

THE CUSTOMS JOURNAL

OFFICIAL JOURNAL EST. 1904 CUSTOMS & EXCISE

PREVENTIVE STAFF ASSOCIATION

Vol. 38. No. 944.

MAY, 1941.

MONTHLY

Winegartens offer 39/3 for Sovereigns

The
COUNTRY NEEDS GOLD
HELP BY CONVERTING YOUR OLD JEWELLERY TO CASH

Now is the time to dispose of old Gold, Jewellery, Trinkets and Silver, while record prices prevail. Millions of pounds worth of such Trinkets lying hidden away forgotten can be turned into cash at a time of national need to benefit the country and yourself. Winegartens pay highest prices. Call or send your parcel by Registered post and receive cash by return.



WINEGARTENS

EST. 1892. TELEPHONE: BISHOPSGATE 1786 (2 LINES) LTD.

157, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E.C.2.

Hours of Business.—Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Saturday closed all day.

It's VALUE you get When you go to WINEGARTENS

BECAUSE—

1. Winegartens offer the greatest value obtainable to-day.
2. With the present all-round increase in costs of production and distribution, Winegartens are still keeping their prices at the lowest possible figure, and their qualities at the highest PRE-WAR grade.
3. No matter what you buy at Winegartens, you are assured of the best.
4. There is still a large range of Precision Watches, Rings, Jewellery, Cutlery and Silverware of the highest quality workmanship from which to choose.
5. Members of the C. & E.P.S.A.—both civilians and those in the Services—are allowed 20% Cash Discount on all goods purchased at Winegartens.



£15 0 0
Others from 60/



£8 8 0
Others from 84/

20%
CASH DISCOUNT
TO C & E. STAFF



COUPON WINEGARTENS Ltd.,
157, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

Please forward to me the undermentioned catalogues. I am a bona-fide Customs Officer. Mark those required

Engagement Rings Cutlery Jewellery
 Silverware Wedding Rings and Gifts

Name

Address

C. Jnl., May

C. R. HILLS INSURANCE LIMITED

2 BLENHEIM ROAD, BARNET

Tel.: BARNET 4708

City Office: 74 CHEAPSIDE, E.C.2 City 6122

Readers are particularly asked to note our new addresses. Although we have been able to maintain our usual service by recourse to our emergency duplicate records, your kind indulgence is requested for any unavoidable delay or inconvenience outside our control.



Temporary Office:
6, BROOK LANE, BEXLEY, KENT.
Telephone: BEXLEY HEATH 3613.

President: W. E. STANDRING.
Organising Secretary: A. E. FARMER.
General Secretary: W. H. POWELL.
Assistant Secretary: H. L. BOALCH.

CORRESPONDENCE, LITERARY MATTER, ETC.—Letters to the Editor, and articles and correspondence intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, "The Customs Journal," 93, Fairfax Road, Hornsey, London, N.8. It is essential that all matter for insertion in the monthly issue should reach the Editor on or before the 1st of the month of publication. Articles submitted need not be typewritten, but the use of one side of the paper renders a great assistance.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—All enquiries relating to advertisement space should be addressed to the Advertisement Contractors, A. Darby's Advertising Service, 24 & 26, Water Lane, London, E.C.4. Telephone: City 6686 & 6687. Telegrams: Darbiads, Cent, London. All advertisements are accepted subject to the Editor's approval.

BACK NUMBERS.—May be obtained by applying to the Association Offices, 2d. per copy (post free).

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Retired Officers and outside persons wishing to become subscribers may do so on application to the Organising Secretary, 13, Beer Lane, London, E.C.3. The charge is 6s. 0d. per annum, post free.

Wisdom from the Past (20)

THE SEIZING OFFICER.

The kestrel hovering by day,
And the little owl that calls by night,
Bid him be swift and keen as they,
As keen of ear, as swift of sight.

GRENFELL.

TO MY STEEL HELMET.

Ye ugly piece, what are you
To set such widespread fashion?
Of all the hats of ages past
There ne'er was one as this one.

Ye have no lines, nor any shape.
Nor single commendation.
Yet you would live my very life
And bow this mighty nation. J. K. K.

CHANGES IN THE STAFF

To 5th May, 1941.

TRANSFER.

Preventive Officer G. F. Price—North Shields, Newcastle, to Salcombe, Plymouth.

OFFICER LEAVING THE SERVICE.

DEATH.

Assistant Preventive Officer J. D. Walker, Hull.

OBITUARY

EDGAR M. DAVIES, A.P.O.

It was with profound sadness that we, the Newport staff, learned of the death of one of our colleagues at sea. "E. M." we shall all remember as a happy, earnest friend. And although that day we who were left went on with the business of war, many there were with fuller, sadder hearts.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his parents and brother in their tragic loss.

For those who die in war are never dead
If we who live but seek a path to tread,
And hear their call, that as their blood was shed
No path lies there. And seek the way instead
To peace.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor, CUSTOMS JOURNAL.

Sir,—I hope the views contained in the article "Quo Vadis" by Patria in your last issue represent an expression of Association policy which will be pursued with vigor and without fear of treading on the corns of others.

That the Waterguard of to-day is not being allowed to pull its full weight is common knowledge. Its main function appears to be that of a glorified messenger service for other departments—D.E.M.S., Security Control, etc., and it is high time that it was given work more fitted to its capacity.

Yours faithfully,
HORATIUS.

The Editor, CUSTOMS JOURNAL.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to "Pro Patria" on his excellent article in last month's issue of the "C. J."

The suggestion of the transfer of landing work to the Waterguard would take months to put into practice. This country needs men for the fighting forces now! Why not put an end to this farce, or perhaps tragedy is a better word, of young Waterguard officers sitting about waiting for work that so seldom turns up, or rummaging for the Merchant Seaman's "half-pound," a job that leaves a nasty taste in the mouths of many of us? The obvious solution is to call up A.P.O.s up to the age of thirty for military service and transfer the redundant officers above the rank of P.O. to other departments which are really engaged in the war effort. The number of officers left would be ample to carry on the work of the department.

Under present conditions the part played by the Waterguard in the task of winning the war is practically nil, and must surely give rise to a feeling of shame and resentment by all Waterguard officers who have any esteem for their country.

"WUFF."



BE TALLER! CLIENTS GAIN
1 to 6 inches
No Appliances — No Drugs — No Dieting
ROSS SYSTEM NEVER FAILS Fee £2 2s. Complete
Details 6d. stamp
Height Specialist.
D. MALCOLM ROSS
8M/Hyte, London, W 6.1

MY OWN
HEIGHT IS
6ft. 3³/₄ in.

