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MAWSON EXPEDITION ABORIGINAL SONGS

WIRELESS MESSAGES + CHARGE OF DELAY REPUDIATED

Canberra, February 5. The Department of External Affairs emphatically denies an allegation published in Sydney that wireless messages from Sir Douglas Mawson are delayed because of the desire that the London "Times" should receive them first.

It was explained that there would be no advantage to Sir Douglas Mawson in favoring the London "Times," as suggested, because the messages were fully protected by copyright in Great Britain. Earlier or simultaneous pub-"Times.

That there are at times considerable gaps between the dates given in Sir Douglas Mawson's messages, and the dates of the receipt in Australia, is admitted by the department, Similar gaps are to be found in the messages published in the "Times."

Dispatch of Messages

The statement continues:-"What happens is quite clear. Sir Douglas Mawson dates his messages when he writes them. He then gives them to the wireless operator to transmit as soon as he can do so. Sometimes the messages are picked up by Amalgamated Wireless Limited at Sydney. At other times the messages have had to be relayed to London, and from there transmitted to Australia. So far as we know there has been no delay whatever in the transmitting from London. From Dr. Harold Davies the time Sir Douglas Mawson left Kerguelen Island until he approached En- points to the use of the phonograph sions as contrary to through a vessel in the vicinity of South series of familiar words. Africa to London, and thence to Sydney. Only to-day the Discovery reentered the zone from which it can morning."

ANTARCTIC GEOLOGY ROCKS OF GREAT ANTIQUITY

Canberra, February 5. ceived from Sir Douglas Mawson:-

rocks of this sector and of the known primitive man. regions of Queen Mary and Adelia Lands,

Continental Region

evidenced by the glacially eroded conciseness. flanks of the present nunataks, by the occurrence of erratics from the mainland on the very summit of off-lying islands, even at an elevation of almost 1,000 feet above ses level, by the occurrence ascertained by soundings and dredgings of extensive planated areas of adjacent sea floor, and also elsewhere of vast accumulations or morainic matter as offshore banks. (Reproduction in whole or in part

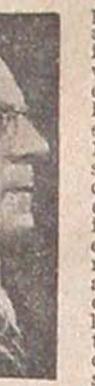
outside Australia forbidden.)

University Research

OR. DAVIES'S RECORDING

Through the generosity of Sir Joseph Verco, the Board of Anthropology of the Univercity has been enabled to issue a number of gramophone records by Dr. Harold Davies, of Australian aboriginal songs, collected in various field expeditions during the past three years.

vision of Professor Davies, and should br.



derby Land he was in direct touch for securing not only dialectic varia- the evidence of their with Sydney. He then lost touch, and tions, but also the exact inflection of eyes. Other scienhis messages were relayed, probably the native voice in pronouncing a given tists in turn would

Stone Age Man's Song

communicate direct with Sydney. To- Dr. Davies declared yesterday, would The Squatters Convinced day we have received two messages from speak for themselves, but although no The Squatters Convinced Sir Douglas Mawson. The earlier mes- one who listened to them need expect tional loss of pitch. The integrity of to floor the professor's arguments. each melody was quite definite; not One day Professor Wood Jones met a

of great antiquity. In addition to these circulation. For the first time restole away, schists, gnelses, and associated plu-liable examples of Australian aborigitonic igneous rocks, both granitic and nal songs were available for museums The Origin of Man gabbroic, there are met, although less and learned societies throughout the abundantly, types which, though con- world. Many musical people would A more enduring monument to the profes-

Quaint, Appealing Music

Listening to the records, the impression gained is one of quaint, appealing Evidence sufficiently conclusive has music. Such items as "The Rat" and been collected demonstrating the con- "The Wild Dog" have a curlous beauty tinuity of this newly explored area in their primitiveness. The latter, with the vast continental region of the deals with a wild dog's cry to a visitdeg. and 180 deg. east. This finally away," and to any thoughtful hearer disposes of Murrell's reputed claim to has a deep pathos. The frankly erotic have sailed from east to west south of love songs are curiously like, yet unthe charted position in Enderby Land, like, the popular Afro-American Jazz The definite extensive recession of the of to-day. The explanatory remarks ice sheet in geologically recent pass by Dr. Davies are excellent in diction times has been ascertained. This is and admirable in their clearness and

Reg 8-2-30 DR. WOOD JONES ARRIVES AT THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Brilliant Scientist Who Is Well Remembered In This State

THE GREAT KANGAROO CONTROVERSY

A DELAIDE has a special interest in the appointment of Dr. Wood Jones as Professor of Anatomy, at Melbourne University.

It was in South Australia that this brilliant scientist first came completely under the spell of the duckbill platypus and the embryonic marsupial. In Honolulu, Dr. Wood Jones looked back wistfully at his time in Adelaide; "I miss the marsupials; I miss the blackfellows skulls," he wrote.

These records have been reproduced ERTAINLY one of the most brilliant of be forgotten in continually urging the prolication of the messages in Australia, it from the original wax cylinders by the all the notable scientists who have made servation of the native fauna. Findle was stated, would not in the slightest Columbia Company, under the super-Adelaide University their working place, Chase owed much to his practical interest.

