERVICE

With Shire Council

Mr S. Potts Farewelled

HAVING completed 29 years of service with the Cudjegong Shire Council as leading hand, and having reached the age of 71, Mr Sloper Potts was presented with a clock, a

pipe and an official testimonial to his ability at a farewell given him by councillors and employees of the Cudgegong shire on Saturday. Mr Potts had worked under 10 engineers.

Many of those present expressed their appreciation of Mr Potts' sterling ability as a worker and his fine character.

"The fact that such a big crowd is present to-day testifies to Mr Potts' popularity," said the president (Cr. J. Pirie). "I hope that he will tell his wife and family of our appreciation of his great services."

"THOROUGH GENTLEMAN"

Mr Potts, during his long period of service, had done the very best that any man could do, declared

the deputy-president (Cr. A. Baker). He had seen many ups and downs while working on the Hargraves road. He had proved himself a thorough gentleman, was loyal to his employers and true to his fellow workers.

"The roads that have been under Mr Potts' charge can compare more than favorably with any others in the shire," said Cr. A. W. A. Macarthur. "And his roads were harder to look after than any others"

A GREAT REPUTATION

Mr Potts had a universal reputation of being a conscientious worker and a fine citizen, said Cr. M. Gleeson. This reputation was fully justified.

• Said Cr. T. C. Suttor: "Mr Potts once told me that he had built

roads to stand up to horses and carts, and now had to unbuild them to stand up to *motor cars*. Mr Potts could always be found working in any weather, and I deeply regret that we have to let him go."

In adding his words of praise, Cr. A. Wisbey declared that it would be hard to get a man to take his place.

A tribute to Mr Potts' ability was paid by the **engineer** (Mr Mattick), who said that his work was a credit to himself and the council.

Words of praise were also spoken by Messrs W. Cluff, J. T. Cluff, C. Robison, W. Sharpe, H. T. Noonan, J Mahon and K. McLoughan. All described Mr Potts as a splendid worker and a fine man to work under.

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COUNCIL'S CONFIDENCE

The shire clerk (Mr James) said that Mr Potts had every confidence of the council. Mr Potts was the first road worker who had had a poem written about him. This had appeared in one of the local papers. He could assure Mr Potts that he was held in the highest esteem by the office staff of the council.

THE PRESENTATION

Cr. J. Pirie then presented Mr Potts with a clock, a pipe and an official testimonial. The clock, he declared, was to be suitably inscribed.

In reply, Mr Potts said he was pleased to see so many kind friends present. He had always given the best return he could possibly give, and every man who worked with him did his best.

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