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Why am I pleased to be here? It is because I am grateful to have this opportunity of expressing the City's thanks and appreciation to Mr. Scheepers for his influence during the period of thirteen years he has been Divisional Inspector of labour in this city.

I have sat on many Conciliation Boards, with Mr. Scheepers in the chair. He has a knowledge of procedures, his wise counsel, his acceptability to both sides of the Conciliation as a man of impartiality and undoubted integrity, has helped to lead to reasonable settlements on these Conciliation Boards.

We have knowledge of Mr. Scheepers' many and varied qualifications. We have benefited by these, and to you, Mr. Scheepers, we want to say 'thank you'. We know Mr. Scheepers many interests, one of which is heraldry. This entails great attention to detail, and an inside knowledge of heraldic practice.

Because of his many interests I am happy to feel that he will be busily engaged in his well earned retirement, so to you, Mr. and Mrs. Scheepers, we say Au revoir.

We thank you for what you have done for the city and its citizens. We salute you for what you are, and for what you have stood for, and we wish you well in your retirement.

Well done you good and faithful servant of the public.

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