

in the struggle for freedom. We have had many receptions since being in Australia," he said, "but I can assure you that nothing comes nearer to our hearts than meeting with the mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts of our Canadian brothers. We realize what the women of the Empire are giving, for it is our women of the Empire, who are making the sacrifice infinitely greater than any of our men in the far-flung battle line. The soldier plays his part, and if death comes, the struggle ceases for him, but for the women at home, it is only the beginning of days, weeks, years of sorrow. It is a bequest of long years of sorrow and suffering, sorrow such as few men can even begin to understand."

"We have found our women ready to make the greatest sacrifice, and there have been no more concentrated sacrifices held on the altars of the Empire than those offered by the womanhood of Britain. The same spirit which unites the women of Canada is found with the women of Australia, who are as ready to give as their sisters in other parts of the Empire."

Referring briefly to the political status of women in Australia, Lieut. Simons paid a high tribute to the women of his country, tracing their influence on affairs of state. "I am proud," he said, "to belong to a part of the Empire which has the fullest possible confidence in its women. Every woman over 21 has the right to vote, and even the right to become prime minister, if she is qualified to fill the highest office the Commonwealth can offer." He expressed the opinion that their women's consciousness of the necessity for national defence was largely responsible for their splendid navy. "I hope," he said, "if we ever come back again to find that the influence of Canadian women has been sufficient to provide for Canada a navy like our own." The system which gives every boy a certain amount of military training has had the support of the Australian women, he said.

Before the arrival of the Cadets the members discussed ways and means of raising funds for the prisoners of war in Germany. Some time ago Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught appealed to the Vancouver Women's Canadian Club for funds for this purpose. Several plans were suggested, but it was finally decided to hold a "Dime Day" later in the autumn to collect a mile of dimes.

SNAPSHOTS

Recruiting Concert.—An Imperial Recruiting Concert will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the central recruiting office. If the afternoon is rainy the concert will be held in the Industrial Bureau, corner Pender and Camille streets. The Australian Cadets have promised to play and a number of local artists will take part. Mr. Warren Blyth of Auckland will give an address. The recruiting office is making a special effort to secure recruits for the 72nd Battalion. Over 500 men have already signed on.

SOCIAL NOTES

Following the reception given by the Women's Canadian Club in the Hotel Vancouver yesterday afternoon for the Australian Cadets, the members of the corps were entertained at tea in the new dining room of the hotel. The room was gaily decorated with the flags of the Allies, the flags of Australia and Canada predominating. A full sized kangaroo occupied a prominent corner, and yellow blossoms, similar to the wattle blossom, were used to decorate the tea tables. Tea was served at small tables at which members of the executive presided. In addition to the members of the executive and the cadets, about 200 members of the club remained for tea, making the tea hour a very pleasant one. Members of the executive acted as hostesses at the tables at which the cadets were seated. The president, Mrs. Ralph Smith, and Mrs. L. D. Chishman presided at the guests of honor's table, and among others who acted as hostesses were Mrs. de Pencier, Mrs. J. J. Bamford, Mrs. Fred Ryan, Mrs. S. D. Scott, Mrs. Jonathan Rogers, Mrs. Eyre Smith, Mrs. G. Telfer, Mrs. Lyle Telford, Mrs. A. H. MacNeill, Mrs. Blake Wilson, Mrs. D. M. McKay, Miss Annie Fagan, Miss Florence Morrison and Miss Scruby. After tea the boys amused their hostesses by giving one of their "yells" for the club, a "howl" for Mrs. Smith, president of the club, and a "skycroak" for Mrs. Chishman. A splendid musical programme was given by the Australian touring cadets in the Oval room of the Hotel Vancouver last evening, to the great enjoyment of many hundreds of patrons of that hostelry. By request the programme included the new march dedicated to the 72nd Highlanders. This march, composed by Mr. Harold Betteridge, musical director of the Australians, was played over privately before Lieut.-Colonel Clark and his staff yesterday, and the composer was thanked most heartily for the honor done the regiment. Col. Clark said his men would try to be worthy of the inspiring strains of the march. Today the cadets are the guests of the Conservative Association on a trip to Wigwam Inn. Hon. W. R. Ross accompanying the party.

THE PROVINCE

WEDNESDAY, September 9, 1915

The Australian Cadets were the guests of the Women's Canadian Club at a reception held at the Hotel Vancouver yesterday afternoon when Lieutenant Simons, director of the company, gave an address and the cadets' band delighted the gathering with several musical numbers. Their opening selection was "Canada Forever," composed by Mr. Betteridge, musical director of the company and dedicated to the 72nd Highlanders. It was followed by the Australian anthem, "The Five-Pointed Star." Songs were sung by Mr. G. Williams, Madame Yulisse, Mr. Angus Melrose, and Mr. Stanley Saunders, and violin solos were rendered by Miss Margaret McCraney, whose accom-

paniments were played by Mrs. Boronow. In his speech Lieut. Simons expressed the appreciation of the cadets for the hospitality which had been extended to them during their short stay in Vancouver. In discussing the war and the part which the women of the Empire are taking in it, he referred to the political freedom enjoyed by the women of his country and expressed the hope that it would not be long before the women of the entire British Empire were given the rights of citizenship. The contribution to the national navy which Australia had made was a thing of which Australians were justly proud and the gifts had been freely sanctioned by the women. He hoped that when he returned to Canada the women here would be in a position to wield the same influence in regard to such matters as were the women of his own country. The military training to which every boy in Australia was subject after the age of fourteen, was a feature of national life of which Lieut. Simons was heartily in favor, and he again gave tribute to the women for the hearty co-operation in the carrying out of this systematic training for boys. Only the spare time of the boys was required for military drill, and he held that spare moments were profitably spent when used in physical development, in profiting by discipline and all the other benefits which military training sought to include.

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AUSTRALIANS ENJOY DAY AT WIGWAM INN

Vancouver Conservatives Are
Hosts on Launch Party—
Dominion and Provincial
Members Present

The Australian Cadets were the guests of the Vancouver Conservative Association yesterday on a launch party up Indian River to Wigwam Inn. About sixty in all members of the Cadet Corps and the executive of the Vancouver Conservative Association, with a few invited guests, made the trip. Besides the president of the association, Mr. F. W. Welsh, and the executive, Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, was present as the representative of the Provincial Government; Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., representing the Dominion Government; and Alderman Joseph Hoskins, representing the city of Vancouver.

The party made the trip in two launches which left Pier A at 10 o'clock in the morning, arriving at Wigwam Inn at 1 o'clock. After lunch a toast list