

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Hore-Ruthven created a favorable impression on what was practically their first public appearance in South Australia, at the Adelaide Town Hall yesterday morning, when Sir Alexander was sworn in as Governor, and they should prove very popular during their residence at Government House.

The final ceremony in connection with the arrival of the new Governor (Brigadier-General the Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.), took place in the Adelaide Town Hall on Monday morning, when his Excellency took the oaths of office, and was welcomed by the Premier (Hon. R. L. Butler) on behalf of the State, and by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Lavington Bonython) on behalf of the citizens of Adelaide. The hall was crowded, the floor being reserved for members of Parliament, members of the City Council, foreign Consuls, heads of departments, representatives of public bodies, members of the naval and military forces, and members of district councils, accompanied by their ladies. Members of municipal corporations were seated in the organ gallery. The platform was reserved for the Governor and his party, the Lieutenant-Governor and his staff, Ministers of the Crown, the President of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, judges of the Supreme Court, gentlemen entitled to the term honorable, Knights and Companions of the various Orders, and Government officials. The gallery was open to the general public as well as the back portion of the hall. The time of waiting was spent pleasantly in listening to selections played on the organ by the city organist (Mr. W. R. Knox).

The Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray), who was accompanied by Miss Murray, and attended by Captain B. J. Andrew (honorary A.D.C.), arrived at the Town Hall at 10.50, and was received with a royal salute by the guard of honor. He was escorted to the platform by the Premier (Hon. R. L. Butler), the National Anthem being played on the organ. Previous to his arrival the Private Secretary (Mr. Lesh Winsler), Mrs. Verney, and Miss Daly took their seats on the platform. Also on the platform were:—The Chief Secretary (Hon. H. Tassie), the Attorney-General (Hon. H. Homburg), the Commissioner of Public Works (Hon. M. McIntosh), the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. J. Cowan), the President of the Legislative Council (Sir Lancelot Stirling), the Speaker of the House of Assembly (Hon. G. R. Laffer), Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, Mr. Justice Napier, Mr. Justice Richards, Mr. Justice Piper, the leader of the Opposition (Hon. L. L. Hill), the Hon. W. J. Denny, Senator Verran, Sir Josiah Symon, K.C., Sir Joseph Verco, Sir Edward Lucas, Sir Sidney Kidman, Sir Frank Moulden, Sir David Gordon, and Sir Wallace Bruce, the Acting District Naval Officer (Lieutenant-Commander C. J. P. Hill, R.N.), Judge Paine, the Master of the Supreme Court (Mr. W. L. Stuart), the clerk of the Executive Council (Mr. H. Blinman), the Commissioner of Police (Brigadier-General R. L. Leane), the Public Service Commissioner (Brigadier-General S. Price-Weir), and the town clerk (Mr. H. P. Beaver).

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

A large crowd congregated outside the Town Hall some time before the arrival of the Viceregal party. A number of police troopers, under Inspectors Shea and Johns had charge, but their task was not an arduous one, for perfect order was maintained, and the foot police, under Inspectors Nation and Hannon had no difficulty in handling the crowd near the entrance to the Town Hall. At 10.45 the bells in the Town Hall tower began to ring, but it was not until about a quarter of an hour later that the escort, composed of No. 1 troop of A squadron, of the 18th Light Horse Regiment, under Lieutenant M.

A Walloscheck, arrived with the Viceregal car. His Excellency and Lady Hore-Ruthven alighted, the latter being greeted by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Lavington Bonython), while Sir Alexander inspected the guard of honor of trainees of the 43rd Infantry Battalion, under Captain W. H. Shepherd. Lady Hore-Ruthven was presented with a bouquet of roses, carnations, and maidenhair fern by Miss Katherine Bonython, the daughter of the Lady Mayoress. After the inspection the Governor was met in the vestibule of the Town Hall by members of the Ministry, and the Lord Mayor, who, preceded by the mace-bearer (Mr. M. J. Curran), led the party to the platform. Sir Alexander was accompanied by his aides-de-camp, Captain G. H. Verney and Lieutenant the Hon. H. R. Grosvenor. The former was wearing the full dress uniform of the Grenadier Guards, and the latter the frock coat blue uniform of the 7th Hussars. The members of the audience stood on the entry of the party, and remained standing until Sir Alexander had taken the oaths of office. When the platform had been reached the city organist played the National Anthem, his Excellency standing at the salute. The Lieutenant-Governor announced the reading of the commission appointing Sir Alexander Governor of the State, which was read by the clerk of the Executive Council, after which the Master of the Supreme Court administered the oaths of office. As his Excellency was subscribing to the oaths a salute of guns was fired from the parade ground by the 50th Battery, Australian Field Artillery, under the command of Captain T. C. Eastick.

