

SEVENTH WAR LOAN.

District Organiser's Tour of Shires.

Splendid Prospects of Loan's Success.

Quota Reached in Several Districts.

Mr. A. J. de Topor Markowicz, district organiser for the north for the Seventh War Loan, returned to Cairns on Monday morning from a ten days' tour of the Barron, Tinaroo, Einasleigh, Herberton, Eacham, and Walsh shires.

Mr. Markowicz was full of happy reflections when interviewed half an hour after his arrival. He expressed himself as greatly touched with the industry, public spirit and confidence which the various committees he met were bringing to the task of making a thorough success of the loan. "It has been a triumphal march, all along," he emphatically asserted.

On Friday, September 27th, Mr. Markowicz arrived at Kulara, where he addressed a hastily convened meeting and formed a committee. Under the personal guidance of Mr. Heale, Chairman of the Eacham Shire Council, the organiser continued into the territory of Eacham Shire. The same evening he gave an address at a picture show at Yungaburra, where the call for subscriptions was generously answered. The local residents subscribed £1970 to the loan, in spite of the fact that no one present, with the exception of the speaker, the Chair-

the fact that no one, with the exception of the speaker, the Chairman, and the bank manager, knew that an appeal would be made. Mr. C. A. Belson, Chairman of the Yungaburra committee, which was formed during the evening, is confident that they will be able to raise between £3000 and £4000, or half the quota for Eacham Shire.

At Malanda on Saturday, September 28th, the organiser addressed a meeting at Malanda. The local committee raised £650 and brought Malanda's subscriptions to that date to well over £2000. At Kureen, where Mr. Heale has his residence, it is anticipated that £1000 will be raised. At 11 p.m., in a heavy downpour, Mr. Markowicz rode over to Peeramton, in order to be present at the school social that was being held. He addressed the gathering at midnight, and obtained promises on the spot, totalling £650. A local committee was formed, and it is anticipated that no difficulty will be experienced in raising £2000. Speaking of Eacham Shire generally, he said

that, thanks to the energy and public spirit of its president, and the zeal that is being displayed by its prominent citizens, he is secure in the belief that it will raise its quota of £8000, and will exceed it by 50 per cent.

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On the west. The Sabbath found him in the saddle, with his horse's head turned for East Barron (Tinaroo Shire). A meeting, convened by Mr Collins, was well attended, considering the size of the place. A local committee was formed, with Mr. Walpole as chairman, and has undertaken to conduct its own campaign in East and Upper Barron, where it expects to collect between £1500 and £2000. At the meeting £750 was subscribed, the largest individual amount being £50. The patriotic spirit of the residents was shown by the fact that everybody present subscribed, either in his own name, or that of his wife or child.

On Monday, September 30, Mr. Markowicz was present at a meeting at Kairi, where £650 was subscribed, and there are very good prospects of getting £2,000. During his short stay at Atherton—three hours—the organiser had the pleasure of seeing £1200 added to the total of Tinaroo Shire. He then proceeded to Tolga, where he spoke to a poorly attended meeting of local residents, and received promises of £1030. On the Saturday previous, Mr. Martin, president of the shire, conducted a drive at the Atherton Picture Palace, which resulted in £1160 being raised. The Tinaroo Shire has now a very strong and influential working committee, which is conducting a personal house to house canvass throughout the shire, and the organiser thinks it will certainly exceed its quota before the 15th.

On Tuesday, October 1st, Mr. Markowicz rode from Herberton to Irvinebank, and found that the local

vinebank, and found that the local committee had splendidly conducted its war loan campaign, with the result that over £1000 had already been paid into the Q.N. Bank. There were £1300 to come from Bamford, and £1000 had been promised at Irvinebank to the indefatigable clerk of Walsh Shire Council. At the banks at Herber-ton, there were £250, and at Mar-eeba there were £1000 towards Walsh Shire's quota. That alone brings Walsh Shire's contributions above its quota of £5000. There are many more returns to come in. What the final totals will be it is at present impos-sible to estimate, but they will cer-tainly earn for Walsh Shire the honor flag, and perhaps a star.

The organiser returned to Herber-ton on Wednesday, October 2, where a new committee was formed. Like-wise several local committees for the outlying townships in Herber-ton Shire, whose quota is £10,000, and the organiser hopes that good results will be obtained. Several of the commit-tee men, especially Mr. Perrott, Presi-dent of the Shire Council, and Mr. Ledlie, with the assistance of a num-ber of leading townsmen, bankers, etc., are doing yeoman service there, and the success of the Shire's war loan campaign will be largely due to the efforts of these gentlemen.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday were spent by Mr. Markowicz in the Barron Shire, whose quota is £10,000. An organised canvass was arranged, which brought up Barron's total to £3,100, which was further augmented by a few small subscriptions and pro-

23,100, which was further augmented by a few small subscriptions and promises given at Dolores' concert, which alone brought in £3,000 in 32 individual subscriptions. The grand total for the Shire now stands at £6,330, which includes £490 already obtained from Biboohra, the greater part of which is in £10 bonds. On Saturday, October

12, there will be another drive at a picture show at Mareeba, and one at Kuranda. The organiser hopes that these efforts of the highly energetic committee, backed as it is by the skill and zeal of Mr. Jenkinson, will be crowned with the success which the district thoroughly deserves.

The Einasleigh Shire quota of £15,000, said Mr. Markowicz, is already in hand, and there only remains the question of how much its citizens, under Mr. Atherton, will exceed it.

The organiser leaves Cairns again to-day (Tuesday) for Cooktown. On the 9th he will be at Port Douglas and Mossman. He will ride to Mount Molloy to be there on the 10th, and at Mount Carbine on the 11th. He will return to Cairns on Saturday next, to take part in the great war loan drive at the Palace Theatre.

"Please tell your readers," concluded Mr. Markowicz, "that I am inexpressibly delighted with the great record achieved at the Cairns Pictures drive on Saturday night last. My confidence in Cairns has never wavered. It has now been augmented. As a matter of fact, I wired to my head-

matter of fact, I wired to my headquarters a fortnight ago, instructing them to set apart an honor flag, with three bars, for Cairns, and to keep a star handy as well. The Seventh War Loan owes a debt of gratitude to the Mayor of Cairns (Alderman Draper) that no mere words of mine can fittingly express."