

# TOM JAMIESON RETURNS TO SCOTLAND

Tom Jamieson of British Aluminium Company who, for the past five months has been engaged, in conjunction with members of Sulphide's laboratory staff, on analysis work in connection with the Weipa bauxite deposits, finished up here on Friday, 15th November, preparatory to returning home to his native Scotland. Travelling by air, Tom journeyed via Honolulu, San Francisco, New York and London.

A sincere and unassuming chap with a cheery greeting for all, Tom's whole demeanour created a most favourable



impression on all those with whom he came in contact. He also proved to be a solid ambassador for his homeland. Although allowing that our climate is marvellous and that we possess other advantages over the "Old Country," the lab. boys were unable to shake his conviction that "there's no place like home."

Tom hails from Kirkcaldy, County Fife, Scotland, a city with a population of 55,000 and situated on the Firth of Forth coast. Kirkcaldy is the centre of the Scottish linoleum industry as well as being a major coal mining area. The British Aluminium Company's alumina factory, with whom he is attached, is at Burnt Island, about 5 miles from Kirkcaldy and on the coastline also.

Before he left, Tom confided these impressions to us: That in Australia the way is wide open for advancement, and coinciding with the development of our extensive mineral resources and current expansion in other fields, the industrial potential of this country is terrific.

The people are among the most friendly he has met anywhere and very easy to get along with. Also, that they obviously take every advantage of the wonderful climatic conditions which they enjoy, by getting out of doors as much as possible.

The scenic beauty and grandeur of the Blue Mountains area around Katoomba he thought were really magnificent. Locally, our own Lake Macquarie created a profound impression with its many miles of beautiful shoreline.

However, Tom has taken back with him something to remember this country of ours by. Just prior to his leaving, the laboratory staff presented him with a volume of AUSTRALIA, by Frank Hurley. This beautifully reproduced photographic record of Australia will, we feel sure, be a prized memento of the time he spent here and in particular of the friendships made at Cockle Creek.

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## ANNUAL WORKS PICNIC (Contd.)

**Department Tug-of-war:** Fertilizer, Engineers (runners-up).

**Lucky Balloons:** 1st, P. Hunt; 2nd, F. Rice; 3rd, D. Wallace.

Works Manager, Mr. J. H. Standish, presented the trophies and prizes for Championship, Handicap and Committeemen's events. The opportunity was also taken to introduce Mrs. Standish to Sulphiders and their families, by having her present the winners of the Guessing Competitions with their prizes.

It was gratifying to have the organisation working without a hitch and the executive officers and the picnic committee wish to thank all members for the assistance given.