

## **FAREWELL SOCIAL**

### **SNR.-CONSTABLE McARTHUR LEAVES KING ISLAND**

**T**HE supper room of the Town Hall Currie, was the scene of an enthusiastic farewell social on Tuesday night when Senior Constable McArthur was the guest of honor, prior to his departure from the Island (which took place on Friday last) to later enter a Military camp in Victoria. The function was organised by the Currie Gun Club and the local branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. and there were approximately 30 persons present, and were representative of practically every section of the community.

The gathering was presided over by Mr. R.H. Hooper (president of the Currie Rifle Club) and the speeches were interspersed with songs and community singing, and sandwiches and refreshments.

After the loyal toast had been honored the President called upon the Captain of the Currie Rifle Club (Mr. G.H. Hardman) to propose the toast "Our Guest." In doing so Mr. Hardman said he regretted that circumstances caused such a function even to be necessary. On behalf of the members of his club he expressed appreciation of the services that "Mac" had rendered during the past two years.

Mr. J.E.M. Marshall (President of the R.S.S.I.L.A.) thanked the Rifle Club for issuing the invitation to co-operate in the function as the notice given was too short to allow of a separate social being organised. He knew the work that Mr McArthur had put into the Rifle Club and he knew that the same energy and enthusiasm would be put into his future activities in his military career. He (Mr. Marshall) on behalf of the League, had handed Mr McArthur a small presentation and wished him the best of luck.

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to be associated with the function, and especially so as it was to do honor to one who had offered his services to his country. He wished him the best that he could wish himself.

Mr J. Michie also spoke in support.

Mr G. Turner (secretary, Gun Club) after apologising for the President (Mr K. Brown) said the members were sorry that "Mac" was leaving, and on their behalf presented the guest with a token of respect in the form of a set of pipes.

Mr J. Curtain (representing business interests) and Mr Moore (Clerk of Courts) spoke in eulogistic terms of phases of the guest's activities while on the island.

Mr D. Paterson (Secretary of the Rifle Club) after endorsing all that had been said by previous Speakers said that all were very sorry to lose "Mac." He had been a friend to all. The island was losing a good officer, a good citizen and a good friend.

Messrs D. Fairweather, R. J. Wilson, S. Case, M. O. Phillips and Cpl. Wilkinson also spoke following which the chairman as President of the Rifle club, made a presentation of a wristlet watch to Mr McArthur, expressing at the same time best wishes and thanks from the various organisations with which the guest and he had been associated.

Mr McArthur, who was greeted with loud and sustained applause, expressed his regret at having to sever his associations with King Island extending over three years, but being an able-bodied man, he felt that in these times he had other obligations. He looked forward to returning here some day.