

CANBERRA LAUNCHED.

The 45,000-ton super liner was ready for launching at the famous Harland & Wolff yard at Belfast. The £15m. Canberra, built for the P & O Company, has the modern bulbous bow, to reduce friction below the water line. 85,000-shaft horse power will drive her at 27-and-a-half knots, in luxury style for the 2,250 passengers. Her massive bulk was now losing her links with the shipyard. Henceforth the sea will be her element.

Canberra will be the most modern vessel afloat. Dame Pattie Menzies, wife of the Australian Prime Minister, was the happy and appropriate choice to launch the liner. The good ship Canberra began her introduction to the water.

Though only little more than half the tonnage of the Queen Elizabeth, the Canberra is much more than half her size. Wide use of aluminium has saved much weight. Congratulations were accorded to Dame Pattie on the successful launching of a great liner, which brings Australia still closer to the Mother Country.