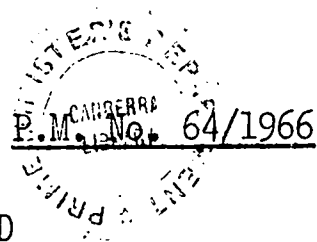


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RETIREMENT OF SIR THOMAS PLAYFORD

(Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen)

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. McEwen, commented to-day on the retirement of Sir Thomas Playford as Leader of the South Australian Opposition.

He said Sir Thomas Playford had provided a remarkable example of a man devoted to the interests and welfare of his State.

"His achievements on behalf of his State have made a notable contribution to the growth of the nation.

"The 26 years in which he served as Premier will stand on the record as those in which South Australia made great advances in its economic and industrial development.

"They are years in which he applied to his office the highest degree of integrity, dignity and ability. I am confident they will be remembered as a record, not only in time, but in achievement.

"South Australia's industrial development, in particular, will be a continuing legacy of Sir Thomas Playford's foresight, courage and untiring effort.

"I wish him well in his retirement."

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Canberra,

6th July, 1966.