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It is essential that all matter for insertion in the forthcoming issue should reach the Editor on or before the Monday preceding day of publication.



THROUGH the National Staff Side and through Parliamentary channels strenuous efforts are being made to secure opposition to the repeal of Section 121 of the National Insurance Act which is provided for in Clause 13 of the Widows' and Orphans' Contributory Pensions Bill (1937), now passing through the committee stage in the House of Commons.

The new Bill, which may have many desirable features in other directions, actually takes away two very valuable concessions from Civil Servants. It is not possible in these notes to give more than the sketchiest outline, but a detailed article is being prepared for subsequent publication.

Section 121 of the old Act is divided into two parts: (a) dealing with the position of those who newly pass into "excepted" employment (new entrants), (b) those who pass out of excepted employment on receiving a salary (including emoluments) of £250 per annum or more. At present those under section (a) are compulsorily insured for Widows' and Orphans' Pensions but are permitted to become voluntary contributors for Old Age Pensions and National Health Insurance. Under the new Bill these officers will not be permitted to volunteer for Old Age Pensions or National Health Insurance.

Under section (b) (i.e., those passing to £250 or over) officers have been permitted to become voluntary contributors for Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (all or none). In future, under the new Bill, they will be permitted to become

voluntary contributors for Widows' and Orphans' Pensions only.

There is still time, for those members who have title under the old Act, to become voluntary contributors for Old Age Pensions and Health Insurance, and interested members should make immediate enquiry through an approved Society.

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It is now generally known that Mr. J. McLaren, Deputy Inspector-General, is retiring as from 1st June next or thereabouts, and, naturally enough, there is a country-wide interest in the question as to who will succeed him in this important post. On one point all are unanimous—the new Deputy **must** be an experienced Waterguard officer. Indeed, several correspondents have taken it upon themselves to state what, in their view, the Association should do to ensure this. To these, and to those who have it in mind to write, the answer is that the Staff Side of the Waterguard Sectional Committee laid down specific instructions as long ago as 1925. The Staff Side meets on 21st April.

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In the House of Commons, on the 19th April, Sir Robert Rankin asked the Financial Secretary to the Treasury whether his attention had been called to the recent delays in the Customs examination of passengers' baggage at Channel Ports; and whether, in view of the large increase in visitors expected during the Coro-

nation season, any steps are being taken to augment the Customs and Excise staff at these and other ports during the next few weeks.

Lieut.-Col. Colville, in reply, said that "as regards the first part of the question, I have no information indicating any recent delays in the Customs examination of passengers' baggage at Channel ports. As regards the second part, steps have already been taken to increase the staff at the ports principally affected in view of the expected increase in the number of visitors to this country."

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Readers will learn with extreme regret of the death of Mr. E. P. Madden, Waterguard Superintendent, North Shields.

Mr. Madden died, at the age of 57, on the 7th April, after a very short illness.

Members will recollect his earlier activities in Whitley and Association matters. He was a member of the first Executive Committee of the P.S.A. and was elected President in succession to Mr. J. Hall in 1925.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Madden and the family.

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With the result at 6-2, or maybe it was 7-2, the football match at the Arsenal ended in a tumult of cheering and booing—the former (1) for the winners, the Civil Service team, (2) for the losers, the Durham Unemployed, in general, and (3) for the loser's goal-keeper in particular. The booing (not serious) was for the Referee, Alex. James, who might well have been pardoned for his apparent indifference to the breaches of the off-side rule, but could not be forgiven for missing the Service goal on the couple of occasions when his enthusiasm and sympathy for the visitors got the better of him.

Torrential rain preceded the kick-off, and when H.R.H. the Duke of Kent took the field to be introduced to the teams, the famous pitch was like a lake, and only the mackintosh rig-out of the Referee appeared congruent.

Actually the Civil Service team was never at any time extended, and it is therefore unnecessary to refer to the prowess of any particular player, but it is of interest to us that, in a team representing the Service, the only Customs player was drawn from the Waterguard in the person of Mr. J. R. Cooper (A.P.O.) of Thameshaven.