A Loyal Dominion.

The Premier said it was his privilege and pleasure to extend, on behalf of the Government and people of South Australia a most cordial welcome to his Excellency and Lady Hore-Ruthven. (Applause.) In the first place, they welcomed him as the representative of his Majesty the King. He thought his Excellency would agree that the large gathering was tangible evidence of the loyalty and devotion of the people of South Australia to their sovereign. (Applause.) Indeed, they prided themselves on the fact that there was no more loyal part of the King's Dominions than South Australia. Secondly, as the connecting link between the mother country and one of her Dominions, his Excellency would hold a position of importance and responsibility. He could assure him that the people of South Australia would do all in their power to strengthen the bonds of kinship that bound them to the motherland, ties which were, as Burke had so eloquently said, "light as air, but strong as links of iron." Their earnest endeavor would always be to promote the interests and well-being of the great British Commonwealth of Nations, to which they and the people of Great Britain alike belonged. It had been truly said that each Dominion should be a daughter in her mother's house, and mistress in her own, and that was what Australia was endeavoring to be. They were ever ready to fulfil their duties and obligations to the mother country when the necessity arose. At the same time, they had to apply themselves to the great task of developing their country and making it a worthy part of the Empire. As the representative of constitutional authority, his Excellency could rest assured that he would at all times have the loyal and whole-hearted co-operation and assistance of Ministers in carrying out the duties of his high office. It was fitting that

such a gallant soldier, and one who had served his country well, should have been selected to succeed Sir Tom Bridges, who was also a distinguished soldier. (Applause.) They were proud of the fact that his Excellency had won that most coveted of all military distinctions, the Victoria Cross, and the spirit which prompted him to perform the deed for which he was afterwards decorated was truly typical of their race. He had nobly upheld the motto of his family, "Deeds Tell," on the battlefield, and he was confident that Sir Alexander, as Governor of South Australia, would give still further evidence that such a motto was in the right hands. (Applause.) His Excellency's predecessors in office had set a very high standard, and South Australia had been fortunate in the choice of its Governors. They had proved themselves to be wise and able administrators, and had never spared themselves in their efforts to further the cause of Empire and to advance the interests of the State. Sir Alexander did not come among them as a complete stranger. The name of Australia was no doubt brought prominently before him during the Great War, and in addition his former sojourn in Australia should prove of great benefit to him in enabling him to understand the problems and difficulties with which they were faced. He felt confident that five years hence the only regret the people of South Australia would have was that they would have to say good-bye to Sir Alexander and Lady Hore-Ruthven. He trusted that their sojourn here would be profitable to the State and a source of happiness to both of them. (Applause.)

Welcomed by the City.

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Adelaide, offered his Excellency and Lady Hore-Ruthven a very cordial welcome. They would find in that city, and, in fact, in the whole State, a most loyal and patriotic people. There were no more loyal subjects in any part of his Majesty's Dominions, and as the representative of the King his Excellency would have their best wishes and most cordial co-operation. (Applause.) They were naturally proud of their city, the oldest municipality in the Commonwealth, and proud of its traditions; and he was confident that his Excellency, not altogether a stranger, would later on appreciate its advantages as much as they did themselves. Of this he was certain, that the council and the citizens would do everything in their power to make the residence in Adelaide of the Governor and Lady Hore-Ruthven a very happy time. (Applause.) His Excellency would soon realise that he had only moved from one part of the British Empire to another, and he would also discover that the loyalty of South Australia was not only quite as real as, but perhaps even more enthusiastic than, that of England itself. (Applause.)

The Governor's Reply.

