

THE CANBERRA'S A WINNER.

Canberra opened a bright new chapter in ship building as she stood off Gourock. The 45,000 ton liner, commanded by Captain Geoffrey Wild, made a round the coast cruise to show the luxury ship to thousands of holiday-makers between there and Dover. John West, (33), Assistant Manager of the P & O, designed Canberra. Some of the amenities will come into their own in the tropics; meanwhile a few brave spirits tried them out. The passengers on this trip were Press people, with a selection of the men who have in multitudes of ways contributed to building the liner. Wives sailed with them. With a little imagination they could imagine themselves on the maiden voyage, first-class, bound for the Antipodes. Tourist accommodation, 17-hundred.

Electrically controlled steering, making child's play of a trick at the wheel, is one of the outward signs of the immense power generated down below. 85,000 shaft horse-power to drive the ship, plus lighting, air conditioning and everything else Canberra requires.

In contrast to all the marvels down here is the teenagers' lounge, jukeboxes and general coffeebar atmosphere included.

There's a much more sedate air about the first-class dining room. 550 lucky passengers will be able to use it, when Canberra begins carving her way through seas familiar to the P & O.