MAWSON EXPEDITION.

MEETING IN MELBOURNE.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

Melbourne, September 9.

Dr. Douglas Mawson has sometimes felt the position in connection with his Antarctic expedition immensely strengthened by the reception accorded him at the Town Hall last week. Between 2,000 and 2,500 people thronged the hall and they marked their approval of the proposal all along the line. Expressions of regret were heard because Dr. Mawson, in his speech, did not announce anything in the shape of Federal assistance, a feeling that Mr. Deakin made pointed reference to. Otherwise the audience bubbled over with enthusiasm. They cheered whenever Dr. Mawson's, Professor Davie's, or Sir E. Shackleton's name was mentioned. There was no feeling to be perceived that Australian ought to provide motive power for the Mawson machine.

Mr. H. B. S. Higgs, Governor-General, presided, and in his opening address referred to Dr. Mawson as "My friend." He expressed the belief that the meeting secured well for the success of the appeal to Melbourne and Victoritans. "Because," said his Excellency, in a concluding passage, "I admire the spirit of the enterprise which animates Dr. Mawson and his comrades, because I am a firm believer that the enterprise is not an idle object they are setting out to attain, and because I am satisfied that this expedition will redound to the credit of Australia, I appeal to you with particular strength to Dr. Mawson your sympathetic encouragement and support."

Dr. Mawson said the aims and scope of this expedition were amongst the big geographical undertakings of modern times, and without the support of all Australians they could not be accomplished.

The success of their efforts would add materially to the sum of human knowledge, and would increase the status of Australian science. There would be no attempt to reach the southern geographical pole, but a purely scientific expedition that would accomplish the important data bound up in the great Antarctic continent. Without further preliminaries, he proceeded to throw himself into that of a lasseter and side. The audience followed him with rapt attention, finding any reference to the part Australians have already played in the Antarctic.

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Mr. Deakin, who followed, took the view that there was something more to be added to Dr. Fisher's remarks. "One of the virtues of the expeditions was more intimately with that of the Australian people," he said. "They will be the voice of the Australian Government," he added. "The Government in New South Wales has been carried by the people with a great enthusiasm, and even the ranks of Melbourne have come in to cheer."

"I trust," he added, "that a spirit of emulation is spread throughout the States, and that the whole country will be crowded by the fact of the Commonwealth." (Cheers.)

Mr. Walker, Professor Mawson, Professor Henderson, and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne paid their respects to the party who composed the scheme. Senator Walker said they were $20,000 would not be out of place if the Federal Government gave 200,000.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES $20,000.

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In the House of Representatives to-day the Prime Minister (Mr. Fisher), on his motion for adjournment, informed Mr. Wise that the Government had decided to give £2,000 to the Mawson expedition to the Antarctic.

Mr. Joseph Cook asked: "Are you to be bitten by a State Government?"

Mr. Deakin, in reply, said that the Government had decided to give £2,000 towards the cost of the Mawson expedition to the Antarctic.

DR. MAWSON'S EXPEDITION.

New South Wales Assistance.

SYDNEY, September 12.

It has been decided by the Government to contribute £7,000 towards Dr. Mawson's Antarctic Expedition. Dr. Mawson's claim for assistance from the New South Wales Government was strongly opposed by Professor Davie, Mr. Samuel Henderson, and Mr. H. R. Denison £1,000 each.

MAWSON EXPEDITION.

Commonwealth Assistance.

MELBOURNE, September 7.

A large audience crowded the Town Hall last night to hear Dr. Douglas Mawson, who will lead the Australian Antarctic expedition. Amongst those present were the Governor-General (in waiting) and Lady Denison, the Prime Minister (Mr. Fisher), the Leader of the Federal Opposition (Mr. Deakin), Mr. Walker, and the Lord Mayor. The Governor-General, in introducing the lecturer, said a few months ago Mr. Mawson and Sir Ernest Shackleton had been kind enough to explain to him the details of their plans. Toss plans appealed to him for various reasons. Finally it was to be an Australian expedition, and the main of any kind which had sailed from Australia abroad. Secondly, there was the scientific and practical purpose. Toss knew men would earn credit for themselves and Australia. The majority of the party were Australians, and Mawson had pledged his cause so well and created such a favourable impression in London that a considerable measure of support had been assured. He was now undertaking an equally easy task of accounting to the majority of his countrymen, in this great undertaking. This meeting was an Australian success, and in Victoria, because he admired the spirit of the men, because he was a believer in the importance of his own countrymen in this great undertaking. This meeting was an Australian success, because he admired the spirit of the men, because he was a believer in the importance of his own countrymen in this great undertaking. This meeting was a success for the men of Victoria. Because he admired the spirit of the men, because he was a believer in the importance of the expedition, and because he thought the expedition would redound to the credit of Australia, he appealed to the meeting with confidence to extend to Dr. Mawson and his gallant comrades its sympathy and support. (Applause.)

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