CURRENT COMMENTS

THE decision taken by the Government at the end of the recent negotiations about bonus to apply their final offer by administrative action left outstanding the following questions:—

(i) Whether there should be any differentiation between the sexes either in amount or ceiling;

(ii) whether all people entitled to bonus should receive the full amount, or only those in the lower ranges of pay, with something less for those above; and

(iii) whether the ceiling should be high enough to include all Civil Servants within the negotiating scope of the National Council.

After due consideration, the National Staff Side have decided to put these issues to the test of arbitration, and arrangements are in hand for reference to the Civil Service Tribunal of what will in effect be a claim that the present maximum rate of bonus, i.e., 10s. a week, should be paid to all adults of both sexes whose pay does not exceed £850 a year.

The Treasury has issued a table showing the operation of the "escalator clauses" in the new bonus scheme. These extracts cover our grades:

Basic remuneration.	Amount of bonus.	Total Annual remuneration.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
249 19 0	26 2 0	276 1 0
250 0 0	26 2 0	
	falling to	276 2 0
263 1 0	13 1 0	
263 2 0	13 1 0	276 3 0
349 19 0	13 1 0	363 0 0
350 0 0	13 1 0	
	falling to	363 1 0
363 1 0	Nil	
363 2 0	Nil	363 2 0

Cost-of-Living Index.

At March 1 last the cost-of-living index figure stood at 97, being the same as the figure for the previous month and 18 points above the figure a year earlier.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
1939-40	55	65	69	73	74	77	79
1940-1	87	89	92	95	96	97	97

War Bonus and Overtime.

From the report of the Departmental Council, published in this issue, it will be seen that a disagreement has been recorded on the Association claim that bonus should be added to salary in deciding the change-over of overtime rate at £175 in the Assistant Preventive Officer scale.

Strictly speaking, arbitration would be the next stage in proceeding with the claim, but as this would appear to be a case of a misapplication of national agreement, the matter has been referred to the National Staff Side for their consideration in the first instance.

Chief Preventive Officers' Overtime.

Reading the same Council report, members will note that the long outstanding grievance of the inadequacy of compensation for Sunday and Public Holiday attendances of Chief Preventive Officers is

again under discussion, and now stands adjourned for Official Side re-examination.

Income Tax.

Although the recent Budget did not affect members of this Department in their official capacity, it had a drastic effect on their domestic outlook—in common, of course, with all Civil Servants.

It is pleasing to note that Emergency Committee "A" of the N.S.S. have reviewed the position of Civil Servants, and came to the conclusion that some attempt should be made to alleviate the hardship imposed upon them during the present tax deduction system. It was pointed out that while the ordinary taxpayer who derived his income from salary or wages would enjoy a substantial interval in which to adjust his affairs to the new Budget demands, the Civil Servant would immediately feel the full weight of them. The Committee felt that they would be correctly interpreting the views of Civil Servants generally in attempting to put the system of deductions within the Civil Service on the same footing as that applied to salary and wage-earning members of the general public, and it was agreed that representations should be made to the Chancellor to that end. The proposals would include suggestions to overcome the administrative difficulty and would recommend that, for the year 1941-2, deductions should be spread over the 15 months, 1st April, 1941, to 30th June, 1942, and for 1942-3, the 16 months, 1st July, 1942, to 31st October, 1943. For 1943-4 the deductions would cover the period November, 1943, to October, 1944, and thus be on precisely the same footing as the deduction system for the general public.

Summer Leave.

A Press announcement some weeks ago stated that all grades of the Civil Service would get no more than "one week's summer holiday" this year.

Notwithstanding this obvious leakage of information, our publication abstained from comment in the last issue in deference to a request from the National Staff Side, and the result was a flood of enquiries from members.

Now, however, the matter has been discussed departmentally, the numerous correspondents will find the information they seek in the report of the Departmental Council.

At the time of writing the question is still a "live" issue with the National Staff Side.

Detached Duty

Some time ago we reported that it had been decided to raise with the Official Side the question of the "order of going" of officers on detached duty who become surplus to requirements and have to move to another port on detached duty. The Association sought the application of the juniority rule, as in the case of the initial move.

We have now been informed that it has been decided that the junior officer goes first, whether or not he has removed his home and effects to his temporary port, unless, of course, he can find a volunteer from among the other detached officers at his port.

A subsidiary but important question may arise in relation to a second move. If he desires to make a second removal of his home the officer must, of course, apply for Board's authority, and we understand that if such authority is granted it will be on the condition that he will not be compensated for more than one continuing liability. It seems very desirable, therefore, that officers who remove their homes should avoid contracting further liabilities without ridding themselves of those already incurred.

Reservation Age.

It is understood that the ages of reservation in most Civil Service grades will for the present remain unchanged, as the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Minister of Labour and National Service have appointed an independent Committee, consisting of Lord Kennet (Chairman), Mr. J. S. Addison and Mr. J. W. Bowen (formerly General Secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers), "to consider what further withdrawals of men of military age should be made either from National Government or from such related branches of administration as may be referred to them, and to advise how by the substitution of older men, or women, or otherwise, such withdrawals can be effected so as to cause as little interference as possible to essential services."

The National Staff Side have been invited in this connection to discuss, informally with the Treasury, considerations of a general character bearing on Civil Service staffing and have decided to respond to the invitation.

Detached Officers Called-up.

Recently the Association raised questions regarding the position of officers who might be called for Military Service whilst away from their home ports.

A reply has now been received to the effect that the question of granting leave in these cases was decided in the light of individual circumstances, and, if required, expenses back to the home port were paid. It appeared that in most cases generous arrangements had been sanctioned.

Walter House.

In a recent raid the blast of a "near miss" caused considerable damage in the offices of this, to us, important building, and for a time business was disorganised. During this period the second April meeting of the Joint Committee (C. and E. Associations) fell due and was held at the new Customs Headquarters—City Gate House.

The Conference Room of the C. and E. Federation at Walter House, which has been the meeting place of the Staff Side since the inception of Whitley, has now been tidied up and all meetings there have been resumed.

Deputy Inspector-General.

Just as we go to press we learn, on good authority, that Mr. A. W. Purdye has decided to retire from the Service early next month. Time and absence of particulars prevent us from making detailed comment, but certainly we can say that the Waterguard can ill-afford to lose men of Mr. Purdye's calibre at this critical period.

Customs and Excise Departmental Whitley Council

The two hundred and thirty-ninth meeting of the Council was held in the Conference Room, City Gate House, E.C.2, on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1941, the chair being taken by Sir Wilfrid Eady, Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise.

