

BASUTOLAND...TOWARDS SELF GOVERNMENT.

From all parts of the country, thousands of Basuto converged upon Maseru, the capital of the Country, for a tribal gathering to welcome the newly appointed High Commissioner of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland. This country, geographically in the Union of South Africa, is a British protectorate, outside the Union. The Pitso, as the tribal gathering is called, heard from the High Commissioner, Sir John Maud, that Britain was as pleased to help the Basuto on their way to self government as the people would be to achieve it. Thus would Basutoland eventually become independent, without enmity or bloodshed.

Later Sir John addressed the National Council, congratulating them on the fact that in six months time they would begin to exercise the powers of partial self-government. Homeward went the tribesmen; more members of the human race whom Britain has shepherded towards peace, well-being and democracy.