

CANADA SERIES Cont'd ...

Having 16 boats to look after has been a bit of a handful - considering that the Olympic team will be only 6, but there has been no trouble with any member of the team at all. Everyone is happy and the conditions have generally been to their liking - and of course, there has not been the drama or tension of an Olympic Series. Although the beer consumption has been quite good everyone has been generally sober, we have a few "stubbies" at the 6.30 p.m. team meeting before dinner and they get through about 4 dozen in an hour - which for about 35 drinkers is not bad. The Yacht Club has had very little to do with the Regatta at all and we hardly ever go there.

All for now - my regards to Keith and remember me to the meeting,

John.

(John Parrington - Assistant Manager, Australian Yachting Team - Pre-Olympic regatta)

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For a very few weeks the bell buoy at Semaphore rung is cheery note, but like its predecessor it has again refused duty. The perch on which the birds delighted to sun their wings being insufficiently secured has slipped down on the iron belfry. The clappers are all jammed and the working of the structure on the tumbling wave fails to elicit the faintest tintinnabulation.

Note: "*tintinnabulation*", n. *Tinkling of bells.*

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