

# WARM WELCOME TO SIR WINSTON AND LADY DUGAN

## New Governor Makes Many Friends On Busy First Day

### TOWN HALL CROWDED FOR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

#### Record Attendance At First Levee

Adelaide gave the new Governor (Sir Winston Dugan) and Lady Dugan a warm-hearted welcome on Saturday. In a day crowded with ceremonies they met thousands, who a few hours before had been strangers, and won them as friends. On their part, Sir Winston Dugan told an overflowing gathering at the Town Hall at the swearing-in ceremony that the warmth of the welcome had taken their hearts by storm.

South Australians will find in the new Governor many of the qualities which made Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven wonderfully popular. He, too, has a distinguished military record, and even on a short acquaintance he revealed the attributes which Australians have learnt to expect of high officers of the British army.

Sir Winston Dugan has the same broad sympathies as his predecessor, and it is safe to predict that with the people of the country, whom he is eager to visit, he will be exceedingly popular. In Lady Dugan he will have an admirable consort, for her record of war work and service in public benefactions in England will commend her to the people of this State.

Sir Winston and Lady Dugan had an arduous day on Saturday. Beginning at 9 a.m. with a welcome at the Outer Harbor, it included the taking of the oaths ceremony and a State and civic welcome at the Town Hall, and a levee at Government House, the last gathering being the biggest known to Adelaide.

Sir Winston Dugan impressed those he met during the day, either in private conversation or in public utterance. His speech at the Town Hall, which many thousands heard by means of a wireless broadcast, was excellent in phrase and sentiment. He has an admirable speaking voice, and the efficiency arising from military training and habit was apparent in the economy of his words. Not one was wasted.

After his strenuous morning, the Governor enjoyed a visit to the inter-collegiate football match at the Adelaide Oval in the afternoon.

On Wednesday night there will be a public welcome to the Governor and Lady Dugan at the Adelaide Town Hall.

#### Eager To Meet People

A few minutes before he left the Orama, Sir Winston Dugan said he was looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to every minute of his stay in South Australia. He had had a long talk with Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven before he left England, and Sir Alexander had been high in his praise of South Australia and her people. He realised that he had a great deal to live up to in the example set by Sir Alexander, but he would do his best to carry on where his predecessor had left off.

"I am eager to meet the people in the outback areas, and to discuss and understand their problems," he added. "I understand that they have been having a bad time, and I hope they will get rain soon to help them along. However, apart from the lack of rain, I understand that conditions are generally improving in this State and in the other States. This is splendid, and I hope that the improvement will continue."

Sir Winston Dugan fought beside Australian soldiers in France, and he wishes to meet the Australians again. "They were fine soldiers and fine men, and it will be a great pleasure to mingle with them again," he said. "I am anxious to meet the Australian sailors of the war years, too. They had a splendid record, and fought with the same great courage as your soldiers."

The Governor does not consider himself an authority on finance and government, because, as he smilingly pointed out, he was not a politician. He said he intended to take a wide view of South Australian and Australian conditions, and not to interest himself in one or two subjects to the exclusion of others about which he wished to learn.

#### Early Morning Arrival

As the Orama approached the wharf a message, "Citizens' welcome to his Majesty's representatives," fluttered from the flagstaff on the wharf, and was acknowledged from the ship. There was bunting on the wharf, and

the tugs Wato and Woonda, which took charge of the Orama at the entrance to the channel, were beflagged.

Although it was early, there was a knot of people to see the vessel arrive, and the crowd grew to several hundred by 9 a.m. when it was announced that Sir Winston and Lady Dugan would disembark. Cabinet Ministers and members of Parliament arrived a few minutes before that hour, and the Premier (Mr. Butler), Mrs. Butler, and the private secretary (Mr. Legh Wincer) went aboard to greet Sir Winston and Lady Dugan.

#### Scene On Wharf

Their disembarking was colorful. Taking farewell of the commander of the Orama, Captain Cameron, the viceregal party passed an assembly of the ship's company, and then paused half-way down the gangway as the National Anthem was played by the Naval Band under Bandmaster Rhodda, his Excellency in the scarlet full-dress uniform of a general of the British army, Commander B. G. H. Phillips, who will be comptroller of the household, in the contrasted navy and gold of the navy, and Captain St. J. O. Forbes, aide-de-camp, in the uniform of the Coldstream Guards surmounted by its imposing busby.