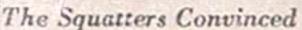
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best prove of novelbered surprising circles, not for his interest to thoseworks on the origin who are students of man or for his either of ethno adventures on coral logy or musica tolls; he goes evolution. Threedown 12-inch double tory as the man who sided discs include about 20 garoo Controversy.

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have ignored the fantastic theories of the officer in the Cocos Islands, and existenunscientific. Professor Wood Jones, being on our own Pearson Island and in the le as much interested in bushmen as in marsu- known parts of South Australia. The records and explanatory notes, pials, met his critics on friendly ground.



sage, dated February 3, had to be re- to hear vocal charm or anything in A bushman, writing to The Register, relayed through London, and only reached the shape of attractive music, they opened the old story of miraculous marsupial Camberra this morning. The second were nevertheless strikingly interesting birth. An article followed, in which the message was dated 3.40 a.m., February as an indication of the Stone Age true facts were given, with the scientific ex-5, and we received it first thing this man's instinct for pitch relations and planation of the birth of the kangaroo, in a varied forms of emotional expression, very immature form, and its subsequent Two outstanding characteristics would transference to the pouch. Immediately The strike even the most casual listener Register was inundated by letters from bush-In the various repetitions of any song, men, hotly debating the scientific attitude, the singer infallibly returned to his and scores of bottled joeys, from the size of starting point; there was not a frac- blowflies upwards, were forwarded by post

one of them was a chance improvisa- party of well-known squatters at the Unition, but a fixed song outline faith- versity and showed them specimens and facts The following message has been re- fully recurring in the several stanzas, which reduced the bush theory to nothingand often sung simultaneously by two ness. The squatters went away convinced, The occurrence was established of or more singers. The only variations but the army of correspondents was unsatisrocks of continental type throughout of the upper key note. But even that lenge. The unbelievers were invited to the the land sector between 45 deg, and 90 was true to the spirit of musical evolu- University to see the specimens, and to make deg. east longitude. These rocks for tion, in which purely decorative pro- a contribution to charity if he could convince the most part constitute a meta-cesses played such an important part. them. The demonstration duly took place, morphic crystalline complex, obviously It was expected that the gramophone and the bush naturalists, like the Arabs, of great antiquity. In addition to these records now issued would have a wide folded their controversial tents and silently

siderably altered, are obviously of be glad to possess such clear evidence sor's stay in this State is his work in two sedimentary origin, such as quartzites that music was not only an intuitive volumes, The Mammals of South Australia. and silicated marbles. A broad and thing, but among the first and most No living scientist has made a more impor- lished works, including "The Mammals I general similarity exists between the natural attempts at self expression in tant contribution to the fascinating chapter of life which this country has in its keeping; the secrets of which beckoned to Dr. Wood Honolulu as Rockefeller Professor of Physic Jones half a world away.

> of animal life that South Australia owed with honour. It began with his appoint the presence of this most distinguished scien- ment as demonstrator in anatomy in the Lontist, and his enthusiasm was not only for dis- |don hospital. sected corpses and bottled specimens. Few Egyptian Government he did fine work, as H Australians born had such love and apprecia- in 1914 he was appointed Professor of An tion for the queer beasts of our bush, and tomy in the London School of Medicine form he did the State a service which should never Women,



PROFESSOR WOOD JONES

It was when De Wood Jones was le Adelaide that he puls lished his Unscient to Essays, a delightful volume which revealed an extraordinary zer for life and a Tall sense of beauty. this book the scienti showed the other sal of a personality which had already captivate South Australiatreme independence thought and the u conventional opinion of an original min ha In this and "Comitte Atolis," an early book, he gives glimps of an eventful life strange place-wa derings and research in the tropics, an a thropological exped tion to Nubia, to far-off days as medic

An interesting chapter of "Corals a Atolls' deals with the strange vicissitudes the Clunies-Ross family, which has controlly

the destinies of the Keeling (Cocos) grou of islands for nearly a century. Into the remarkable family Dr. Wood Jones marrie His wife, well remembered in Adelaide, is Fellow of the Zoological Society and of the Royal Geographical Society.

This Dr. Wood Jones, who came to Av laide, a youthful looking man with a vivy personality and an eager interest in the country, brought with him a vast reputation for scientific and literary work. His evolut tionary theories, in his book "Arborefi Man," had been received with respect he the scientific world. His personal fame was briefly indicated by a prominent London who said, "Wood Jones is one of the two to three scientific men who can fill a great pt 71 lic hall in London every time he likes ; ; open his mouth,"

As an evolutionist he went further thou the Darwinian theory is popularly supposior to do. He traced the descent of man, uthrough the great primates, but from year animal stock which is at the present tir st represented among living creatures by t will lemur. His latest book, "Man's Place Amouthe Mammals" develops further this line thought. It is being widely discossed scientific circles.

Among his many gifts, the Professor is artist of unusual ability, and his black at South Australia."

From Adelaide, Dr. Wood Jones went Anthropology in the University of Hawayt It was to his interest in our strange forms His career is a record of important posts be As anthropologist to the