

## VISIT TO ALBURY COUNCIL TABLE.

### CR. SCULTHORPE, OF ST. KILDA.

Cr. Sculthorpe, of St. Kilda, who is the director of *Gaillard's* tour, was a visitor to last night's meeting of the Albury Municipal Council. At the invitation of the mayor (Ald. Waugh), he took a seat at the council table. Towards the conclusion of the council business, the Mayor said he had to express to Cr. Sculthorpe their pleasure at seeing him present and to give him the opportunity of mentioning anything he had seen in the town.

Cr. Sculthorpe, who was received with applause, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present, and to testify to the expeditious manner in which the council had got through its business. Many a larger council might take a lesson. He had not been here very long on this occasion, but he had been here long enough to congratulate the council on the roads. He was pleased at the answer which the council had given to the Town Planning Association, in which he was specially interested. He felt that the councils had a responsibility, and were doing something which might have a far-reaching effect. They were making history. They had a young and large country with a small population, and there was no reason why they should have slum areas.

Ald. Frere: Hear, hear.

Cr. Sculthorpe (continuing) said he did not know what the Albury council's building regulations were; but his advice was not to let anyone build on an insufficient area. He had to congratulate them on what had been done in connection with the installation of a sewerage scheme. He was surprised to see that Wagga had such a scheme. The installation of a sewerage scheme was a big undertaking, but it was one of those things which got bigger the longer they delayed. When he had spoken to-day to one ratepayer about the condition of the roads, the ratepayer said, "But you don't know the condition of the roads elsewhere." If the ratepayers gave the council a little more money they would get better roads. He thought the ratepayers got good service from the council. He knew of no body of men who gave greater service. If the Parliaments took a lesson from the councils—talked less and did more—it would be better. He had said before that the rates paid were a mere bagatelle compared to what was paid away elsewhere. For the money that the ratepayers paid away they not only got a result, but could see it. He congratulated the town on its splendid and wide streets, its tree planting, and on the very fine building—the Town Hall—which was an ornament to the town.