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The Cost-of-Living Index figure on March 1st is published at 51. This is the same as the figure for the five preceding months and five points above the figure for March, 1936. Normally, the figure starts to decline in March, but so far there is no sign of this happening this year, and it will be interesting to see whether the extraordinary stability of the official index figure continues throughout the summer.



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## Southampton Meeting.

On Friday, the 29th ult., a meeting of Preventive Officers was held at Southampton. Mr. James Cosgrove was voted to the chair. The Chairman explained that the object of the meeting was (*inter alia*) to consider suggestions for a Waterguard programme for submission to the Executive Committee.

After an exhaustive discussion the following scheme, proposed by Mr. Cosgrove and seconded by Mr. Goldfinch, was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

1. A Service Scale of Pay.
2. To commence at 18/- per week as at present, increasing by weekly instalments of 1/6 to £90 per annum. This would require a little over 11 years' service, so that an officer joining at, say, 19, would be between 28 and 29 years old at this period of his service. He would then, subject to a satisfactory report as to conduct, zeal, etc., be allowed to pass a qualifying examination, and on being successful he would at once proceed by increments of £7 10s. 0d. to £180 per annum. His appointment to a Preventive Officership to follow in the ordinary course of seniority as vacancies occur, and in the meantime he would be employed as relief when required, and on rummage duty.

Having read so far, we cannot expect to draw upon our reader's imagination too far or disillusion them to any greater extent. The fact remains, however, that although the meeting took place on the 29th, it was of November, 1907. It is interesting to note the similarity of the scheme of those days with that of to-day. It will be observed that a grade akin to that of the proposed J.P.O. was suggested even then. Some remark about being new and under the sun seems to be indicated!

## Civil Service Confederation.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Confederation was held on Monday, the 12th April, 1937, at Central Hall, Westminster, when Mr. F. Cooper (President) presided over an attendance of 29 members.

The main business of the meeting was the consideration of the Tenth Report of the Special Committee on Confederation Activities. On this a lengthy discussion took place and certain decisions were taken which will be communicated to constituent organisations of the Confederation in due course.

Further correspondence with the Guild of Insurance Officials on the question of recognition was reported, and it was stated that the Secretary of the Guild had expressed appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Confederation. A further meeting of Civil Service Editors had been held, at which certain decisions had been taken concerning advertisements of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited.

It was reported that further correspondence had taken place with the Association of Royal Dockyard Recorders' Supervisory Staff, who had applied for membership of the Confederation. An enquiry had been made as to the grounds for the formation of a separate association, and the reply received will be considered by the Finance and Organisation Committee of the Confederation in due course.

On the subject of Dockyard dismissals it was reported that correspondence had taken place with the Transport & General Workers' Union. A communication from the Union was considered and instructions were given for the matter to be further pursued.

On the subject of the Civil Service Arbitration Tribunal it was reported that the National Staff Side had come to a decision not to nominate Members of Parliament for the Staff Side Panel, and that the nominations of Sir Frank Goldstone, Professor H. J. Laski and Dr. J. J. Mallon had been sent in to the Minister of Labour.

It was reported that correspondence had been received from the Association of Laboratory Assistants, Chemical Defence Research Department, who had given notice of withdrawal from the Confederation, the reason being that the members of the Association were joining a new Association to be known as the Association of Scientific and Technical Assistants, War Department, which would be affiliated to the Institution of Professional Civil Servants.

An invitation was received from the Railway Clerks' Association for the Confederation to be represented at a Conference being called by the Association on the 19th April, 1937, of bodies interested in the effect which the new Contributory Pensions Bill has upon voluntary contributors in excepted occupations. It was reported that the General Purposes Committee of the National Staff Side had had the position of Civil Servants in relation to the Bill under consideration, and had decided to send a deputation to the Minister of Health on the position of Civil Servants, which was somewhat different from that of persons in other excepted occupations. It was decided that the Confederation be represented at the Conference being called by the Railway Clerks' Association, and Mr. George Chase, Mr. P. H. M. Hoey, Mr. L. C. White and Mr. Ross Wyld were appointed to attend.

