MAWSON'S EXPEDITION.

A GRANT OF £7,000.

SYDNEY, September 16.

In the Legislative Assembly Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier (Mr. Gruen) in regard to the £7,000 granted by the Government to the Mawson Antarctic Expedition, whether he was aware that the Federal Government had granted £5,000, and if, in view of that fact, he would yet abstain from reconsidering the decision originally arrived at to authorize the £7,000 upon urgent and pressing needs.

Mr. Gruen said he could not promise that Cabinet would reconsider its decision, and he did not think it would be right for it to do so. (Hear, hear.) It was true that the Government had made a grant of £7,000 to the expedition. (Hear, hear.) It was also a fact that the South Australian Government had also made a grant of £2,000, or £2,500, or equipment costing £1,000. With regard to the £5,000 granted by the Federal Government, the Premier said, intended to make the State Government what the amount was. It was the final statement of expedition, and that was the sole consideration which arrested the State Government in making the grant. It did not matter what the Federal Government gave.