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Send-Off by the Melbourne Bowling Club.

On Wednesday evening last Cr W. Flintoft, President of the Melbourne Bowling Club, who left on the following day for a tour abroad, was entertained by the members of the club at the Windsor green. There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr George Thompson.

The health of the guest was proposed by the chairman, who made an instructive, reminiscent and humorous speech. He was sure Cr Flintoft would have great pleasure in visiting the great Exhibition in London, which was to be opened by the King. Cr Flintoft should visit the wonderful city of Paris. He should see the Grand Prix run there. He should see Napoleon's tomb, and visit Naples and Florence. On behalf of the members of the Melbourne Bowling Club he wished Cr Flintoft a happy and pleasant voyage and a safe return.

Mr Donald Mackinnon, M.L.A., said no one who had left Prahran for a trip abroad had seen so many evidences of their popularity as Cr Flintoft had. (Applause.) He was an "institution" on Toorak road. He was a friend and adviser to all manner of people, and had endeared himself to everyone in South Yarra. If Cr Flintoft was introduced to the King he (the speaker) hoped he would mention Prahran. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Mr Mackinnon wished Cr Flintoft a pleasant voyage and safe return. (Cheers).

Cr Chambers wished bon voyage to Cr Flintoft. He had done good work in the council, and his colleagues would look forward to his return. Cr Flintoft had hosts of good friends and no single enemy. (Applause.)

Cr Densham said he had specially come to say good-bye to "Dear old Flinny," who was respected throughout the whole community. Prahran never had a more popular Mayor than Cr Flintoft. He had gained the love of his council. He was always a good, true and straight man. He (Cr Densham) wished him God speed and a safe return. (Applause.)

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Mr Arnold said he hoped Cr Flintoft would not fail to visit the leading bowling greens of Great Britain. He wished him bon voyage, and trusted he would return thoroughly rejuvenated.

The health of the guest was drunk with musical honors.

Cr Flintoft, on rising to respond, received an enthusiastic welcome. He appreciated very highly the expressions of good will he had received on all hands. He knew he had real good friends in the Melbourne Bowling Club. He hoped to have the opportunity of seeing bowling in the Old Country. He hoped that he would be able to visit all the wonderful sights, but he thought that would take about twelve months, and he only intended to be away for six months. He thanked them heartily for their kind expressions.

The evening was passed very enjoyably, vocal items being given. The proceedings were carried out under the able guidance of Mr Frank Dunham, secretary of the Melbourne Bowling Club.

Cr Flintoft left by the Sydney express on Thursday to catch the S.S. Marama, en route to Vancouver. In his travels Cr Flintoft will visit Canada, the United States, Great Britain and the Continent. All told, he had 15 "send-offs," and was also made the recipients of many presents.

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