Consideration was given to the question of Official Delays on Staff Claims. A sub-committee of the National Staff Side had been considering this question, and the Staff Side, at its last meeting, had received a report from the sub-committee in the following terms:—

“That the Committee recommend the National Staff Side to recommend to all constituent Associations that, for the time being, in all pay claims there should be included as a preamble a demand for an assurance, precedent to discussion of the pay claim, on the following lines:—

‘That any agreement shall have financial effect as from the 1st of the month nearest to half-way between the submission of the claim and the conclusion of the agreement.’

“In default of such an assurance being forthcoming, disagreement should be declared forthwith on the pay claim and it should be referred to arbitration.”

In the course of discussion attention was drawn to the point that, in connection with the long delays on the part of the Official Side in salary negotiations, the whole of the damage due to such delays fell upon the claimants, inasmuch as it was the usual practice of the Official Side not to agree to ante-dating of salary increases to a date prior to the first of the month on which an agreement might be concluded. The opinion was expressed that the best way to deal with this position was on the lines recommended to the National Staff Side in the report of the Sub-Committee on Official Delays on Staff Claims.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee endorse the proposal of the sub-committee of the National Staff Side as set out above.

## Plymouth District Meeting.

The Plymouth District staged its Annual Meeting on the 8th instant at the Mount Pleasant Hotel. The attendance was extremely disappointing in view of the ample notice given and of the fact that the date was fixed to avoid the leave and relief season.

The first item was the election of office holders for the ensuing twelve months. Votes of thanks were accorded retiring workers, and the posts now filled by—

Chairman—Mr. C. J. Low, A.P.O.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. S. G. Johns, A.P.O.

District Secretary—Mr. L. C. Hockey, A.P.O.

District Organiser—Mr. T. J. E. Collings,  
A.P.O.

Whitley Representative—Mr. C. H.  
Saunderson, A.P.O.

Auditors—Messrs. E. J. Sprague, P.O., and  
C. J. Low, A.P.O.

Journal Correspondent—Mr. C. H.  
Saunderson, A.P.O.

Discussion next centred on a few items of local importance and decisions were come to as to appropriate lines of action.

The remainder of the time was taken up in considering the Executive Committee's Reorganisation proposals and the amendments forwarded from the various Districts.

With such a limited attendance, adequate discussion of all the various aspects of the proposals was somewhat difficult. So protracted were the arguments that the meeting had to be terminated before any concrete support was forthcoming for the scheme or an amended scheme; but much ground had been usefully traversed and it was hoped to convene a concluding meeting, at which definite proposals could be forwarded from the District for the guidance of the South Coast Councillors. To the date of writing this complementary meeting has not been held.

At the conclusion, the continued absence of the Preventive Officer members was generally deplored and the hope expressed that they would soon come along to the District meetings with some constructive proposals to help along the Association generally, and in particular render our own District less ridiculous in the eyes of other areas (where the P.O.s apparently have buried the hatchet and are now working for mutual good order and understanding).

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## Hartlepool District Meeting.

The Annual District Meeting was held at West Dock, West Hartlepool, on Friday, April 16th, 1937, Mr. Roy, P.O. (Sunderland) in the Chair.

### Election of Officers.

Chairman—Mr. Roy, P.O. (Sunderland).

Vice-Chairman—Mr. L. Staniland, A.P.O.  
(Hartlepool).

District Secretary & Journal Correspondent—  
Mr. J. Burke, P.O.

District Organiser—Mr. W. V. Reed, A.P.O.  
Local Whitley Committee (A.P.O. Grade)—  
Mr. L. Staniland, A.P.O.

District Auditors—Messrs. A. Coates, P.O.,  
and Mr. L. Staniland, A.P.O.

### Conference Agenda.

As time did not permit a full discussion on all items, the Area Councillors were instructed as to support on various resolutions from Aberdeen and Southampton. Members were unanimous in leaving all other matters to the discretion of the Area Councillors (except Reorganisation), in whom the District has full confidence, and at a later stage in the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Davies and Moore for their unselfish and splendid assistance.

