

## OPENING OF PORT HUGHES JETTY.

### LARGE AND REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

On Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large and representative gathering the Acting Premier (Hon R. Butler) who had motored through from Balaklava, performed the opening ceremony of the recently constructed Port Hughes jetty. Included among those who were present were the members for the district (Hon J. Verran, Messrs J. F. Herbert, and J. A. Southwood) the Mayor of Moonta (Mr S. Hill), members of the Moonta Town Council, the Mayor of Kadina (Mr O. A. E. Hall), Chairman (Or A. Rodda), and members of the Kadina District Council, Chairman (Or W. R. Stephenson), and members of the Clinton District Council, several ex-Mayors of Moonta, Mr R. S. Ross (Traffic Superintendent Western Division) and Mr A. Searcy (President of Marine Board)

The steamer Governor Musgrave lay alongside the jetty, and at the shore end a platform was erected to accommodate the visitors. After having inspected the jetty, Or A. Rodda (Chairman of the Kadina District Council), who presided, gave a resume of the history of the Moonta jetty, and the events leading up to the present undertaking. They were pleased, he said, that Mr Butler had found time to leave his multifarious duties to come up and perform the opening ceremony, and trusted that the trade which would be done over the jetty would justify its erection.

#### —Cost of Jetty and Road.—

Mr Butler said it afforded him great pleasure to accept the Council's invitation to come to Moonta. He had been at the Port only for a few minutes, but in that little time, as a producer himself, he realized the suitability of the jetty. They would be interested to know that it had cost about £18,350, and the 2½ miles of road to the Port £5,000, so that the Government had spend nearly £24,000 on the structure. He was sure all present hoped it would be a convenience to the producers of the district and not a burden to the taxpayers. The Wallaroo jetty was paying handsomely—12 to 15 per cent.—and many others had justified their erection. If Port Hughes would prove similarly, they would be quite satisfied. It would drain a large area, and he hoped the producers would make all the use they could of the facilities offered. The contractors (Messrs Lewis & Reid) had done their work well, and he desired so express the Government's appreciation.

had done their work well, and he desired so express the Government's appreciation. Parliament realised that it was by the natural development of the pastoral, agricultural, and mineral industries that South Australia would retain its sound position, and the taxpayers could rest assured that his Government would never be remiss in undertaking necessary public works when it could be shown that they would not be a burden to the public. He declared the jetty open.

Ex-Mayor E. Major jun. spoke in behalf of the contractors.

After Mr Butler had cut the tape the Hon J. Verran called for three cheers for the goodwill of the jetty, and everything in connection with it, and three cheers for the Commissioner of Public Works, which were responded to heartily.

#### — Luncheon.—

Following the formal opening ceremony a large gathering of invited guests assembled in the goods shed at the shore end of the jetty. After the loyal toast had been submitted, at the call of the Chairman (Or A. Rodda), the Mayor of Moonta (Mr S. Hill) proposed the toast of "The Ministry and the Parliament." He said that they all appreciated the Acting Premier's presence with them that afternoon, and he congratulated the Government on the splendid programme of development work which had been accomplished last session. He hoped that the request which would be placed before the Acting Premier later in the day with regard to a proposed railway to Port Hughes would receive the careful consideration of the Government.

Hon R. Butler (Acting Premier) and Hon J. Verran responded.

Or W. R. Stephenson submitted the toast of "Agriculture and Commerce" which was responded to by ex Mayor W. H. Goldsworthy.

Mr W. Cowling, in submitting the toast "Mining Industry," made reference to the regret felt in the district that smelting operations had been suspended at the Yelta mine. They, however, realised from the figures that had been published that this cessation had to take place. He, however, hoped that the Government would see the wisdom of giving it a further trial, and that Moonta would once more be established as an important mining centre.

Mr H. W. Uffindell, who tendered an apology for Mr H. L. Hancock who was out of the district, responded.

The health of the chairman was honored at the call of the Commissioner of Public Works (Mr Butler).

OLYMPIC PICTURES.—On Friday after-

**OLYMPIC PICTURES.**—On Friday afternoon Mr G. Holland, proprietor of Olympic Pictures, received the following wire from Mr H. Krischock, who developed the film of the official opening of the Port Hughes jetty, which is to be screened at Wallaroo this evening and at Kadina and Wallaroo Mines on Wednesday :—“ Your film of Port Hughes tip-top. Sending to-morrow's train.”\*