

The Manager's Message

No doubt we all read accounts in the Press recently of a ship named "Trojan Star" being on fire at sea; also the waterfront strike that has brought the London docks to a standstill.

"So What," you may say, "what has that to do with me, and how does it affect me?"

It so happens that the "Trojan Star" is carrying some very essential parts—catalyst, blowers, acid pumps amongst them—for our new acid plant, and, to date, we do not know the extent of the damage. We do know the fire was in No. 3 Hold where we understand our equipment is stowed, and the ship will be delayed.

Other essential parts are held up at London pending a settlement of the dispute.

This all adds up to the fact that our new acid plant will not be commissioned as was hoped at the end of November, and, at the time of writing, it is anyone's guess just how long will be the delay.

These delays at this late stage when completion was almost in sight, are to say the least most disappointing, and if prolonged could have a serious effect on the superphosphate market.

Good!

NEW TELEPHONES

A FEW TIPS

A few weeks ago saw the end of those archaic contraptions we tried to use as telephones—some were real museum pieces. Often it was quicker to walk than try to use them.

Now it is with some pride that we can pick up a modern automatic set and dial any department on the Works. There's no need any longer to shout into the mouthpiece—speak naturally.

Also, we now have many more outside connections, and this raises another aspect in that the telephone is one of our most effective weapons for creating goodwill—or destroying it. More of us must now, not only consider carefully how and what we say, but also—and this is most important—give some thought to our telephonist, Mrs. Muir.

She must know who is away on business and for how long; what new appointments have been made; who is sick or on holidays; what products each department handles; who is to receive telephone enquiries in each department; what advertisements are appearing, etc.

PICNIC NEWS

If you have not received your family Picnic Tickets by November 10th, see B. Davies at the Cement Plant.

If prepared to lend a hand for a couple of hours or more on Picnic Day, your services will be appreciated. Give the Secretary your name for inclusion on Work Roster.

Make this Picnic a success for the children by lending a hand.

—B. P. D.

The telephone operator was instructing a new girl on her job. "Now, my dear," she corrected. "You say, 'Just a moment, please,' not 'Hang on to your pants, Bud.'"

TAIL PIECE

If an S and an I and an O and a U,
With an X at the end spell Su;
And an E and a Y and an E spell I,
Pray what is a speller to do?
Then if also S and an I and a G
And H E D spell side,
There's nothing much else for a speller
to do

But go and commit sioureyesighed!

—News from the Vine.