Sir Alexander, who was received with applause, the audience standing, said:—

First of all, I should like to say how very sorry I am that owing to circumstances over which we had no control, the splendid arrangements which you made for our reception on Saturday had to be postponed and altered. I am sorry for all the trouble and inconvenience we have caused. Before attempting to express my thanks to you for the very cordial reception you have extended to us to-day, it is my pleasant duty to convey to you a gracious message which I received from his Majesty the King just before I left England. (Applause.) It reads:—

On the eve of your departure to take up your duties as Governor of South Australia, the King would be glad if you would convey to the Government and people his Majesty's best wishes for the State, whose welfare and prosperity the King follows with close interest. Both his Majesty and the Queen treasure the happiest memories of their visit to South Australia and the welcome they received there nearly 27 years ago.

The interest of his Majesty in the welfare of the Dominions overseas is far too well known to need any reference from me, and the cordial welcome which you have extended to his representative to-day emphasises the loyalty and af-

fection of the people of South Australia to the throne and his Majesty the Sovereign. I can assure you that I can conceive no greater honor than to have been considered worthy to represent his Majesty in one of the great States of his Dominions overseas. (Applause.) It is indeed a very proud and solemn moment in which I subscribe to the oath, and assume the duties and responsibilities of this great office. I am succeeding in this appointment an old personal friend in Sir Tom Bridges. (Applause.) We have served together in many parts of the world, and have known each other for a great many years. From my intimate knowledge of his character and ability, I am not in the least surprised at the universal expressions of regret which emanated from all sources in South Australia when his period of office came to an end. The message which he sent to me when he heard of my appointment was, "I hope you will be as happy in South Australia as I have been." (Applause.)

"Two Splendid Australians."

I had the pleasure of meeting in London your previous Agent-General, Mr. Lloyd Price, who will shortly be returning here after a most successful period of office. I know he has done splendid work in London, and he leaves behind him many friends, but what is London's loss is Adelaide's gain. I am sure he will receive a very cordial welcome when he returns to the State where he and his father before him have been so highly esteemed. (Applause.) I take this opportunity of congratulating South Australia on the magnificent achievement of her sons. The name of Wilkins—(Applause)—together with that of another Australian, Hinkler—(Applause)—will be handed down to posterity, not only as men who have performed deeds of daring, skill, and endurance, but as men who have made a distinct step forward in the science of aviation, which is a science of such vital importance to us all in Australia, where every forward

step brings us nearer to the mother country, and to the other Dominions which constitute this great British Empire. We are very proud, indeed, of these two splendid young Australians, and we wish them every good fortune in all their future flights.

We are at present comparative strangers to each other, but from the warmth of your greeting here to-day, I feel sure we are not destined to remain strangers to each other for very long. I use the word comparative, because some 18 years ago my wife and I spent some very happy months in South Australia. There is an old saying amongst the wise men of Egypt that those who have once tasted the waters of the Nile will always return to taste those waters again. I think we might with truth apply that saying to South Australia. Having tasted the delights of South Australia, of her climate and her scenery, and the kindness and hospitality of her people, I confess a craving to taste those delights once again, to bask once more in the sunshine, to renew friendships formed 18 years ago, and not only to renew those friendships, but to revive friendships which perhaps are more precious still—friendships which I formed on the cliffs and in the gullies of Anzac, and in the mud and mire of the battlefields of France. (Applause.) I much regret that circumstances did not permit me to be present here on Anzac Day, the anniversary of one of the most glorious exploits in the history of the British Empire, to pay my respects to the memory of those who fell, and to greet under happier conditions, some of those who survived the horrors of war. You have extended to us to-day the hand of genuine friendship. May we grasp that hand with equal heartiness. We Englishmen, and perhaps more especially we Scotchmen, are sometimes accused, perhaps rightly, of being difficult to know, of concealing ourselves behind a barrier of reserve which it is difficult to break down. I hope I may show that there are exceptions to this rule, for a guest who hangs back and makes no response to a warm and affectionate welcome, is a very poor guest indeed, and quite unworthy of the hospitality extended to him.

Pleased at the Appointment.

I am going to crave your indulgence and confide to you some of the thoughts which passed through my mind as soon as I received this appointment. It would be affectation to deny that my