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SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON
HONOURED BY COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

The Australian antarctic hero, Sir Douglas Mawson, was accorded a
valedictory banquet by the Commonwealth Club at the Adelaide Town
Hall on Wednesday, and the proceedings were of a demonstrative
character. Sir Douglas, on entering, did not go to his seat, but
modestly replied, "Thank you." The chair was turned away for him
(empty), and the guest was seated on his right.

Sir John Dowse was in those days of great international troubles
and conflicts it was delightful to get away, if only for a few
minutes, from the thought of war and the tens of thousands of men
sent on their way, often in the same direction that those of
another-to leave the thoughts of war and turn to the task of
promoting the expansion of life in the far-off lands in which
they lived. They welcomed him as a man belonging to themselves-not
confined to the shores of their island but living in the 
glorious achievement that had made them. (Applause.) That club
had been his life since he had left it, on his glorious way, with
their heartfelt blessings, and now they had gathered to hear
him talk of the subject that had felt at his own return. He had
had a long and arduous journey, as Dr. Douglas Mawson, a
universally adored man, a man whose work was all his own,
Mawson, and it was with great delight that they observed his
evident state of health. But there was a hidden face in the
speaker's face that they had seen Sir Douglas when he spoke to the people of Adelaide at the
return of the expedition. The awful peril he had undergone,
the change in his mind through which he had gone, were
woven into his legend. His careworn face and his weary limbs.
When he was younger he had been as fit as a fiddle,
and now he could tell the audience what he had undergone.

He had undertaken the work of the expedition, and that
might not have been responsible for his
"safe return." While Sir Douglas was seeking
for the unknown forces, he had been
pursued by misfortunes, which had been
almost beyond human endurance, but he
had always been there, and now he was admired with more heartfelt
appreciation. The achievement that was
the result of his perseverance and the
achievement of happiness went
forward. He had undertaken the work of the expedition, and
that was the work upon which he
had been born; it was the work of the
expedition, but it was brought up by the
year. It did seem a great pity that so
many men had been wasted in the
conquest when in other conditions they
might have been in the thick of the
enemies in the field of Nature before them, and devoting their energies to fresh
discoveries. If we were not being wasted in the war could be used in
the same manner in which he had indicated, with
such a vast amount of men, we would be
accomplished. Not one of them would
be left more than 20 years behind the present
times. There were many other of the modern
conveniences...
The results of the Expedition were

In the laboratory, one of the practical results was what had been seen when the map that had previously existed of it was being prepared. Although it was difficult to raise, the party were able to see the native flora and fauna that had been the subject of searches by early scientists. Spotted gums, good eating, which had inhabited the immemorial forest, were practically extinct now. The weather had been extremely hot, and there were moments of moisture in the valleys. (Applause.)

There were immense numbers of sea lions on the coast, and the best of the kind in the world had been obtained to the relief of the people of New Zealand—but in the absence of regulations, tremendous havoc had been created among the seal and whale population. It was stated in one of the reports that Macquarie Island, in the first two seasons, the party had found minerals on the island, and they might be obtained by payable quantities. It had been discovered that there was some of the results of which, as they were working out the achievements of the expedition, at the time they anticipated that they could obtain about 20 quarto volumes of the history of the party's experiences and operations. He would have the sequel to Tasmania and New Zealand, and have the sequel to that by that time perhaps the landed property would be over, and then they thanked them for their kindness. (Applause.)
ITALY AND GREAT BRITAIN.

The statement was received with cheers.

The people on both sides were against the Teutons, and politically or artistically they were not their friends, but Britain's and Italy's.

He was sure there was an army of 3,000,000 men, and that they owed to Italy.

They knew that England was never forgot that England was the side of freedom, and they knew how the Italian people felt the artistic service rendered to Rome by Dr. Ashby. He said the Italian people felt the keenest interest in all British affairs. They never forgot that freedom.

After referring to the immense struggle for liberty and freedom, Mr. Ashby made a few remarks. After permission, Italian gentlemen asked to be dragged into the conflict it would take sides with the Italian nation was to be dragged into the conflict it would take sides with the Italian nation.

He believed its people of a dead city, but an awakened centre, which was no longer a great art centre, but an awakened centre for the beheld their ruins.

He hoped that Dr. Ashby would return to Italy if he was to be dragged into the conflict it would take sides with the Italian nation was to be dragged into the conflict it would take sides with the Italian nation.

He hoped that Dr. Ashby would return to Italy if the hell which had overtaken Europe had not by that time come to an end, would let the people know that Australia was not by that time come to an end, would let the people know that Australia was in the history of the world.