In reply to an inquiry by the Staff Side, the Chairman intimated that Sir John Sutton was progressing slowly, but some weeks would pass before they could expect to see him again at the Council.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. J. Cowherd, voiced the congratulations of the Staff Side to Mr. A. C. Wood on his appointment as Accountant and Comptroller-General, and welcomed him to the Departmental Council. Mr. Wood expressed his thanks.

Filling of Vacancies and Employment of Temporary Staff.

The Staff Side stated that since the last Council meeting they had had the opportunity of discussion on draft orders regarding the War Damage Act. While they had reached agreement on the technical General Order they could not concur in the staff proposals involving additional relaxations of Revenue control. They felt that the limit in relaxations had now been reached. The Official Side said that relaxations had probably now come very close to that limit, but observed that the conditions of war-time, with resulting changes in the contributors of revenue, necessarily involved some relaxation of the normal control, especially where reduced revenue was concerned. The Staff Side pointed out also that new work on Purchase Tax and War Damage seemed to merit additional payment, and they used the word "payment" in its widest sense without specifying any of the precise forms in which payment for extra work could be made. The Official Side replied that there had been a considerable reduction in other branches of the work, but they felt that the ultimate burden of work left to the staff would not be to their disadvantage, and it might be necessary to consider later in the year whether the additional work as it developed called for a strengthening of the higher grades, which would afford some measure of compensation.

The Staff Side said they would like an opportunity to consider this important statement, and, in reply to their inquiry whether any further measures of recruitment of Temporary Assistants were in progress, the Official Side replied that nothing was being done at present.

Limitation of Annual Leave.

The Staff Side said that the proposals they had seen, as outlined in a draft Omnibus Weekly Order and Circular to Collectors, following on the Government's direction as regards the limitation of leave in the Civil Service, were viewed with some consternation. The Staff Side held the view that limitation to six days' annual leave was too drastic and observed that conditions in this Department, where a system of relief staffs was in operation, and where numbers of the staff were at the present time evacuated or

on detached duty away from the homes and families, justified differential treatment from Departments self-contained for leave purposes or resided in London alone. They pointed out that special hardship would be involved to officials away from home, especially those temporarily serving in places such as Northern Ireland or the north of Scotland, by reason of the travelling time spent before effective leave could commence.

The Staff in the Department had already agreed to the leave arrangements set out in General Order 17/40 and General Order 20/40, and they felt that disturbance of these arrangements would involve serious practical and administrative difficulties.

The Official Side said they were carrying out an instruction of the Government. Civil Servants had to recognise their position in this matter. The Official Side would interpret the directions in an effort to secure an effective week's leave, at any rate for officers separated from their families and for other special cases.

The Official Side recognised the inconvenience that the new decision on leave might cause to the Staff, but it must be regarded as one of minor consequences of the war.

The Staff Side said that this statement put a slightly better complexion on the matter and inquired as to the position of overtime grades attending on public holidays. The Official Side were unable at present to say much on this point, but the Establishment Officers' Circular issued by the Treasury to Departments had indicated that, wherever possible, a day in lieu should be granted for attendance required on a Public Holiday, and this seemed to include overtime grades.

In reply to a further Staff Side question, the Official Side said they were not able to say whether balance of overtime for attendances on Bank Holiday in excess of 8 hours would be payable, where a day off was allowed.

It was understood that the whole question of leave restriction was under further consideration nationally, and the issue of departmental instructions would be withheld for a short time pending further national developments.

Fire Prevention Order.

In reply to the Staff Side, the Official Side stated that in four places only had it been found necessary to put a compulsory scheme of fire prevention into operation. Particulars of these places would be transmitted to the Staff Side.

In regard to the scheme for City House, the Official Side would request further adjournment. There were at present a sufficient number of volunteers to operate a satisfactory scheme, but the number of volunteers available was rather less than had been anticipated. It was hoped that another fifty volunteers would be forthcoming, and this would reduce the rotation of spells of duty. The Official Side could find no indication of any boycott of fire prevention duties by any grade or branch of the Department, and they would welcome any help the Staff Side could offer in making up the total personnel now aimed at. They felt sure that the A.R.P.

services of this Department was one of the best throughout the Government Service.

The Staff Side expressed their willingness to cooperate towards the attainment of a fuller volunteer scheme and agreed with the Official Side's opinion that the introduction of a compulsory scheme was hardly in keeping with the dignity of a great Government Department.

Steel Helmets and Protective Clothing for Officials Employed in Exposed Places.

The Vice-Chairman said that the recent informal conversations had clarified the position as at the last meeting of the Council, and inquired if the Staff Side could now understand that all requisitions, including the supplementaries, would be met. The Official Side replied in the affirmative, but said that in some cases Class B priority of supply would be applied as they did not seem suitable for treatment in the Class A category. The Council then decided that this item could be discharged from the Agenda.

Promotion to the Officer Grade.

The Official Side said they were not in a position to express a definite opinion on the views of the Staff Side as outlined at the Council meeting in February. Until the matter became a practical issue, when they would consult the Staff Side in the normal way, they did not consider any advantages would be gained from an academic discussion, but they would certainly give the question timely consideration. The Staff Side said that they had expected a reply to their case at this meeting, and the Official Side said that in these circumstances they would make a statement at the next meeting.

War Bonus—Effect Upon Overtime of Assistant Preventive Officers.

The Official Side said that after consultation with the Treasury on the question of the applicability of paragraph 5 of the National Agreement to flat rates of overtime, they could see no prospect of meeting the Staff Side claim. In their view, paragraph 5 was not an appropriate method of dealing with flat rates, nor was it contemplated under the War Bonus Agreement that paragraph 5 should be so applied by including bonus in the individual salary and relating it to the change-over point of £175 on the basic scale. They had noted that the Staff Side had claimed the support of the National Staff Side in stating their claim, but on the information obtained by the Official Side they could not accept the view put forward.

The Staff Side said they could not depart in any way from the terms of their claim that paragraph 5 applied in its fullest sense to the overtime rates of Assistant Preventive Officers, and said they must press the matter to disagreement.

The Council thereupon recorded disagreement on this issue, and the Official Side said they would appreciate being informed of any further negotiations as they proceeded.

The Official Side said they were still pursuing inquiries of the question of overpayments made, and suggested adjournment of this point. The Staff Side agreed, and this point was therefore adjourned.

War Bonus—Exclusion of Small Port Allowances from Basis of Calculation.