On the wharf was drawn up a guard of honor from the Royal Australian Naval Reserve under the command of Lieutenant W. R. Salkeld and Sub-Lieutenant C. T. Hyde. After his Excellency had inspected it, Ministers, members of Parliament, Government officials, the Naval Commandant (Commander S. R. Symonds), Lieutenant H. P. Jarrett, the Base Commandant (Brigadier Hardie), Colonel J. M. A. Durrant, and the mayor and mayoress of Port Adelaide (Mr. and Mrs. Bray) were presented by the Premier to the Governor and Lady Dugan. Mrs. Bray handed Lady Dugan a bouquet.

The party then went to a platform decorated with the colors of the Port Adelaide City Council, red and old gold, where Mr. Bray welcomed the Governor and Lady Dugan, and the town clerk (Mr. Bradwell) read an illuminated address. Mr. Bray said it was pleasant to note that, coinciding with the arrival of the new Governor, economic conditions in South Australia were improving. He hoped that that tendency would continue during his Excellency's stay here. When his Excellency's knowledge of the potentialities of the State had extended, he would recognise the greatness of the Empire's inheritance and realise the great opportunities granted to citizens of the Commonwealth, whose aims were that Australia should be governed by righteousness and justice. He hoped that the Governor's stay in South Australia would not only be enjoyable to him and Lady Dugan, but prove of great advantage to the Empire.

"On behalf of his Majesty the King, I thank you for your expressions of loyalty and devotion to the throne," said the Governor, in reply. "On behalf of my wife and myself, I thank you for your very kind welcome. We feel at home already. We have been looking forward to our arrival, and, with the assistance and goodwill of every one, we shall do all in our power for the advancement and welfare of the community during our five years of office. We join in the hope that the difficult times the State has experienced will merge into prosperity and happiness for all."

#### Greeted On Roadside

On leaving the platform the Governor chatted for a few minutes with a group of Port Adelaide and district Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts, under the command of Commissioner E. C. Morris, leaving them with the remark, "All jolly, eh?"

Before they entered the car to take them to Adelaide the Governor and Lady Dugan waved farewells to friends on the ship, who gave them three cheers as they left. They were extremely popular on the Orama, and passengers described them as a charming couple. Extreme heat while passing through the tropics, and boisterous weather in the lower latitudes were not conducive to deck sports, in which the viceregal couple did not indulge freely. They, however, mingled with the passengers, among whom they made many fast friends, and when a ball was given on board they appeared in fancy dress and entered into the spirit of the festivities.

The viceregal car was escorted along the Port road by a guard of police motor cycle outfits under the control of Inspector C. H. Howie, while an Aero Club plane flew overhead. For the whole of the 15 miles there were knots of people every few yards along the road waving an informal, but warm-hearted, welcome. Some brought flags. They were several hundred at Port Adelaide, and a big gathering at the entrance to Government House, the procession, over the last half-mile, having been given a more colorful note by the addition of an escort of a mounted troop, commanded by Major F. Cawley.

As Sir Winston and Lady Dugan turned in to their new home a royal salute boomed from the parade ground. It was fired by the 113th Howitzer Battery, the firing party being commanded by Lieut. J. Pimlott.

#### Town Hall Ceremony

A few minutes before 11 a.m. the Governor left for the Town Hall, where the ceremony of taking the oaths of office took place. King William street, which was barricaded, was crowded, and several thousand people thronged the neighborhood of the Town Hall. There was a military guard of honor from the 10/50th Battalion in command of Capt. H. E. Moore, with Lieut. P. E. Siekman in charge of the color. The band under Band Sergeant O. W. Lovell played the National Anthem as the car arrived.

At the entrance to the Town Hall, the Governor and Lady Dugan were greeted by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain), the Premier and Ministers, and escorted to the main assembly hall, where there was a distinguished gathering. The building was crowded, even to the organ galleries, and the cordiality of the gathering showed unmistakably that, even on such short acquaintance, Sir Winston and Lady Dugan had won many friends.

Preceded by the mace bearer, the Lord Mayor led the procession to the platform, the assemblage receiving the Governor standing. The Royal Commission appointing Sir Winston Dugan Governor, signed by the Secretary for the Dominions (Mr. Thomas), was read by the Under-Secretary (Mr. Read), and the Governor took the three oaths of office, the register being presented to him by the Master of the Supreme Court (Mr. McBryde).