### Reorganisation.

Having dropped the Executive scheme in a constitutional manner by majority vote, members produced schemes of their own, and after lively and strong discussion the scheme of Mr. Roy, P.O., Sunderland, was unanimously adopted as the best approach to a complete and satisfactory solution for both P.O. and A.P.O. grades. Owing to shortness of time it will be impossible to publish the scheme before the Conference, but it will be tabled by our E.C. with full district support. Briefly, its main characteristics are: Salary, Leave, opening up Avenues for Promotion, A.P.O.s' responsibilities, Examining of all Bulk Goods, Retirement, and other matters of a reorganising nature. Its great advantage appears that it is straight, simple, easily understood, and should again unite the P.O.s and A.P.O.s as one Association body.

Thus another memorable District meeting concluded shortly before 10 p.m. The District Secretary takes this opportunity of thanking the Tyne Area Councillors (Messrs. Davies and Moore) and the members at Sunderland, Seaham, Hartlepool and Middlesbrough for their wonderful support at District meetings during the past year.

J. BURKE,

District Secretary.

Note.—In the heat of battle some member lost a Waterman fountain pen. A tobacco pouch was also left behind at the previous meeting. Will the owners kindly let me know their addresses?

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## Necessitous Negotiations by Nod.

CODES.—Failed A.P.O. has complete set of Codes amended up to date, together with General Orders ditto; will sell or exchange for something really useful.—Box 2345.

TYPEWRITER.—Six-bank Overwood No. 10 Typewriter. A few caps missing but otherwise mechanically sound. Very useful for C.P.O.s. For sale, 10/-.—Box 2346.

SMOKING.—Officer giving up smoking has 11½ lbs. Tobacco Cav., ¾ lbs. Tobacco O.S., 550 Cigarettes for disposal. What offers?—Box 2347.

UNIFORM.—Very distressed Officer living in a very distressed area has six sons aged 16, 15, 14, 13, 12 and 11. Would appreciate gifts of old uniform. No uniform hats required.—Box 2348.

CODES.—C.P.O.'s man has large quantity of Code parts, General Orders and sundry circulars for disposal. Guaranteed unpicked. Many finds and rare editions no doubt could be found. 2/- the sackful. Carriage 7/6.—Box 2349.

ALTERATIONS.—Messrs. Cohen & Isaacs, of Whitechapel, would alter uniform to the needs of Officers. P.O.'s uniform transformed into dinner suit, £5 5s.; A.P.O.'s ditto, £4 4s.; "Tails" (two pairs of trousers required in addition to complete suit), £10 10s. These are very useful for C.P.O.s at Service dinners. Wanted, Watcher Constable's top hats; no matter how torn or greasy.

BOOKS.—Young A.P.O. having no further interest in the Officers' examination has small library for disposal. Amongst others are: Professor Einstein's "Melody in B flat," Theodore's "Autothermo-dynamics," Dr. Dillwater's "Making of Molecules and Mites," Hego's "Chinese in Ten Years," and 20 other volumes of miscellaneous hair-raising fiction. Would sell or exchange for a Leica camera.—Box 2350.

FURNITURE.—A.P.O. on promotion has complete home for disposal, consisting of Iron Bedstead with bedding, one Japanese Cane Chair, Kitchen Table, two Chairs, Square of Lino, Fender and Fireirons, Cutlery (all marks removed), one Brass Binnacle (suitable for plant stand), together with four packets of Danske Brod, half side of Bacon, 56 lbs. Tea, 112 lbs. Sugar and 12 tins Milk. For sale, cheap at £3. Would consider hire purchase at £3 3s. Deposit 3/- and do your best.—Box 2351.

ELECTRIC.—Officer with mechanical turn of mind will, on receipt of a Postal Order for £1, forward full instructions of how to mess up your electric light meter so that it won't register.—Box 2352.

HANDY TOOL.—Officer, after many years of close study, has invented a handy "gadget" guaranteed to open all ward locks and padlocks. Should be in the hands of all rummage Officers. Entered at Pilferer's Hall. Price 6d. post free. Including insurance, packing and handling, 2/6.—Box 2353.