The Staff Side referred to their written intimation that they were prepared to agree to an *ad hoc* settlement on a fifty-fifty basis, subject to the clear understanding, as stated in the March minutes of the Council, that the operative date would be agreed as 1st February, 1940. The Official Side hoped there was no misunderstanding that in putting forward the fifty-fifty suggestion they were not sure that it would meet with approval elsewhere, but they would see what could be done on this basis.

Chief Preventive Officers—Overtime Rates for Sundays and Public Holidays.

The Staff Side briefly restated their case made in April, 1940, to the effect that, following upon the agreement of revised rates of overtime for Preventive Officers and Assistant Preventive Officers, they had expected some upward adjustment of the rates for Chief Preventive Officers for attendance on Sundays and Public Holidays. At that time they had drawn attention to the types of case which justified this adjustment, but they had adjourned the question at the Official Side suggestion to observe the effect of changed conditions. Whilst the main incidence of the problem had changed from the packet ports to the large ports, conditions now required lengthy attendances by Chief Preventive Officers, for which the present recompense did not afford adequate compensation. Their view was that there should be a general increase in the allowance made to all Chief Preventive Officers for attendances given on Sundays and Public Holidays, and they were confident that the Official Side would recognise the considerable change in the position which had occurred since the matter was last discussed.

The Official Side said they would re-examine the question, and the item was adjourned accordingly.

Purchase Tax—Central Record of Information Regarding Values—(O.W.O. 16/1941, Part 2).

The Staff Side inquired the object of the establishment of a central record of values under this Omnibus Weekly Order, and the Official Side stated that it was necessary to examine the possibility that revenue may have been lost as the result of the necessarily hurried methods adopted to arrive at values, particularly in relation to large traders, including retailers trading on a wholesale basis. They did not think much extra work would be entailed, as it was intended that the information should be obtained when other inquiries were being made. The Staff Side said that whilst they thought the order meant a considerable amount of work, they were not raising that aspect, but were desirous of ascertaining the object of the central record.

The Official Side said they felt sure the technical reasons for the establishment of such a record could be convincingly explained to the Staff Side, but the matter seemed too involved for formal treatment and more suitable for informal discussion. The Staff Side said they would consider the Official Side statement.

City Gate House—Shelters.

The Official Side intimated that considerable progress had been made in the strengthening of the shelters, and it was expected that the military personnel would be away from City Gate House by the end of the month. The shelter accommodation would then be adequate for the Customs and Excise Staff in the building.

Restricted Issue of Customs Code, Volume 2, Part 24, Appendix F.

The Staff Side referred to the restricted issue of the foregoing, announced in Omnibus Weekly Order 14/1941, Part 8, and repeated their written protest that such a restriction should be made while the general question of restricted issue of Instructions was under consideration, and they were particularly concerned at being told that this decision followed the decision arrived at in the case of Appendix E. Their understanding of the discussions which had taken place last year on Appendix E to this volume had been that the Appendix would be issued as a brochure, but that the question of the extent of issue was left open as part of the general question of the extent of issue of Instructions.

The Official Side observed that, following discussions with the Staff Side last summer on a proposal to abolish Appendix E in brochure form and substitute a loose-leaf record in Collectors' Offices, etc., the decision reached had been to maintain the brochure for issue on a station basis. Appendix E had not, in fact, yet been issued, but the decision had been applied in the case of Appendix F, and it was not considered necessary that a full normal issue should be made. There was, however, no intention that the decision should prejudice the general question of the field of distribution of instructions, but at the present time considerations of economy must be regarded as vital. It was essential to consider the matter from this point of view. The restricted issue would operate for the war-time period only, and they hoped that the Staff Side, in early informal discussions, would look at the restricted issue of these appendices on its merits and under present conditions.

The matter was then adjourned for informal consultation.

The business covered by the minutes of meetings of four Local Committees was approved, and the Council decided to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, 21st May, 1941.

TO THE STEAMSHIP "JOHN," BUILT 1844.

Tho' she's dusty and small
With her cargoes of coal,
She's a wonder, to my way of thinking,
For few greater ships
Would have made half her trips
Or lived half as long without sinking.

J. K. K.

Customs Fund Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Subscribers to the Customs Annuity & Benevolent Fund, Incorporated, was held at the Custom House, London, on Thursday, the 17th April, 1941. Mr. Henderson, the President, was in the Chair.

Mr. Henderson said:
Gentlemen,

I have to present to you this evening on behalf of the Directors, the 125th Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Customs Fund. It is pleasant to be able to say that it is, on the whole, an eminently satisfactory Balance Sheet and Statement. I do not propose on this occasion to dwell upon it in detail, but to confine myself to those features which most clearly reflect the present and future fortunes of the Fund. At the end of this survey I shall be happy to answer, as usual, to the best of my ability, any questions you may care to put.

In the first place despite the troubled and difficult year which we have just completed, it is gratifying to note that although some £55,000 was invested during the year in Government securities of low yield, the average rate of interest earned by the Assurance Fund was £5 10s. per cent. This is a very satisfactory figure, and even when reduced by Income Tax to a net of £3 11s. 11d. it is still higher than the Fund's present valuation rate of 3 per cent. The growth of the Assurance Fund by something over £6,000 from £834,803 to £841,130, is also indicative of a general healthy condition.

The Life Losses during the year exceeded last year's particularly low figure by approximately £15,000, but at £38,000 represents no more than an average year. Included in this figure are four claims amounting to £1,803, due to enemy action.

The Trust Funds again show an increase of over £5,000, from £161,409 to £166,763, and the rate of interest paid remains at the satisfactory rate of 4 per cent.

If you turn to the Balance Sheet the total assets show an increase over last year of £37,000, and now stand at well over a million pounds. The care of these considerable assets has, of course, been your Directors' constant pre-occupation throughout the year, and it is about these that I feel you would like me to speak in some detail.

You will notice that we have doubled the Reserve Fund to a figure of £30,000. The current values of our Stock Investments are appreciably higher than the values shown in the Balance Sheet, and the reserve may be regarded mainly as against contingencies in respect of our mortgaged properties and freehold ground rents—contingencies which at the moment it is impossible to forecast with exactitude.

As regards the mortgaged properties a certain proportion have suffered damage. To a great extent the War Damage Insurance Act will, ultimately, compensate the owners. In the meantime your Directors are pursuing a policy of granting relief from repayments of capital as far as possible to those unfortunate mortgagors who have suffered damage and who

require such relief. Interest payments must, of course, continue to be made.

It must not be forgotten that this Act—the War Damage Insurance Act—imposes upon Mortgagees a certain proportion of the expense of property insurance. This will, of course, involve some of the Fund's revenue, but at the same time it safeguards our assets.

