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Fancy Half Hose

from 1/6 to 3/11.

BARGAINS.

1 CHARGES ON WEST ARE RAILWAY.

led by Agricultural Committee.

social meeting of the Clare Agricultural Committee recently held regarding the question of freight charges on the West of Ireland G.S.R., the chairman (Mr. J. J. McGrath) and the other members present on the apparent lack of interest of the members and general public on the subject. The secretary (Mr. M. O'Dea) said that the main purpose of the meeting had been discussed in the local newspapers, and that farmers, traders, and any people interested were invited to attend to air their views, but nobody but the members of the committee were present to discuss the subject.

The members present were—Messrs W. C. J. McGrath, H. J. Hunt, and J. J. J. J.

The chairman, referring to the concession Committee had already secured regarding railway rates, said they were satisfied that what had been done, but all the help that had been got from outside was a lot of help even from the members of the committee. The Committee had been saving in the freight of cattle

British coal imports.

It was officially stated on Tuesday that continental coal of equal quality with British is now obtainable at competitive prices, and, for the information of those who are laying in stores of British coal to avoid further tax, it was intimated that the Government has power, if it so desires, to impose Excise duties on stocks of coal.

The inference from this obviously is that if British coal continues to be imported in abnormal quantities, the Government may take action to tax such coal stored here by means of Excise duties. It is recalled that a similar step was taken in the late Budget in respect of tea, of which large stocks had been imported by way of forestalling an increased tax.

THE LATE MR S. F. DICKSON'S ESTATE.

Before Mr Justice Meredith,
In the matter of Dickson's Trusts, Gelston v. Chatterton,

Mr Poole, on behalf of the trustees of the late Samuel Frederick Dickson, who had resided at Mulcair, Barrington's Bridge, Limerick, asked the court to determine the question whether the personal estate of deceased passed to his great-nephew, Robert Charles Dickson Chatterton, or to Margaret E. Chatterton, widow of Robert Smith Chatterton, a nephew. The estate was roughly estimated at £70,000.

Mr Poole explained that the main question for his lordship to decide under the will was whether the personalty was effectually converted into real estate. If it was not, the result would be that Mrs Chatterton would be entitled to the personal estate, but that if, on the other hand, there was an effectual conversion, Mr Chatterton would be entitled to it.

His Lordship held that there had been no effectual change of the property from personalty into realty, and that Mrs Chatterton, widow of the deceased's nephew, was entitled to the personal estate as representative of her son, Allayne Chatterton, deceased.

800,000,000 SHEEP.

In the Empire Marketing Board's wool survey the world's sheep population is estimated at nearly 800,000,000 head, of which about one-third are in the Empire. They produce between 3,500,000,000 lb. and 4,000,000,000 lb. of wool per annum, and of this amount about 1,500,000,000 lb., including much of the best wool in the world, comes from the British Dominions of Australia, the Union of South Africa, and New Zealand.

The survey states that there has been no exceptional increase in the sheep population or the wool production of the world in recent years; indeed between 1928 and 1930 there

there is still a certain amount unpaired, prize-winners concerned are located in remote parts of the world, and have not yet had time to receive and conform to the preliminary instructions which were issued from Dublin a few days after the Derby (says the Press Bulletin of the 29th ult.)

Overseas claims, however, are arriving weekly, and it is anticipated that it will not take much longer to settle the entire number. The prize money is lodged at the Bank in the names of the trustees, and interest accruing is applied in reduction of the expenses of the Sweepstake.

DERBY MEDALLIONS.

The Right Honourable the Earl Granard, Master of the Horse to his Majesty King George V., has accepted the offer of the Hospitals' Trust, Ltd, to present him with the medallion of the horse Diamond Jubilee which was shown in the Plaza during the Derby Draw.

Diamond Jubilee belonged to the late King Edward VII., and won the Derby for his Majesty in 1900. When he was nine years old he was sold to an Argentinian for £30,000.

The medallion of Trigo, which was also to be seen in the Plaza during the Derby draw, has been presented to Mr W. Barnett of Belfast. Trigo won the Derby in 1911. He was, and still is, owned by Mr Barnett, for whom he was bred at Cloghan Stud, Co. Dublin.

NOVEL USES FOR OBSOLETE DRUMS.

In proportion as the Sweeps have grown steel drums of increasing size have had to be provided for the Drawings.

For the first two Sweeps a drum 18ft. long by 4½ft. diameter, with only 10 port holes was used. The further popularity of the Sweeps necessitated a larger drum for the counterfoils, and this was 18ft. long by 6ft. diameter, with 20 port holes. The existing drum, which has been used for three Sweeps, is 22ft. long by 7ft. diameter. Some idea of its capacity may be gained from the fact that it is large enough to hold over 6,000 gallons of water and weighs 7½ tons.

From time to time many uses have been suggested for the obsolete drums. Others have been received from coffee roasters, peanut and popcorn manufacturers as well as cement and paper makers. One enterprising rubber manufacturer wished to purchase the drums for adaptation as can crushers.

The Trust, however, regard these derelict cylinders as historic mementoes, although nothing will induce them to sell them, they are always ready to lend the drums temporarily for special purposes. In this connection they have lent one of the drums to a Dublin newspaper, and it is exhibited in the Exhibition Hall at the Dublin Horse Show grounds with complete electric driving equipment, and will be operated