CAR.—Officer whose term of officiating has terminated desires to dispose of his 1922 car. Done only 155,000 odd miles. Will entertain exchange of really good bicycle.—Box 2345.

TRAVEL.—Officer who returned home from leave on the back of a lorry has return half of ticket for the journey London to Peterhead for sale. No reasonable offer refused. Silence a negative. Applicants should enclose a stamped addressed envelope.—Box 2346.

## Do You Know—

That the earliest ancestor of the Coastguard was the Officer appointed by the King to extract as much as he possibly could out of foreign merchants, and when this was first practised is lost in the mists of antiquity?

That King Ethelred II established a regular import tax on wine landed at Billingsgate, most of it for religious use, and it became the custom for foreign vintners to give the king a portion of their cargo in exchange for permission to trade? It is generally understood that this was the origin of the term "customs," but Ethelred's system is the first of which we have any definite knowledge.

That in the days of the Normans, London, Sandwich, Bristol, Southampton and Chester were the only towns through which wine was allowed to be imported?

That a law was passed in 1745 giving Customs Officers extra powers to combat smuggling, as three-quarters of the tea consumed in this country was smuggled? The law made the whole of a county liable for any offence committed within its limits. If the smugglers succeeded in rescuing goods seized by the Customs, as they frequently did, the county was fined £200. A £40 fine was inflicted on the county if a Customs Officer was beaten and £100 if he was killed, which makes a poor value of the Customs Officers' lives compared with the amount of fine for recapturing property. These fines were, however, refunded if the Court proved a conviction within six months. The captor of a smuggler taken after a lapse of 30 days or more from the time of his offence was rewarded with £500, which had the natural effect of preventing the Customs Officers being in any undue hurry to capture their man. The only humane part about the Act was that smugglers who volunteered for service in the Navy were pardoned any previous smuggling offences.

("His Majesty's Coastguard,"  
by Frank Bowen.)

That the Customs Regulations were first consolidated into a Code in 1787?

That it was from urgent consideration of National Defence that the Customs organisation was tightened up, and in 1809 the Preventive Waterguard was formed to link up with the Landguard and the Navy?



## Smuggling Prosecutions—

### NEWCASTLE.

At the Newcastle City Police Court, on the 12th instant, T. Rundel, a fireman of the S.S. Craster, of Hamburg, was charged with concealing 204 mechanical lighters.

The goods, which were concealed under a shovelling plate in the bunkers, were discovered by Messrs. G. Bell and J. Failes, A.P.O.s, of the Rummage Crew directed by Mr. E. Walton, P.O.

The offender was convicted and fined £5 or 31 days imprisonment. He pleaded that the proceeds of the smuggling were to be used for the purchase of a pram for an unborn child.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. W. G. Wadmore, C.P.O.

At the South Shields Police Court, on the 14th instant, A. Nelheibel, cook of the German steamer "Marion Traber," from Zeebrugge, was charged with concealing 10 lbs. of tobacco, O.S.

The goods, which were concealed underneath a quantity of eggs in a box, were discovered by Mr. R. West, A.P.O., of the Middle Boarding Crew in charge of Mr. E. Thomson, P.O.

The offender was fined £6 15s. 0d., plus the usual Court fees and expenses.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. M. Reilly, C.P.O.

### MERSEYSIDE.

An interesting seizure was made recently on the British tanker "Spondulis," from Curacao, when Messrs. Edmondson, McShane and Stewart, A.P.O.s, of the Canada Rummage Crew, under the direction of Mr. T. J. Neill, P.O., discovered one and a half pounds of Indian Hemp, a quantity of prepared Opium, and three smoking outfits. The hemp was concealed in an ingenious manner, being contained in six canvas shoe socks, the full shape of the shoe sole and heel, compressed to the thickness of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch, and skilfully stitched around the edges with fine stitches. The socks were found within a disused pipe in the engine room storeroom, but it is evident that the intention had been to walk away with the drugs.

### HULL.

At the Hull City Police Court, on the 13th instant, Manual Olvarria, fireman on the Spanish steamer "Aritz Mendi," was charged with concealing 21 $\frac{3}{8}$  lbs. of O.S. tobacco and 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  lbs. of cigarettes. In his defence, he put forward a novel plea. He stated that he had hidden the goods so that he could give them to a shipmate, who was returning to Spain, to take to his father and two brothers who were fighting there.