Certain of our Freehold Ground Rents have also suffered damage. Fortunately Ground Rents as a whole stand in our Accounts at such a figure that we can regard the temporary loss of some rents, accompanied by the surrender of leases, without excessive anxiety. It is indeed our opinion that the inevitable surrender to the Fund of some of these valuable leases will ultimately operate to the advantage of the Fund.

In brief, though we have, as already stated, decided upon the prudent course of increasing substantially the reserve against future contingencies, I am happy to say that despite the hazards of the past year your Directors are satisfied that the assets in the aggregate are thoroughly sound and that the figures in the Balance Sheet are amply covered.

I must, however, repeat the note of warning I sounded last year. It is evident that the investment of all surplus funds in Government Securities bearing rates of interest from 2½ to 3 per cent., the temporary loss of income from some freehold ground rents, coupled with high taxation and the necessity of making adequate provision for unforeseeable contingencies and for post-war reconstruction, must necessarily mean a reduction in the profits earned by the Fund, and in the amounts available for distribution to subscribers by way of reversionary bonuses.

You will notice that this year only £1,000 has been allocated to the Assurance Fund from Subsidiary Businesses in place of the usual £4,000. This must not be taken as indicating that Timber Measuring and our other businesses have had a bad year. On the contrary they have had a very good year. But the Excess Profits tax has eaten into this revenue, and the necessity of building up a sufficient reserve for subsidiary businesses generally against the unknown future has decided us in favour of the prudent course of a relatively low allocation this year.

One other matter. During the year it became necessary to remove from the Custom House in London, all the very valuable deeds and securities in possession of the Fund. Suitable premises have been acquired and all the deeds and records have now been removed thither. With them have gone some members of the Fund staff, but the Secretary and the remainder of the staff remain with Departmental Headquarters. By this arrangement it is hoped that the full services of the Fund will remain available to subscribers, whilst the maximum security practicable is obtained for the Fund's deeds, securities, and records.

The removal of nearly one million pounds worth of documents from London to the country, and their safe bestowal and custody pending the construction of a new strong room, was not without its anxieties. It was no light responsibility. This work was undertaken by one of your Directors—Mr. Geo. Dingley.

It gives me pleasure to pay public tribute to the considerable service thus performed on the Fund's behalf by Mr. Dingley. He personally travelled with the deeds and retained them in his care until they were safely secured. Coming as it did at the end of Mr. Dingley's 31 years as Director of the Fund (the longest, I believe, in the Fund's history), your Directors considered it fitting to vote Mr. Dingley the sum of 100 guineas. I am sure you will approve this action. I have spoken of the end of Mr. Dingley's service as Director. It is perhaps convenient for me to say here that Mr. Dingley has decided not to seek re-election when his term of office expires this year. I am sure you will hear this announcement, as I make it, with sincere regret. We shall miss Mr. Dingley on the Board. His unrivalled experience and shrewd capacity have been of great service to the Fund, and we can all unite in wishing him many years in which to continue a less immediate watch over the Fund's fortunes.

That, Gentlemen, is a brief review of the Fund's activities during one of the most difficult years in its century and a quarter of history. It is a tribute to past good management and the consequent inherent soundness of the Fund that I have been able to present to you to-day a Balance Sheet which exhibits that soundness and indicates also the Fund's steady, healthy and continuous growth.

I must not close without a tribute to the loyal work put in by the staff. I think we may claim that the staff are well treated. They repay that treatment most fully and whole-heartedly. Though reduced in numbers and burdened with a large amount of additional war work, undertaken at the request of certain of the Ministries they have, by working long hours, and sacrificing practically the whole of their leave, been responsible in no small measure for the excellent position shown by the Accounts. I feel sure you will wish me to express to them your very sincere thanks.

Mr. Holland congratulated the Directors on the balance sheet, and said that when he saw that the Directors had doubled the Reserve Fund he felt that they had gone some way towards absorbing some of the profits and passing the bonus next year. He pointed out that, although this would affect subscribers of his age, the passing of a bonus strengthened the Fund and did not constitute a loss to any subscriber under the age of 55. He hoped the bonus would be passed next year. Mr. Holland also paid tribute to Mr. Dingley's long and valued services on the Board.

Dr. Mackie said that when the bonus was passed during the last war it was of great benefit to subscribers, since it was mainly responsible for a succession of high bonuses during succeeding Triennia. He also referred to Mr. Dingley's sterling qualities and welcomed him into the ranks of the retired Directors.

The President said that the question of the bonus next year would receive very careful consideration by the Directors, and subscribers could rest assured that whatever was decided would be in the best interests of the Fund as a whole. He then formally declared Mr. Macrae-Gibson, Mr. Marshall and Sir John Sutton duly elected as Directors.

Mr. Chase then stated that he had decided to withdraw his candidature for Auditor on this occasion in

view of the special difficulties governing postal ballots during the war. He said that his candidature was prompted by a desire that re-elections should not become automatic in Fund affairs and that criticism and new blood were the essence of democratic ways. He thanked his supporters for the help they had so readily offered, and said that he would probably appear again in Fund affairs. He also said that the growth of the Fund during the past 125 years had resulted in a large increase in the Fund's assets, and that he would like the Directors to consider the appointment of a well-known firm of Chartered Accountants as Auditors. He suggested that a professional audit could be combined with a representative audit by the three auditors elected by subscribers.

The President, after declaring Mr. Charles Brown duly elected as Auditor, said that if Mr. Chase's view represented the opinion of subscribers as a whole and was properly expressed at some future meeting as a formal resolution for discussion, the Directors would be only too happy to follow the expressed wishes of subscribers.

Mr. Dingley, in thanking the President and those present for their kind words, said that his long connection with the Fund had been a source of considerable pleasure, and he was only too happy to think the services he had been able to render had been appreciated.

A vote of thanks by Mr. F. V. Ames to the President concluded the proceedings.

CIVIL SERVANTS ON VOLUNTARY A.R.P. DUTIES.

1. It has been agreed that the provision regarding subsistence allowance in paragraph 3 of E.O.C. 432 should be extended; the following rules should be substituted with effect from 1st May, 1941.

2. Subsistence payments should be made only where by reason of A.R.P. duty an officer is necessarily put to more expense in respect of meals than if he had not been on duty. An allowance may be made in respect of the three normal main meals within the following maxima:—

Night Duty: Where both the evening meal and breakfast are necessarily involved, 3s.

Evening or Morning Shifts: Where either the evening meal or breakfast is necessarily involved, 1s. 6d.

