Suggestion to the Federal Government.

Personally, he would like to see the continuance of scientific work, in the same way as the United States fisheries vessels were employed. He did not wish to sell the vessel for commercial purposes, and he would see the importance of keeping the boat in commission for future work.

Prospects of other Expeditions.

In March next they might expect to hear from Captain Scott. He would be back by about then, and if he did come he was sure to have some new tales to tell.

Dr. Mawson's Reply.

Dr. Mawson, in reply, recorded with enthusiasm cheers, said he wished to thank them from the bottom of his heart for the interest which both him and his colleagues, most of whom, from South Australia in particular, had shown in the expedition. The speakers had referred to him as the leader of the expedition, and he accepted that position. But everything depended on the personnel of the expedition. He had no faith that any project could do anything in some respects towards the future; but there was only one thing he had chosen the staff. The main obligation on his part was to do his best to the work. He had done his best to choose men of the right sort, and to get together as far as possible from Adelaide and other parts of South Australia as much as possible.

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AN HISTORIC GATHERING.

The departure on Saturday of Dr. Douglas Mawson and the South Australian members of the Antarctic expedition party was the occasion of an historic gathering at the Adelaide Town Hall at noon. There was a large and representative attendance of the citizens, and as Dr. Mawson and his colleagues entered the hall, preceded by the Governor, they received an enthusiastic ovation which spoke volumes for the interest that South Australia has in the undertaking. The speeches, though brief, were intensely patriotic and expressed to Dr. Mawson and his followers the wishes of South Australians with regard to the expedition from which so much was expected.

The Governor, who presided, opened the proceedings with a speech of high praise of the gallant leader, whose achievements and courage have already been so well demonstrated in Antarctic exploration. His Honor the Chief Justice (Sir S. F. Way), followed with one of the most eloquent speeches he has ever delivered, and was cheered by several other speakers who took part in the proceedings, and, in the farewell, were all equally enthusiastic.

Dr. Mawson, in his reply, sketched the progress of exploration, work, and expressed his appreciation of the compliment that had been paid to him and his companions.

There was another farewell demonstration, when Dr. Mawson and his South Australian companions left for Hobart.

Dr. Douglas Mawson (leader) and Miers, C. T. Madigan, M. H. Moyes, A. J. Howlett (members of the Antarctic expedition) left by the Melbourne Express on Thursday for Hobart, where they will join the party. There were a large number of people on the platform, including His Excellency the Governor, the Chief Justice, the Chancery Court (Hon. A. W. Wallis), the Attorney-General (Hon. W. J. Denby), the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Dr. Burrow), the Hon. J. O. Longman, M.P., and Mr. A. W. Price, E.C. (President of the South Australian Geographical Society). Cheers were given for Dr. Mawson and his companions.

ARRIVAL IN MELBOURNE.

Melbourne, November 19.

Dr. Mawson and the South Australian members of his Antarctic expedition arrived in Melbourne. Before leaving Dr. Mawson will interview the Postmaster-General concerning the erection of a wireless station in Antarctica, and as a result of his work, but he is afraid the application may be rather late.

THE JAPANESE PARTY.

DEPARTURE FOR THE SOUTH.

Sydney, November 19.

The Japanese exploring ship Raimon-Yumemaru, under the command of its chief, the Japanese commandant, left Sydney late on Saturday afternoon for Hobart, which city they would depart in a fortnight's time. They would leave for the Antarctic after the departure of another expedition. He would be interested in the experiences of another expedition, but he would be interested in the experiences of the other expedition.

It was the duty of the expedition to go on exploring after the return to Australia, the end of the season, and it was the duty of the expedition to go on exploring after the return to Australia.

Mr. Thomas, who was the organizer of the expedition, would go to the Antarctic next season, and would bring back to Australia.