

MORE MEN FOR THE WAR

YESTERDAY'S QUOTA.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC SEND-OFF.

A further draft of men left Timaru by the second express yesterday afternoon for Trentham. At 12 o'clock the men were entertained at dinner by the ladies of the Patriotic War Relief Society in Miss Read's Stafford Tea Rooms, a first-class meal being provided. The Savage Club entertained the men with delightful music when they were at lunch.

At 3 o'clock the departing soldiers assembled at the Drill Shed, where they were addressed by Mr E. R. Guinness, Mayor, and Mr J. Craigie, M.P.

Mr Guinness said it was his privilege to wish them on behalf of the citizens of South Canterbury a hearty farewell. He felt it unnecessary to ask them to be loyal to each other. New Zealanders had made a name for themselves which would never be forgotten by the Empire, and they would have to uphold their predecessors' reputation. They might never be needed in the firing line, but he was sure they would do their duty if they were. They had a hearty task before them and he need not remind them to carry out their duty faithfully. He wished them a good time in camp, God speed, and a safe return. (Applause).

Mr Craigie's speech was greeted with many shouts and interruptions. He was very pleased, he said, to be present to give them a hearty send-off. No doubt many present were under the ballot. They had made great sacrifices for which they had his whole-hearted sympathy. He had always favoured the ballot which should have been brought in at the beginning, because it was quite fair and democratic, as no difference was made as to nationality or profession. All should be willing to do their share so far as their fitness went, to help the British Empire in this time of stress. Compulsory service was now in vogue, but he wanted to go further and conscript the enormous wealth of New Zealand. (Cheers). He wanted a fund established to provide better pay for the soldiers, and to provide better for their dependents., so that when the war was over the soldiers and their dependents would be properly cared for. (Cheers). Nothing was more dear than life and he looked upon wealth as of secondary importance. He would do his utmost to bring about the conscription of wealth. They were going to fight in a glorious cause, and he would like to go with them. (A voice — "One, two, three, four — "). Age was against him, but he was in it in spirit. He would give his last shilling and his life for the Empire and its liberty. (Good old Jimmy). Many men did not like going to camp, but when they had been there awhile they began to like it. He wished them good luck and a safe return.

The men were then marched out and photographed by Mr Milne-Allan, after which they were marched to the railway station led by the Regimental Band and the High School Cadets, the latter being in charge of their prefect. Outside the station the Cadets and the Hon. Territorials formed a cordon to keep back the crowd which here, as well as along the route of march, were enthusiastic in their expressions of farewell. Before the train moved out of the station Mr Guinness mounted the platform of one of the carriages and called for three cheers for the boys, and these were heartily given.

The men left in charge of Captain Chapman and Sergeant-Majors Johnson and Tozer.

THE WAIMATE MEN.

There was a very large turnout of people yesterday to bid farewell to the Waimate reinforcements. The Brass Band and Pipe Band took turns in playing selections as the men marched to the station, headed as usual by the Union Jack, carried by Mr E. J Atwill. At the station the Mayor (Major Norton Francis), the Mayoress, and members of the Council, received the men, and Councillor G. Dash addressed them. He said he had a very great respect for these reinforcements, as it was the first time this country had had to demand that men should give not only their positions but their lives for the country. Those who were left had a duty to

do. He saw in the papers the other day that the war had cost this country close on fifteen millions. It behoved them to see that there was no waste, and no unnecessary expenditure in either public or private life. The Government had advocated caution and economy, yet in spite of this £10,000,000 was wasted on liquor. It was "up to" those who were left behind to see that that waste was stopped. At the very least they should have six o'clock closing of hotels. In conclusion he wished the men good luck and a safe return.

The Rev. Stockwell said he was glad that the men were going to a hopeful battle. The news that day was cheering, and he trusted the time would not be far away when the men would be welcomed back. "Be strong," was his message to them. "Do your duty bravely, resist the temptations of camp and play the man." The first hour in camp was often the turning point of a man's career. He trusted they would never take their uniform where they would be ashamed of it. To be true defenders they must be true men. They would never attain anything without discipline and training. The men of whom all were proud, had had a very hard training in discipline and duty before they had seen the front. If they got to the front they were to remember that they were fighting a righteous battle. Their's was a country worth fighting for, and they had a cause worth fighting for. He wished them God speed and a safe return.

Cheers were given for the men as the speakers finished, and further cheers as the train moved out. The men responded with cheers for Waimate.

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SOLDIERS FARWELLED. SOUTHBURN.

The social held in Southburn School on Tuesday evening last when the residents bade farewell to Privates D Matheson and H. Tait was somewhat marred by the weather, nevertheless the proceedings were very enthusiastic. After some games and a supper provided by the ladies of the district, Mr Ward presented Private Matheson with a pipe and a fountain pen, and Private Tait with a wristlet watch. In doing so he said he was sure they would do their duty, and expressed the hope that the war would soon be over and they would before long be receiving a hearty welcome back. He also expressed the opinion that it was unfair to our troops that they should be packed into cattle boats on a little straw when on their final leave. Those who were travelling merely for pleasure should have to give place to the soldiers in this. He wished the departing soldiers the best of luck and a speedy return. On behalf of the local Sewing Guild, Miss Cumming asked Sergeant Williams, Private Matheson and Private Tait to accept a few woollen comforts, along with the good wishes of the Guild. She expressed the hope that we who must remain at home would also be willing to make sacrifices, and give our soldiers no cause to complain that we had shirked our duty to them or to the Empire. Mr T. Kinross also voiced his good wishes for the men who were leaving for the Front. The guests of the evening having been heartily cheered, and having suitably replied, the proceedings closed with the singing of "Soldiers of the King" and the National Anthem.