Sunday Day Shifts: Where the mid-day meal is necessarily involved, 2s.

Saturday Afternoon Shifts: Where the mid-day meal is necessarily taken away from the normal place, and would not have been so taken but for A.R.P. duty, 1s. 6d.

These allowances may be aggregated where appropriate, e.g., a shift lasting from 10 a.m. Sunday to 10 a.m. Monday will qualify for 5s.

3. No subsistence allowance will be payable in respect of Sunday day duty to an officer who is also doing official work and is eligible for extra pay or time off in respect thereof; nor in respect of a mid-day meal on Saturday to an officer who, by reason of official work, would in any event be taking the meal in or near his place of work that day. In order to meet the convenience of all concerned, Depart-

ments should continue, so far as possible, to use for A.R.P. duty on Saturdays and Sundays those officers who must in any event be present for official purposes.

4. Officers' actual claims may be met within these maxima. They will naturally not be expected to claim in full where their necessary extra expenditure has been considerably below the maxima; on the other hand, it is not intended that claims should be supported by receipted vouchers or subject to meticulous examination. Accordingly, the form of claim which all officers should sign before receiving payment should certify that as a result of A.R.P. duty extra expenditure was necessarily incurred in respect of [breakfast or as the case may be] on [date] and that a total of [Xs.] is claimed. Individual certificates may be dispensed with where a schedule form of claim is found more convenient.

It is the joint intention of the Treasury and the National Staff Side that claims for the maximum allowances may be made and met if extra expenditure approximating to those amounts has been necessarily incurred. They feel that civil servants performing A.R.P. duties would not wish to make a claim on the State without justification, and ought not to be subjected to meticulous enquiries. It is hoped that both claimants and paying officers will observe the spirit of this intention.

5. These rules apply to civil servants doing all types of voluntary A.R.P. work on official premises and all officers doing fire prevention duties, whether voluntarily or compulsorily, under T/C. 2/41.

6. These rules will apply consequentially to duty officers and others who necessarily spend the night at their office for official reasons following a day's work. Home Guard duty in Government offices will continue to be governed by the Home Guard regulations.

7. This circular has been agreed with the National Staff Side and released to them for publication.

Merseyside News

Since the beginning of this year the number of seizures by the various rummage crews has assumed immense proportions and something in the nature of 500 separate seizures have found their way into the King's Warehouse. This figure is truly remarkable, and even allowing for the added rummage strength of the port, the total is reasonably high and offers great encouragement. It would be impossible to detail every case, but here are one or two incidents of note.

On the 21st March, at Dale Street Police Court, Walter Runton was charged with concealing 8 lbs. Cav. tobacco and 1½ lbs. cigarettes. This man was the chief engineer of a Belgian ship from New York. The magistrate, Mr. Stuart Deacon, imposed a fine of £25, the latter being paid. Three pounds of the tobacco were found concealed in a space under the seat of a chair. The remainder of the goods was found in the lining between the ship's side and the back of a wall settee. Good work, eh? The seizing officer was Mr. C. M. Porter, A.P.O. of the Gladstone rummage crew, under Mr. A. E. Burke, P.O.

Following the above proceedings, James Glen, 2nd Engineer of the same ship, was charged with concealing 3 lbs. Cav. tobacco and 7/16 lbs. cigarettes. Glen was fined £9, this being paid. The goods in this instance were found by Mr. W. E. Lewis, A.R., of the Gladstone crew. Glen had elected to be dealt with by a magistrate in lieu of paying T.V.D.

On Tuesday, 25th March, again at Dale Street Police Court, a Norwegian seaman was fined £16 and 10s. 6d. interpreter's fee. Mr. W. H. Parry, C.P.O., conducted the prosecution on behalf of the Crown. The goods, 2,600 (no.) cigarettes, were discovered under tarpaulins in the forepeak of the vessel by Mr. J. Lucey, A.P.O., of the Canada crew, under Mr. J. J. Gallagher, P.O. Thus it can be seen that the struggle between smuggler and Customs officer is very keen. The revenue is being well protected, and princely sums will be the lot of those officers who carried out their tasks so zealously. Let us hope that they will put it to a good purpose, excluding, of course, that awful apparition, income tax.

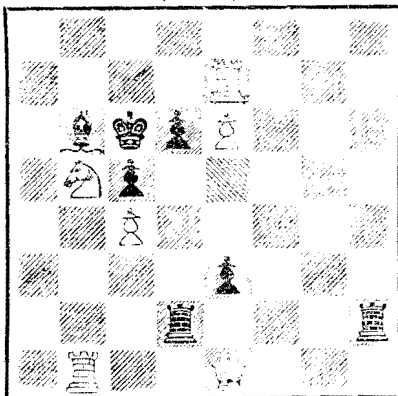
E. G. H.

Preventive Service Sports Club

C H E S S .

PROBLEM No. 236.

(BLACK).



(WHITE).

Mate in two.

Solution to No. 235:—

1. K—B6 K x Kt. 2. B mates.
- Last month's problem should have been No. 235.

CIVIL SERVICE WAR DISTRESS FUND

Sir Horace Wilson has accepted the invitation of the Committee of Management to be President of the Fund, and the Committee has invited Mr. Ewart Llewellyn, Mr. George Chase, Mr. H. Parker and Sir James Rae to be Vice-Presidents. Acceptances have already been received from the three last named.

The Committee of Management have had two meetings and a circular is now being issued to all office representatives about the machinery of operation of the Fund.

When more information is available about just what the Fund proposes to do—and in quite a number of cases has already done—it is hoped that in those offices where the response has not been all that was expected, second thoughts will bring the solid support that has already been forthcoming in many Departments.

Tyne District Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Tyne District, held at the Custom House, N. Shields, on Thursday, April 17th, 1941, was chiefly remarkable for the disgraceful lack of attendance of the P.O. grade. War conditions make this the only District meeting of the year, yet most P.O.s—and many A.P.O.s—cannot find time to attend.

Those who did attend passed the Minutes of the last meeting with the usual air of wondering why they must be read at all but someone must have listened, because there was a little discussion on them. "Election of Officers" was the only business on the Agenda, and we hastened to get it over.

Someone proposed Mr. H. G. Roberts, A.P.O., for chairman, and he accepted, thinking that at least they wouldn't be able to make the chairman District Secretary or Organiser. Mr. H. H. Howland, P.O., was elected Vice-Chairman almost as quickly. Matters had been skilfully arranged to make the meeting feel that election was easy, in the hope that they would rush through the secretarial and organisational—(oh, dear!)—elections in the same way. It didn't work.