They had written to him saying that they were short of tobacco. He was fined £3 4s. 7d., plus 10/- interpreter's fee, or one month's imprisonment in default. The fine was paid. The goods, which were concealed beneath a quantity of fire-bricks under the vessel's boilers, were discovered by Mr. C. W. Harrison, A.P.O., of a rummage crew directed by Mr. R. E. R. Brewster, P.O.

Mr. P. W. Howard, C.P.O., conducted the case for the Crown.

### SOUTHAMPTON.

Unusual praise for the Department came from the Chairman of the Bench during the hearing of a smuggling case at Southampton Police Court on the 13th instant. He stated, "The Bench are quite conversant with the excellent work of the Customs officers and appreciate the distasteful jobs they have to do on many occasions and the way in which they carried out their duties." Later the Chairman suggested that all officers of H.M. Customs had what was known as an extra sense.

The defendant in this case, a Mr. W. B. Rowe, passenger on the "Aquitania," was fined £74/8/- D.V.D. for attempting to evade payment of duty on a camera. Mr. H. Stevens, A.P.O., Mr. G. Newing, P.O., and Mr. F. Mathers, C.P.O., were the officers concerned.

Before coming ashore from the "Voltaire" cruise on the 15th instant, a lady passenger deftly sewed up 21 embroidered linen articles in the shoulder and side linings of her camel-hair overcoat, which she carried ashore over her arm. This lady's ingenuity cost her £12 12s. 0d. Mr. L. Battersby, A.P.O., has a penchant for overcoats.

## Unique Coronation Year Offer.

For Coronation Year orders from now on, a new "Peace-and-Safety Instalment Account" is offered to our readers under simple and equitable conditions by Messrs. Mortons, who supply practically everything. The customer's debt would be cancelled in any of the Morton departments should death occur before the goods were paid for; and in addition to the debt-cancellation, £100 to £500 Free Insurance against fatal accident is provided for customers who order furnishings or pianos from £25 upwards. In view of the obvious advantages, we can recommend all our readers to write for Peace-and-Safety Leaflet and Catalogue of any desired articles to Messrs. Mortons, Highbury Place, London, N.5, mentioning "Customs Journal."

## Obituary.

### DEATH OF MR. E. P. MADDEN.

Mr. E. P. Madden, Superintendent of the Newcastle Waterguard Division, died, at the age of 57 years, at his residence in North Shields on the 8th instant, and was interred at Preston Cemetery on the 10th instant.

The funeral was well attended: about 60 members of all ranks of the Department following the cortege to the graveside, and a number of floral tributes, including a wreath presented by the P.S.A.

Of late years Mr. Madden had been singularly unfortunate, having had several accidents (including a broken leg which kept him off duty for a considerable time). The actual cause of death, however, appears to have been double pneumonia.

### MR. F. BEIRNE, P.O.

It has to be announced with great regret that the body of Mr. Beirne, who has been missing since the evening of January 31st, was found by a local boatman on the 15th instant.

The body was in the water in the Dock at Blyth, his home port.

At the inquest an open verdict was returned and the interment took place at Blyth Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th April.

Mr. Beirne leaves a widow and three children.

## O Wad the Power—

A contributor to this month's "Harper's Magazine," writing on the United States Customs, mentions, "It is my hope that some day this country may have a Civil Service on a par with that of England, attracting men of capabilities instead of men who have failed in other lines of work; a service respected by the average citizen instead of one cordially detested. I am idealist enough to dream that some day a man will be able to say with pride that he is a Government employee, and that he will feel the satisfaction of contributing to his country's welfare something not bought with dollars and cents."

## Southampton Note.

We welcome to Southampton fifteen of our colleagues from other ports who are here to reinforce the staff during the Coronation period, and hope their stay with us will be an enjoyable one. Those of them visiting this port for the first time should find their experience of work here during a rush season very interesting. Although at the present time our office accommodation leaves much to be desired, we can assure anyone who wishes to transfer here permanently that it is soon to be remedied. In the meantime the congestion has to be seen to be believed. H.L.F.

