

30 THURSDAY (334—31)

S. Andrew

Court of Directors, 11.30 am.

230 Wyse, Oliver M. Smith + a c b -

530 Ch Ex at Board Rm as to W.K.W. + ^{his} ~~Calder~~ from Washⁿ

DEC. 1 FRIDAY (335—30)

1015 Reasum

190 Tenders Sri R.H. + B.C. afterwards

3 Lord Barnby. Says he was Wool Controller in last War. Knows somehow that I secured Essendon this time: asks if his ^{own} name was considered + if he was turned down. I say that I acted for min of Supply - that they did not favour a wool man - but rather a business man or trader. That several names (+ no Wool Merch^{ts}) were considered, Essendon chosen - Barnby never mentioned. If a wool man had been needed I sh^d. have mentioned Barnby for their consideration.

5.30 Ch Ex at B.R. + Casen + S. B. Force

2 SATURDAY (336—29)

s.r. 7.44, s.s. 3.54

5 Lik

M^r W.K.W. if H. Ph. Garkens,
for an hour: about his staying in
Washⁿ or coming back at once: ~~he~~
she enjoys cruising for the moon!

3 Sunday (337—28)

1st in Advent. ☾ Last Quarter, 8.40 p.m.

30 Days—Jan. 6
60 Days—Feb. 5
90 Days—Mar. 6

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4 MONDAY (338—27)

- 1130 B. Hornsley: future of A-1 Br: I give note to ACB on basis of Economy & maintenance, wh. Bth will consider
- 1215 Glendyne (Nov 28) offer Bruce for Tasmania 1942/4 3½. 99 - or if he insists 3¾ c 100: 1%. Com. sh. place all of it. Papers Mon 14. Carls 14 & 15. Conv. Sat 9 - 16
1. A. D. Jameson - as to cables from Wk W. He will see Doctor & Mr. Whigham today in order to be sure that Wk W's health not in danger and that she keeps quiet in New
- 3 Sir Hugh G. Owen - as to Turkish & Greek Tobacco he shd. let Melville keep in touch discreetly with Bowley for information: none here

5 TUESDAY (339—26)

- 10 Miss S.
- 12 Trenchard: need to shorten the war, a bust. ∴ bomb at once & leave Army & Navy alone while spending on Airforce. He will send memo to explain; very secret: I say he can only change War policy by a different War Cabinet
- 1130 A. R. Wagg H. W. B. will not be interested in Films or film banks & therefore he is glad for partner to succeed Abell on B/Trade Councils
- 230 Wm. Whyte - friendly, again after cooling down from my complaint on July 16. As to Glasgow Corp - he will agitate: I do nothing but if necessary he will give me a hint to move
- 4 Colin Campbell - Farmers needs - LCC appeal by Mr. Lowe: Salances he says no more than comfortable & fully needed for Taxes

6 WEDNESDAY (340—25)

Committee of Treasury, 12. Noon.

- 11 Glendynes: hoping for terms as they appear below.
- 1130 Lewis. Cable to Reading: 3½ 42-44. 99 Commonwealth. 1%.
- 3 Lord Davidson & Eddy, Secretaries; for Balg & B. A. West "proposed ideas of selling Equity of 4 Rways to Ang Govt - agst meal & wheat. As OEN has this question in hand I put Eddy with him (after 2 hours Davidson too) & leave them to discuss
- 4 H. K. Gischen & ACB. We go over C & G assets, valuations & debts - and conclude that in one way or another liquidation inevitable - ACB will arrange re K's estate

7 THURSDAY (341—24)

Court of Directors, 11.30 am.

Parsons

230 Wyse ~~Oliver M. Smith~~ + ACB. general

3 Latham + ES (see 28) hands in a typed Note of basis under which he is willing to accept M^rs Directorship of R Thomas: agrees that we send Note to James, Ludlow, Lillgow + Macdormid also to Greenwood + Levett. And having received their agreement with Note we proceed to his app^t. He accepts our commitment to have a Finance Director in due course

till 3.55

415 Colin Campbell: A Bks meeting this pm.

6. HJW. —→ 6.30 Fergie needs more from Bks for Farmers: wait to hear.

8 FRIDAY (342—23)

1030 A. E. Riddell. 6 Raymond Aldge W.C.I. - for LSPN.

12 T. McKinnick future as Pres B.C.S. avoid business: ? Clear Capital. He sh^d. go Rome + Berlin now. Is he links with U.S. - Future of gold of wh^{ch} US hold. most that mined +
 SA " " " not mined }

1. Mansion H. Nat Savings Lunch till 3.20 (still going on!)

345 Lewis (Commonwealth M^r) as to secret cattle he wishes to send to Reading questioning (after talk with me) wisdom of proposal provisionally agreed with Casey + Bruce by Simon + F.P. to maintain for duration minimum £ funds - incl War Expenditure as well as Com^l-business

S.C. Victoria 5.20

9 SATURDAY (343—22)

s.r. 7.52, s.s. 3.51

10 Sunday (344—21)

2nd in Advent. Grouse Shooting ends

● New Moon, 9.45 p.m.

