

was far greater than that of the man, as the close of a soldier's life marked the end of his suffering, but a woman's only began. He thought they were making the biggest sacrifice in human power to make.

Lieut. Simons said the teaching at the mother's knee brought forth the grandest types of men that adorn the pages of history.

Wherever it had been their privilege to go, women were playing their part. In the United States the model held up as the type of true woman and true mother was Queen Victoria. He said that the influence of Queen Victoria did more to promote the history of the world than any one. The sacrifice made by the women was the grandest asset in the British nation. In speaking of Australia, Lieut. Simons said, "We feel proud of Australia, being recognized as one of those parts where we allow the fullest power with the most perfect confidence in the women of our country. It is possible to have a woman Prime Minister.

Proud of Squadron.

"Any woman over twenty-one (if she will admit being twenty-one) can have a vote." Speaking of the Australian navy, he said it had been referred to as the "Sardine-tin Squadron," but for all that they were very proud of what the squadron had accomplished, in the sinking of the Emden, but he admitted it could not have been done without the permission of the women voters of the Commonwealth. He said he knew of no better combination than the Wattle blossom and the Maple Leaf. In conclusion he hoped that when Australia and Canada had their representatives in the British Parliament there would be some women at the great council table, assembled at Westminster.

Best Wishes to Australian Women.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, the president, asked Lieut. Simons to convey a message to the womanhood of Australia, to all the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts who are patriots, that the hearts of the women of Canada beat in unison with theirs, and they send them their heartiest good wishes.

A delightful musical programme was rendered, the Cadets' band playing a very fine march, composed by their bandmaster, Mr. Belteridge, in honor of Lieutenant-Colonel Clark and the 72nd Highlanders, which was much applauded. Songs were sung by Cadet Gordon Williams, Madame Yulisse, Cadet Aubrey Melrose, and Cadet Stanley Saunders, and violin solos were rendered by Miss Margaret McTearney. All the items received encores, which in most cases were responded to. At the close of the afternoon tea was served.

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AUSTRALIAN CADETS

GUESTS OF ROTARY CLUB AT LUNCHEON

Visitors Entertained by Local Organization—Lieutenant Simons on "Trade Possibilities"

"We have the greatest Empire in the world, and have sufficient wealth to supply the whole Empire, yet we do not do it. For instance, we are getting ammunition outside the Empire and are sending out millions of pounds today to nations which are neutral now but which may some day turn around and use our millions against us. You know that every dollar you send to Australia is safe for it goes to a member of the family and will not be returned to you in the shape of shrapnel shells."

The foregoing was one of the arguments used yesterday by Lieut. J. J. Simons, director of the Australian cadets, who were the guests of the Rotary club at luncheon at the Hotel Vancouver. Lieut. Simons was asked to speak on "Trade Possibilities."

The lieutenant's opening remarks were a tribute to the Scotch. He noticed, he said, that President A. R. Macfarlane of the Rotary club was Scotch, and Chief of Police MacLennan, at the same table, was Scotch, and he had met Scotchmen everywhere, usually as managers or heads of departments. The Scotch, he said, were the greatest stiffening force in making the Australian nation. "It is the greatest ruling blend in the world—I am partly Scotch myself," said the lieutenant.

Self-Contained Empire.

"The Rotary club," he continued, "could not apply itself to a greater principle than a self-contained empire. We grow lots of fruit in Australia, yet four years ago when I was here I ate raisins from Turkey. The money paid out for this is now coming back to you in shot and shell. And we raise better raisins in Australia than they do in Turkey. I understand you send out \$4,000,000 annually for fruit. This should come to us. We, too, were sending money out which should have come to Canada. In fact, we were getting from Germany some things we could have got from Canada.

"I believe the greatest gospel ever preached was 'reciprocity.' You members of the Rotary club can assist in a bigger exchange between Canada and Australia. You don't know us well

enough and we don't know you well enough. Come and see us often."

"The great Pacific ocean links us together. It is the great ocean of today and of tomorrow. The Mediterranean used to be and the Atlantic has been, but the great ocean of destiny is the Pacific and that is why Vancouver is most concerned for that great expanse of ocean has brought us together.

Successful Commerce.

"But successful commerce must be successfully defended. We must admit that when war was declared we went to war on one leg—we had a fully developed navy but not the same can be said of the military branch.

"Australia is only a kid in the great brotherhood but we believe we have the last word in military systems. Every boy of 14 commences military training and continues till 25. In a few years we will have 600,000 trained soldiers which is a lot for 5,000,000 people. Canada, at that rate, with her 10,000,000 people, would have more than 1,000,000 trained soldiers.

"Just look ahead five years and see the great Imperial parliament. The representative of Canada is called on and when asked as to Canada's military strength will say, 'Oh, we have our militia and volunteers—and the Rainbow and Nube.'

"Then when the Australian representative is called on he will say, 'We have 5,000,000 people, 600,000 soldiers, three super dreadnoughts and about 25 other war vessels.' Who will have the biggest say in the doings of this parliament? You don't have to be a wizard to guess the answer.

Hang Rifle on Top.

"We believe in having our goods protected. We have a motto, 'Peace on earth, good will toward all men'—and over the top we hang a rifle. The rifle speaks with a tongue which requires no interpreter.

"In Australia for a long time there were those who preached, 'I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier,' but, to use some American slang, 'they didn't cut much ice.' And, speaking about slang, we are afraid we will take some of it home with us, though, as far as that is concerned, Australians have some very forceful slang of their own."

The lieutenant, on behalf of his cadets, thanked the Rotary club and the citizens for their entertainment, and said they wanted to see more of Canada. Mr. Davidson, chairman of the 101st Old Boys' club, which three years ago under Capt. R. N. Davy visited Australia, announced a big patriotic concert for Stanley Park next Sunday afternoon, or in the event of rain, to take place in the Arena rink. The main attraction will be the Australians, who will be assisted by the bands of the 72nd regiment. Martial and sacred airs will be rendered. It is to be a military display attended by the military authorities. Mr. Davidson, who is chairman of the local committee looking after the entertainment of the guests, thanked the Rotary club for its luncheon and good will and Manager Turquand of the Hotel Vancouver.

March Dedicated.

Yesterday morning the cadets formally dedicated their march composed by Musical Director Harold Belteridge