## Changes in the Staff.

TO 12th APRIL, 1937.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

Allan, D.  
Davies, J. B. C.

### TRANSFERS.

#### PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

Cole, A. C., Wick, Inverness to Dover.  
Evans, S. C., London to Swansea.  
Goldsmith, W. S., London to Dover.  
Oak, H. C., Fishguard, Swansea to Dover.  
Perkins, J. W., London to Weymouth, Southampton.  
Presents, C. E., Weymouth, Southampton to Shoreham, Brighton.  
Smith, F. P., Dover to Folkestone, Dover.  
Spear, P., Poole, Southampton to Dover.

#### ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

Arnott, A. F., Belfast to Leith.  
Atkinson, J. P., Newcastle to Folkestone, Dover.  
Benning, B. A., Gravesend, London to Dover.  
Browne, E. G., Harwich, Ipswich to Folkestone, Dover.  
Dunmer, J. H., Rochester, London to Dover.  
Elliot, G. R., Southampton to Newcastle.  
Goodyear, S. E., London to Southampton.  
Little, W. E. A., Cardiff to Gravesend, London.  
Lowe, R. J., Boston, Grimsby to London.  
Lowry, J. A., Londonderry, Belfast to Belfast.  
Pedley, E., London to Poole, Southampton.  
Radford, D. R., Gravesend, London to Newhaven, Brighton.  
Ross, J., Sharpness, Newport to Dover.  
Ryan, P. H. J., London to Southampton.  
Shaw, C. E., Southampton to Liverpool.  
Waylett, W. H., Fishguard, Swansea to Gravesend, London.  
Wilkinson, E., Middlesbrough, Sunderland to Dover.  
Woodroffe, B. C., Fishguard, Swansea to Gravesend, London.

### PROMOTIONS.

#### ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICERS TO PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

Connor, S. E., Liverpool to London.  
Matthews, J. H., London.  
Patrick, J. W., Newport, Mon. to Gravesend, London.

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## Merseyside v. London.

On Tuesday, April 6th, the long-discussed football match took place and resulted in a convincing win for Liverpool by 7 goals to 1. The weather was absolutely perfect and a large gathering of spectators from London, Liverpool, Manchester and other ports witnessed a very fine game wherein the weight and fine physique of the Londoners were matched by the quickness and team-work of the 'Pool. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. C. M. Woodford, O.B.E., the Inspector-General, and Mr. Purdyc, W. Supt., London. Other welcome and distinguished guests were Mr. T. J. D. Large, O.B.E., Collector, Liverpool and Mrs. Large, Mr. Brown, Assistant Collector, and Mrs. Brown, Messrs. Merron, Thompson, Fowler, Jackson, Little and Angus, Waterguard Surveyors, and of course all our own officials who are ever present at all our matches, amongst whom were our own Superintendent and President, Mr. B. J. Herrington and Mrs. Herrington, and Mrs. Little. Another familiar and very welcome face was that of Mr. J. C. Burkey, ex-Waterguard Superintendent, Hull, also those of Mr. J. T. Lee, C.P.O., Manchester, and Mrs. Lee. Many other old friends and colleagues made reunions, and although they are too numerous to mention here, they were all welcome and appeared to enjoy themselves.

After the game over 150 people sat down to tea and under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. P. Titherley, C.P.O., speeches were made by Mr. Herrington, Mr. Large and Mr. Woodford, all of whom expressed their pleasure at being able to be present. The I.G.W. was received with musical honours.

After tea an adjournment was made to the concert room and an informal smoker was enjoyed by all until 11 p.m. Several good "turns" were given by members of both Liverpool and London staffs, revealing rare talent and much humour. Most of the acts were accompanied in perfect style by Mr. G. E. Harding at the piano. A large number accompanied the visitors to their train and a very happy day ended to the strains of Auld Lang Syne and three cheers.