Kensington 4.13

30 Days—Jan. 13
60 Days—Feb. 12
90 Days—Mar. 13

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11 MONDAY (345—20)
Accession of King George VI, 1936

12 E.R.P. Home fuel Com

3. Sir Edw. Lardner (ex Dom. office) going as High Com^r to Pretoria

5 To Plodge with B.G.C

10 Miss Scarlett

12 TUESDAY (346—19)

12 R.R. Stokes MP Labour to discuss his letter Nov 27 + questions in the House
I decline to give names of C. Treas^r. because 1. Ch. & refused
+ prefers that I follow his lead 2. Responsibility is with
Court or Gov^t. + sh^d. not be saddled on members of C.T.
Wishes to come again: friendly but wrong headed!

230 Mansions House 1st Meeting of Theis Trustees

13 WEDNESDAY (347—18)

Committee of Treasury, 12. Noon.

11 Lord Bicester & Gatto: on to letter to him from Sir Copenhagen of
Anglo-Am Corp: mine of sec² in gold to develop
mines. I give him aide-memoire for lines of answer
(on advice of John Martin)

3. Towns. Goodbye - leaves Friday: seems satisfied. I apologise for
having hardly seen him because at Plodge we have
too much work + no cash + here his objects have
concerned B.G.C. H.A.B. + others than myself

14 THURSDAY (348—17)

King George VI born, 1895

Court of Directors. 11.30 am.

at Pledge 8.40 a.m. with Rulby & John M.
are Hurstbourne 10.30.

at Hurstbourne about 4 pm
are Pledge " 6

15 FRIDAY (349—16)

9.30 Paddington - to see S.B. on 9.45 train

11. Gendyne: Optional Conversions 1940. ? Policy of Cap. Issues Com.
 Ref. to B.C. for Kenneth C.

12. Culliffe - as to G.C. with a.c.b. consider & meet Thurs. 2.30. Privately,
 I ask him to consider his own & family's position - assuming
 he is at the worst and future is uncertain, cent. Safeguard

1.30 Tenders Sir R. Hopkins

3 Sir Wm Firth 1st I begin to be good - or the worse may come to the worst
 2nd with E.S. we agree on Latham as Mr. Sir J. Thomas -
 all necessary meetings to be arranged here by E.S.

6 Oakley, of Com. Pk. of Sydney - about allowance due to EMO by Dr. J. G. J.

16 SATURDAY (350—15)

s.r. 7.59, s.s. 3.51

10.30 Treasurers & then

12.30 Ch. Cross to Tulse Hill
 to see A.E. and L.B. and
 J. Tulse Hill.

17 Sunday (351—14)

3rd in Advent. Ember Week

30 Days—Jan. 20
60 Days—Feb. 19
90 Days—Mar. 20

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18 MONDAY (352—13)

First Quarter, 9.4 p.m.

- 3 Sir Donald Ferguson (Min of Agriculture) C.F. Campbell + E. Fisher
(Ch. man + Dep. Ch. man Cl. H.R. - also some Farmers Assoc.)
Letter to me to Min of Agri (to be first app. in draft by
these 2) stating position, prospects for prices &c 1940-41
wh. show good reason for say £5 p ac proposed on average
B.G.C. J.M. R.N.K. Excessive imports, actual + probable, into S.A. where
they are not playing the game. J.M. to write to Smuts + (in agreement
with R.N.K. and H.C.) to give note to Waterson on Imports & Exchange
- 6 Ch Ex. Board Room esp Balkan (grp. - eg Brand: Terestchenko &c
free of Civil Servants

~~ADWILL~~

19 TUESDAY (353—12)

~~B.G.C. goes~~

- 11 Terestchenko + C.F.C. basis for Balkans: methods: personnel &c &c
- 1130 Sir Wm Firth, J. E. James - Sir James Lithgow, ac Macdiarmid meeting
(in Com Room) informally, as Directors of R. Thomas (Andley ill in bed)
I leave them alone to prepare for their seeing Latham at 230 pm (see 7th)
- 115 Lunch in ante room Firth James Lithgow Macdiarmid plus B.G.C.
H.C. E.B. + self.
- 230 Latham - I take him into Com Room to discuss with 4 above directors =
Several difficulties at intervals - originated by Firth
who once walks out - is brought back & eventually
nominal agreement reached - and at
- 430 Control (over - Greenwood, Lever Firth & E.B. for 1½ hours

20 WEDNESDAY (354—11)

Ember Day

B.G.C. goes away

Committee of Treasury, 12. Noon.

