RECEPTION AT THE TOWN HALL.

AN ENTHUSIASMATIC GATHERING.

It was an enthusiastic gathering that assembled in the Adelaide Town Hall at 2 p.m. yesterday in response to the invitation of the Lieutenant Shackleton, and among the others present on the platform were the Lieutenants Governor (Sir S. J. Way), the Prime Minister, the Acting Premier, the Acting Commandant of Public Works (Mr. Rice), the Clerk Secretary, Mr. Brewster, the Minister of Education, Sir Donald Maclean, a member of the expedition, the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. Frank Johnson), the private secretary to the Governor, S. J. Way, and a number of the members of the Royal Geographical Society—Messrs. A. A. Anstis, E. H. Baker, Simpson, and Mr. M. Reed (secretary), and Mr. J. Maclellan, M.P. Lady Haensch also occupied a place on the platform.

Mr. Anstis, in welcoming the guests, said they all felt it was a great privilege and pleasure to welcome the returning heroes who had rendered such valuable and skilful service to their country, and the successful expedition to the Antarctic region, and to congratulate him heartily upon his return. He trusted his journey would be successful.

Mr. Haensch congratulated Mr. Shackleton upon his return, and said it was a great privilege to welcome the returning hero who had rendered such valuable and skilful service to the country.

Mr. Reuter, in replying to the toast of the Mayor of the City, said he was very much pleased to see so many of Adelaide's citizens present to welcome the returning hero, and he trusted it would be a long time before another such an expedition would take place.

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