Thanks are due to a number of workers for the success of this function, and we feel bound to mention Mr. T. Hope, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Hyland, Claydon and Titherley of the Committee, the Referee, Mr. W. B. Baker of the Custom House, the linesmen, ushers, soloists, bartenders and all who had a hand in a very good "Do." In conclusion, photographs were taken by the Press of the two teams and the spectators. Applications for supplies of these should be addressed to Mr. F. Hope, A.P.O., Landing Stage, Liverpool.

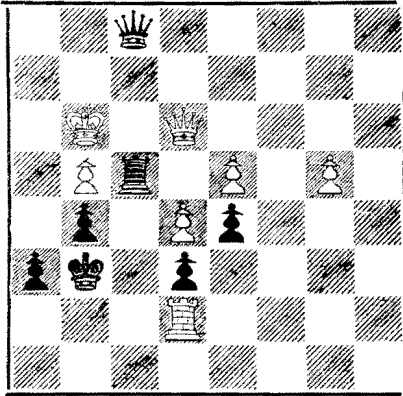
J.W.D.



## Preventive Staff Chess Club.

### PROBLEM NO. 152.

WHITE



BLACK

Black to play and mate in three.

### Solution to No. 151.

1. Kt×P ch.      K—Q1.
2. Q—B6 ch.    Kt×Q.
3. B—K7 mate.

## Customs and Excise Sports Club.

The most important event of the Sports Club of general interest is the **Annual Sports Meeting**. This has been fixed for Thursday, June 17th, at the Civil Service Ground, Chiswick. Arrangements are well in hand both for the competitors and spectators. The programme of events includes the Championships, Handicaps, Open Events and Novelty Events. The good services of all members of the Department are sought in making the meeting a success; the particulars will be circulated shortly, and the Committee hope that all sportsmen of the Department will do all in their power to encourage members to enter an event or events. The meeting is held under the patronage of the Honourable Commissioners of H.M. Customs and Excise. So we ask all members to book this date. Bring along your wives, children, sweethearts and friends to spend an enjoyable evening. Further information will gladly be given by the Hon. Sports Secretary: Chas. W. Kingett, Customs and Excise, 5, Jewry Street, E.C. Full details in next issue.

## Hull Waterguard Sports Club.

### CARNIVAL DANCE.

The club's dancing season was brought to a close on Friday, the 2nd April last, when over 400 members and their friends enjoyed a night of gaiety at a carnival dance held at the Assembly Rooms, Hull. Some idea of the popularity of this dance may be had by the fact that the doors had to be closed before 10 p.m., and numerous would-be patrons were turned away. The hall was tastefully decorated and carnival novelties were distributed during the evening. Mr. Kay, Waterguard Superintendent, and Mrs. Kay, very generously provided the prizes which were handed out during the 'spot waltz.' In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Kay, the following were also present: Messrs. Abel, Howard and Stevens, C.P.O.s, and their wives, and Mr. Costain, C.P.O. The success of the dance, and indeed those of the whole season, have been due in great measure to efforts of Messrs. Barker (Hon. Sec.), Crooks, Thompson, Mudd, Moss, Raymer and Drury, who constituted the Committee. R.W.B.

## Merseyside Football.

As forecast by supporters of our thriving team, we won the Hambleton Cup on Wednesday, April 14th by defeating Runcorn Co-op. F.C. by 4 goals to nil at Runcorn. A good number of spectators accompanied the team and witnessed a very interesting game in which Customs were always on top. Goals were scored by Day, MacLachlan and Pollock. It is understood that in lieu of medals each player receives a miniature cup, and these, coupled with those presented with the Lever Cup, which is destined to be won by our "Saturday Team" (in which players from the three departments are represented), will make handsome ornaments on a few Customs' sideboards. Our team has but two more league matches to play to wind up what has been a very successful season, and it is to be hoped that the same eleven will be available for next year when a bid will be made for the Lupton Cup. J.W.D.

## Southampton Golf.

Over twenty members of the staff have joined the newly-formed C. & E. Golfing Society. Various competitions have been arranged in which the Waterguard should give a good account of themselves.

Although difficulty in getting sufficient time off duty to play matches in the summer is a handicap in itself, this new venture ought to be a success. H.L.F.