In the first place, Mr. Hall, the retiring Organiser, delivered his refusal to continue office in such a vehement manner that blandishment was obviously useless. The Chairman said "Well?" and the members looked away, with the exception of Mr. Moore, A.P.O., who diverted attention from his own capabilities very cleverly by proposing almost everyone else. After everyone had refused, Mr. R. West, A.P.O., accepted, and was elected with indecent haste. Without knowing Mr. West very well, I must say that he strikes me as a man who extracts blood from stones as his lighter pastime.

Of course, we weren't through yet. Nominations were invited for District Secretary. Someone said, "Mr. E. Elliott, A.P.O.," as they have said for the past five or six years, and Mr. Elliott said that he thought it was time someone else had a go at it, as he had said for the past five or six years. The time-honoured sequence then demanded a tolerant guffaw from the meeting, and a little skilful jockeying, after which the Chairman would announce Mr. Elliott re-elected, and Mr. Elliott would look bewildered and wonder where he had slipped up. (It's his mild voice, but we don't tell him.) Surprisingly, the system failed this year.

Some silly ass, from misplaced pity or something, accepted his plea, and proposed Mr. E. Wilkinson, A.P.O.—or did Mr. Elliott do it? The fox! Anyway, as it had to be, we brought a terrific assault to bear on Mr. Wilkinson, who waited, and was duly honoured. Mr. Elliott looked incredulous, but hurled his rough notes at Mr. Wilkinson, not realising, apparently, that the decision was irrevocable.

The rest was easy. Whitley representatives became Mr. G. Hyde, P.O., and Messrs. J. N. Moore, and H. G. Roberts, A.P.O.s. Local Secretaries were found in Messrs. E. Elliott (Newcastle) and R. Hall (Blyth), and a Journal correspondent in Mr. H. G. Roberts.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m., with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman as everyone dashed away.

Great credit is due to the two A.P.O.s who made the journey from Newcastle. Very great credit. I was one.

H. G. R.

Southampton Notes

It's a "gift" this month, although it is a job to know with which item to make a start, as so many have come to our notice since April. Kicking off with news of the boys with the Forces, we have good long distance news of Arnold Bateman, now in Singapore, and of Ron. Greenhalgh, somewhere in South Africa. During April we had a cable from "Greeny," who was based at a spot which is gazetted as a fruit and tobacco growing district (that's a bit of luck, if you like!), and in which ostriches are reared. Wonder if he's doing any spare time stalking? Most of us have done little stalking in the past, but ostriches—! Anyhow, old Ron is in a colourful spot, as half the population are of dusky hue. Nearer home we get news of Joe, somewhere in Scotland. It is not often that Joe takes up the pen, but when he does it is impossible for the reader to remain other than infected by his breezy personality and cheeriness. Joe did not stay long at Rosyth, and maybe by this time he has been able to link up with one or two old colleagues on the West Coast.

Vernon Hannaford, recently seen in the North-West, is now trailing a commission. He was until recently a gunner aboard one of H.M. troopships of familiar title, which he left late in March. We hope he will soon be wearing a "pip."

Geoff. Madeley, now somewhere in Hampshire, has met several old friends recently, and to the boys at home and away he sends his good wishes in company with our other Forces correspondents. Another A.P.O. with the Forces, at present stationed in Hampshire, is H. Johns (Runcorn), and no doubt his colleagues on Merseyside will be glad to know of his well-being. Bill Foot (Liverpool) soon managed to obtain a few days' leave; he was home in April, following his first month in the Navy. Switching over to news from the exiles, we note with particular pleasure that the Bristol Channel boys are still going strong and are as witty as ever. That also applies to the rest, blitzed or unblitzed, and it is a treat to have such good news.

More staff movements occurred in April, and the following ex-Sotonians took up fresh stations. Jack Langford did a cross-country trip to Holyhead, and Greenock had the pleasure of welcoming R. A. Wasp, P.O., W. H. Hackett, P.O., and our former nippy half-back Jimmy Agnew.

If our old friend "Ham" was still in circulation, he would have done a bit of "scratching" since early in 1940 to keep his famous Year Book (Establishment Section) anything like up to date—what? Some of the lads will need to have a good memory later to make sure they go back to the right places.

Several of the exiles have taken every opportunity to improve their golfing abilities, and they are hoping to prove worthy future opponents of our expert, now at Fleetwood, although we fancy that he will also be in good form with the available Wyreside golfing facilities.

Whilst on the topic of sport, here is a news item of one of our former colleagues and sporting personalities. He used to run our Soccer XI in great style, and who can forget his candid comments? We hear

that he does a little "sweeping" now (eleven or bust!) in between "tigering" on a typewriter somewhere North-West. Wish the team could see him in action!

Of recent weeks a few of the lads up North have been able to meet occasionally to compare notes, amongst other activities, and absent colleagues are well remembered at these reunions.

News from Southampton tells of spasmodic air attacks and some hectic nights on duty. The old Watch-house still stands unscathed, but, like one or two of the boys there, it had some uneasy moments in April. We hear that the familiar scrap yard on the Itchen is still collecting stuff thrown out; in this particular case they collected a couple of Nazis. A good place for them!

The fact that additional relieving is now being operated from Soton, will probably save a few bags from being packed, but that will not be any cause for regret, as the words "Oh, to be in England now that April's there" have taken on a new and fuller meaning lately.

No doubt the success of the s.s. "Lorna Doone" early in April, when that vessel destroyed one enemy aircraft, with another "probable," would be acclaimed locally and by those away to whom the vessel was a "regular" in peace-time. Nice work for such a veteran of the Solent!

The recent Post Office innovation of permitting post-cards to be sent by air mail overseas to the Forces, at a nominal charge of threepence, opens up an avenue of correspondence facilities to those not given to letter-writing, and I am sure that news from the boys at home would be welcomed by those abroad, even if conveyed by a few lines on a postcard. Our only overseas address at present is that of Ron Greenhalgh, but there are others now overseas, and their addresses will be appreciated at this end, so that we may maintain regular contact through the new postal service. One suggestion recently adopted was that of sending a card autographed by as many of the exiles as possible.

