AUSTRALIA WIDE WELCOME

MINISTER OF CUSTOMS SPEAKS

PROFESSOR MAWSON VOICES THE FEELINGS OF SCIENTISTS.

The Hon. L. G. Groom voiced the sentiments of the Western Australian Government in welcoming the return of the expedition. (Applause.) The Australian Parliament gave in the Northern Territory and the members of the expedition its hearty welcome. (Applause.)

The welcome was well merited, and the money would be forthcoming. (Applause.) Dr. Mawson and his associates had more than repaid the hopes of their countrymen. The people of Australia gave the expedition a magnificent send-off. Dr. Mawson was sent by the Australian Government to the British Museum to present the expedition with the Antarctic. Neither Nunivak nor Mertz was an Australian, but they were both appreciated and the expedition was welcomed with open arms. (Applause.)

GOOD OUT OF EVIL

There was a story to be remembered, of how the expedition had experienced a near-disaster on the return journey. The ship's doctor, Dr. Vere, had developed a severe illness which threatened the life of the expedition. (Applause.) Dr. Mawson was welcomed back by his colleagues, and his return was joyous by the crew to have him with them again. (Applause.)

ROYAL SOCIETY'S WELCOME.

Dr. Vere (President of the Royal Society) said that Professor Henderson, just back from his voyage, had said, "Mind you look after Mawson. That was the sentiment which had animated all of us." His welcome was expected, and it had been "warmed up." (Laughter.) He was rather to his surprise, and his presence was a marvel. They had long anticipated his return, and his welcome would be a marvelous memory. They had all been on the same side in the struggle, and his return was full of the story of the day in Antarctica. The thrilling experience had been a revelation of the condition, the real pride and narrow were evident results. He was now a man of the world, and his story was one of the heroes of the expedition. (Applause.)

The Royal Society was proud of the honour of having Dr. Mawson back among them. He was the first Australian to speak at the Royal Society.

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE WORLD

WHERE THE ICEBERGS GLARE

DR. MAWSON FURThERS HIS STORY

HOW MURPHY "RETRIEVED" THE MEAT.

Although the weather was cold, the welcome extended to him by the people of Australia was gladly received by Dr. Mawson. He was pleased to know that his party was incomplete owing to the death of their companions in the Antarctic. Neither Nunivak nor Mertz was an Australian, but they were both appreciated and the expedition was welcomed with open arms. (Applause.)

A FINE SUGGESTION.

He ventured to say that the people of Australia, who had been so successful in the expedition, should remember those who had died. He believed that the Commonwealth Government would be pleased to hear that the expedition had been successful. He believed that the Commonwealth Government would be pleased to hear that the expedition had been successful. They had earned the right to be remembered, if their Worship the Mayor were kind enough to remember them.

HOW THEY LIVED IN ANTARCTICA.

The inevitable Irishman accompanied the expedition. He was known as Murphy, and like all Irishmen, he was industrious. "Mr. Murphy," as he was called by the expedition, had a double talent. He was a doctor, and he dealt with the most delicate of operations. "A surgeon," he said, "is a man who can work with a knife." Murphy was not the only surgeon in the expedition. (Applause.)

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The meat rope, some digging out. In fact, a party was at work for two days with electricians and crows breaking up the ice, and well, you could play ball with them without any fear of breaking them.

"FOOD DREAMS."

"Something has been said this afternoon about dreaming of food. We need to have what are known as food dreams, and pretty bad ones, too. They can come more acrid as the food supplies dwindled. I remember one I had—most weird affair. Enough was brought from the hungry party, where I could get a cake served up. Good, I seemed to be in the country. Following directions, I really craved, where the supposed cake was to be had. To my joy I observed a huge cake, which brought thoughts of the hungry party. When I asked for it, however, the manikin became somewhat diffuse, evidently considering that I could not manage to eat it myself. After undergoing several more weird experiences I dreamed the cake was mine, and that on my acting in that sort of thing to a face attached to it something wonderful would happen. I cannot remember whether I ultimately got the cake back to the party, but the dream is one which I shall never forget."

In a breath Dr. Mawson can change from gay to grave. The thrilling experience he had in company with Nunivak and Mertz, went through with his mind, and he was at his best as he spoke of the station. "I'll always remember the day I found the icebergs," he said. "It was all over at one time," observed the doctor. "Mertz and I were quite alone on the point, and I shall never forget the acute agony I suffered when they died."

TRIBUTE TO COMRADES.

The doctor touched a right note. He knew that everybody was looking for the real man in the story. "Mr. Murphy" was our own story. He was a remarkable man, who stood by his own, and who stood by his own country. (Applause.)

DR. MAWSON'S SUGGESTION ACCEPTED.

The doctor mentioned that the Hon. Groom had suggested the naming of a cable of the relatives of the scientific party. "I'm not sure," said Dr. Mawson, "as to what we had suggested."