The oaths were:—  
I, Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, Major-General, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, his heirs and successors, according to Law.

I do swear that I will well and truly serve His Majesty King George the Fifth, his heirs and successors, according to law, in the office of Governor in and over the State of South Australia and its dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

I do swear that I will well and truly serve our sovereign lord King George the Fifth, his heirs and successors, according to law, in the office of Governor, in and over the State of South Australia and its dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this State, without fear or favor, affection or ill-will.

#### Premier's Welcome

The Governor was then welcomed by the Premier, on behalf of the Government and the people, and the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City of Adelaide. Mr. Butler said they welcomed his Excellency for two reasons. As the representative of the King, that gave

an opportunity of demonstrating loyalty and devotion to the throne and person of the King. That gathering was tangible evidence of the affection in which the King was held, and proof that the people would do all in their power to strengthen the ties that bound them to Great Britain. This was not the time to weaken those ties.

"While forms of government in other countries are undergoing violent changes, that of Great Britain has remained steadfast. The achievements of the peoples of the British countries during this financial and economic crisis have been the envy of the civilized world," Mr. Butler said. "Such results, I think, have been due largely to the fact that we have at our head a Royal Family whom we can look to with respect and with the knowledge that they have the true welfare of the people and Empire at heart."

The Governor had come at a time when the State was passing through a difficult period, but the people had co-operated with the Government in an earnest endeavor to surmount their difficulties, and South Australia was gradually, but surely, making headway. That was evidence that its people possessed to the full those characteristics which had made the Empire great. South Australia had a reputation for honesty and integrity, sanity and stability, and with those attributes, it would eventually triumph. (Applause.)

#### Fortunate in Governors

It had been fortunate in the choice of its Governors. They had been men of high calibre, with a broad Imperial outlook, wise counsellors, able administrators, and not only during their term of office had they proved staunch friends, but on their return to England had been every ready to enhance the interests and reputation of South Australia. (Applause.) The Governor and Lady Dugan had no light task in following the footsteps of such gracious, sympathetic, and able viceregal representatives as Sir Alexander and Lady Hore-Ruthven, who never spared themselves in furthering the cause of Empire and advocating the interests of the people of South Australia. He was confident that the new Governor and Lady Dugan would be able

worthily to uphold the high standard that had been set. As the connecting link between England and part of one of the Dominions, they would hold a position full of importance and responsibility, and they could always rely on the people of South Australia doing their part in assisting the cause of Empire.

"As the representatives of constitutional authority, let me assure you of our loyal and whole-hearted co-operation," Mr. Butler said. "We are all imbued with the same ideal—love of country—the British Empire, Australia, South Australia. On behalf of the Government and people of South Australia, I extend a warm welcome to you, and I trust that you both will be able to look back on your sojourn in South Australia as one of the happiest periods in your lives." (Applause.)

#### Distinguished Line

His Excellency succeeded a long list of distinguished Governors, said the Lord Mayor. His appointment was another proof of the wisdom of allowing his Majesty unfettered choice in the selection of his representatives in the Dominions (applause), and he hoped South Australia would never interfere with the Royal prerogative in that way, for it provided a strong and binding link between all parts of the Empire. While history showed European nations with their dictators and subservient kings, they felt proud of the Empire which, practically alone, had stood honorably by its obligations, domestic and international. South Australians felt intense pride in their membership of such an Empire. They could not imagine a world without it. It was the only stable prop of civilisation, and if it fell civilisation would fall.

He knew that his Excellency and Lady Dugan would have a happy time here. They might know from the warmth of their welcome that South Australia stood loyally by the Empire, and the Throne and person of the King.

#### Governor's Reply

The Governor, who was very warmly applauded when he rose to reply, said he thanked both speakers, on behalf of his wife and himself, for the kindly, encouraging words they had addressed to them. "I take this, my first opportunity, of expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation of the wonderfully warm welcome we have received," he said. "You have fairly taken our hearts by storm. (Applause.) We always knew that you held a reputation for hospitality and kindness which is first in the British Empire, and so your great reception did not come as a surprise, but, all the same, it made us very happy and feel that we were really at home."

"But it is not your reputation for kindness alone which appeals to me. As a soldier, there are other qualities which I admire—the quality that you have of squaring up against difficulties and overcoming them, the quality that

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