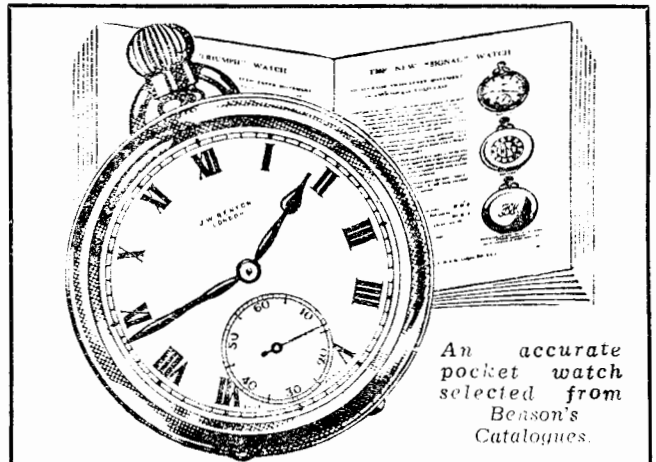
Once again the Income Tax details and memoranda have shown that we are better off than we thought we were, but only until November (!) and in view of this I would like to thank those ports who answered my brief appeal of March.

Writing the word "sports" reminds me of an unusual incident which happened in 1938 in Soton.; maybe you never heard of it. I recalled it recently when I spotted a photograph of the m/y "Corsair" in a nautical magazine. The vessel was in Soton., and was preparing to sail about the same time as a cruise vessel was due to arrive. The lads were studying figures on the crowded quay from a pretty good observation post, when a parcel was quickly transferred from the yacht to a car alongside. One of the lads, Pat Kiely, "hopped in," and the steward of the vessel signed the R. & R. That was some time in the summer. Time passed, and just before Christmas a card arrived at 101 Berth bearing the same signature and with the laconic greeting "Thinking of you!" A good sport, what? Wonder if he is still doing that?

Have you, "over 25," read "The Battle of Britain" yet? It makes one feel like a "Back Room Boy" somehow. What do you think?

Cheerio, Forces!

L. B.



ACCURACY for men who must be on time guaranteed by **BENSONS**

If you are looking for accuracy, whether your preference is for a pocket watch, or a wrist watch, in silver, stainless steel or gold, you cannot do better than to study Benson's watch catalogues.

FREE Catalogues of Pocket Watches, Wrist Watches, Rings, Clocks, Furs, etc., with details of **Special Discount** to C. & E.P.S.A. members and details of monthly payments, on request. Cut out this Advt., underline books wanted, put your name and address below, and post (1d. stamp unsealed) to:—

**J. W. BENSON, LTD. (Dept. "A"),
62 & 64, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.4.**

Name.....

Address.....

..... C. Jnl., May

Cut out this Advt. and post to Benson's.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Bournemouth —DURLEY GRANGE, Private Hotel, Westcliff. Large, sunny garden. Few mins. centre of town, 3 mins. sea. Two floors only. H/c all rooms. Excellent menu. Terms from 2½ gns. Phone 3903.

TORQUAY.—"CHALET ROSE," BABBACOMBE ROAD. Lovely house, own grounds; few yards beach lift. Promenade. H. & c. bedrooms. Excellent cuisine. Moderate terms. Tel. 87935.

RADIO

RADIO BARGAINS. GENUINE OFFER. Brand new 1940 models, makers' sealed cartons, fully guaranteed, at reduced prices; also Portables, Midgets. Send 2½d. stamp for lists.—Radio Bargains, Dept. C.J., 261-3, Lichfield Road, Aston, Birmingham.

AN INTERESTING AND CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF LEISURE-TIME :

Take a Correspondence Course with
HILLCROFT COLLEGE
(for Adult Education)

The following subjects are offered :—

An Approach to Literature

For those with a taste for literature who wish for a clearer understanding of it.

Treaties and Peacemaking, 1919-1939

A study of the last Peace with a view to appreciating the present situation and future possibilities.

Modern Trends in Art

An introduction to the meaning of modern art.

An Elementary German Course

An easy course, though not for complete beginners.

Further particulars from The Secretary, Hillcroft College, The Beeches, Selly Oak Road, Bournville, Birmingham, 30.

CUSTOMS FUND

Life Assurance

£100 to £3,000

to members of the

Customs and Excise Service Only.

Cost of an Insurance for £100 under Table B.

Age 25 ... 3/6 per month

„ 30 ... 4/- „ „

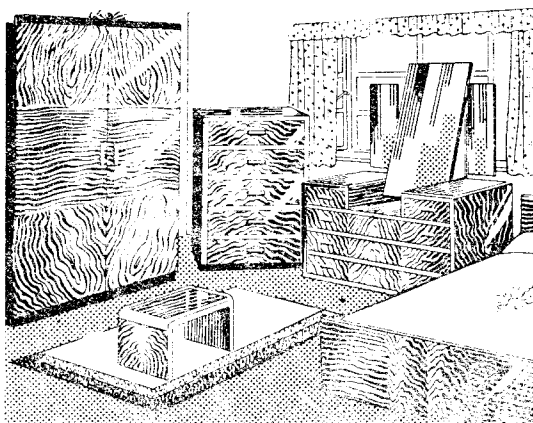
„ 35 ... 4/8 „ „

Premiums are deducted from salary.

For Proposal Forms and Books of Tables apply to :

F. T. G. HARRIS, Secretary,
Customs Fund (Temporary Address) : Beeches, Royston, Herts.

BURTS OFFER YOU



10% FOR CASH **3 3/4% FOR CREDIT**

IN THE BEDROOM. A very handsome Suite, finished in beautiful grey Walnut. The commodious wardrobe is in perfect harmony with the original designed Dressing Table and Chest.

TO CUSTOMS WORKERS

This generous offer is the basis of BURTS homely furnishing scheme. Sound value together with courteous treatment and care shown to customers in bad times, make BURTS the leading Cash and Credit Furnishers. Remember discount can only be allowed if claimed when orders are placed, and prices are subject to market fluctuations, and present-day war-time increases.

3/6 WEEKLY

BURTS WAR ECONOMY TERMS

Weekly	buys	Worth	Weekly	buys	Worth
2/-	£15	£27	3/6	£31	£35
2/6	£19	£31	4/-	£35	£39
3/-	£23	£35	4/6	£39	£43
5/- weekly buys £39 worth.					

TAKE IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LARGE STOCKS, STILL ENTIRELY FREE OF PURCHASE TAX.

OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

BURTS
CHARLES BURT LIMITED

The Great Cash or Credit Furnishers

Registered Office : 175 Regent Street, W.1

Phone REGent 5341

BRIXTON :
374 Brixton Rd., S.W.9
WEMBLEY : 74 High Rd.
HARROW : 318 Station Rd.
EALING :
2-4 New Broadway, W.5
WATFORD : 37 High St.
PECKHAM : 152 Rye Lane
Temporary Office and Showrooms.

POST NOW

Please send me your New CATALOGUE OF FURNITURE.

Name

Address

C.J.