- 1030 Latham: courtesy as regards idony + Firth - all's well that ends well
11. Gordon Munro. M.R.C. Sec
- 2 Oakley, of Com Bd of Sydney (see 15th) % S.M.O. £100 now & on
1st of each month £50 to Joddles: Cable to Sydney K.O.
- 330 Girtin + Coassmaky - Johnson Matthey &c: Letter 5th: serious tax
troubles wh. then will explain to Neville tomorrow
- 430 Butterworth (just back from Wash.) (1) W. W. Whigham (2) Chinese
Consortium: threatened break-up: Th. be avoided: paper
to State Dept.
- big H.J.W. J.S. Belisha. WSM } PAC ? Walsham. (P.J.G. Keynes)
Rugby. Brown }

S. Thomas. Michaelmas Law Sittings end

(21) HK Whigham - back from Wash" (see 4") full talks about differences
Carlyle Gifford " " " + difficulties with Treas.
200 Cunliffe & ACD. (see 15') Reduce quickly acc from over £300 to £150" N
then reconsider whole position. He has outside assets
actual & contingent £200/250" wh he admits are liable for
business and debts - Creditorage & Bank. We are free to
discuss & arrange with HKQ. From now onwards. Also
to require reduction of overheads & scale of payments

($\hookleftarrow$ Buttonworth left an Embassy for Scotland = int telephone)

Ember Day. Shortest Day

12 Tel to Sir John (Gumpbell) - see my green of today about \$ for Imp Exports
120 Discuss Sir Phillips and then with HCS + Bolton as to Controls supply
a demand for \$. He dictates Dft Cable to Lothian
to go to Ch Ex.

30g Sir C Addis. I give him details of Butterworth's request on 20th & consult him privately as ~ friend on steps to be taken. He agrees I see Mq' to fully & if necessary to avoid break up of Consortium, hopes Bk pays privately, thro' Mq' the £550. needed to make up one years Ann Contribution to Hongkong Bk with Thew offered £200

Ember Day

s.r. 8.4, s.s. 3.54

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			<u>are</u>	do.	345

To The Cottage in the garden

4th in Advent

30 Days—Jan. 27
60 Days—Feb. 26
90 Days—Mar. 27

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25 MONDAY (359—6)

Christmas Day (Quarter Day)

The Cottage in the garden m.p.

26 TUESDAY (360—5)

S. Stephen. Bank Holiday

○ Full Moon, 11.28 a.m.

ab. m.p. 230
arr. Midge 345

27 WEDNESDAY (361—4)

S. John

Committee of Treasury, 12. Noon.

- 1045 Catto. (my letter 22nd) Mendham note by Lamont of July 25 + 2 aide
memories of Aug + ask him (with full private information re
all points) to arrange with H.M.C. for Consortium to continue
twelve months + £200 p. by Am^o + £550 provided for them
- 330 AW Kiddy - end of year courtesy
- H L Williams - Daily Mail - general

28 THURSDAY (362—3)

Innocents' Day

Court of Directors, 11.30 am.

- 1215 Latham: before he attends B^d meeting of R Thomas agrees 1st to leave the parties with James before settling down 2nd to get habits of keeping in touch with us here
1. Sir Ch Adhis (see 22nd + Catto letters of 27 & 28) agrees my letter to Catto + Luchin and much approves our contribution of £550
- 220 Wyse, Oliver M. - Smith + a c b
- 315 Colin Campbell (my letter of 23rd) leaves dft answers for himself + Fisher merely for record: notes no complaints by Farmers & asks that par. 4 be tightened & letter sent for Ch Asks meeting on Jan 4.

415 MacDonall + Brousson. (RM & Letter 22nd re Eagle Oil Co) See my green Note of their visit

10 min S

29 FRIDAY (363—2) [Wellley - watch: 3 m Nov 13]

- 1130 Ronald Cross & Keith Bow at MRW. his letter 23rd: Balkan Trading Co. centres round Terestchenko, I maintain + needs Chinaman who will play Ball with him. So I agree to sound R. B.

1130 Tenders Sir R Hopkins

- 315 R H Brand (see above) Balkan Trading Co. see my letter to Cross on answer to his of 23rd

30 SATURDAY (364—1)

s.r. 8.6, s.s. 3.59

31 Sunday (365—0)

1st after Christmas

B & C. here 2nd

(also Tues. Jan 9. D & F)