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**NEWSPAPER PRESS FUND
RECORD**

2,300 Guineas for a Barrie Manuscript

The Prime Minister and Sir James Barrie were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund at the May Fair Hotel last night.

Major Astor, who presided, announced a gift of £10,000 to the fund.

Sir Herbert Morgan auctioned the original manuscript of Sir James Barrie's "The Twelve Pound Look," which was finally sold for 2,300 guineas to Mr. Gabriel Wells.

A blank canvas presented by Mr. Philip de Laszlo, on which he offered to paint a portrait of the purchaser or his nominee, was knocked down to the Hon. Peter Larkin, High Commissioner for Canada, for 1,100 guineas.

Mr. S. G. Smeed, secretary of the fund, announced that, without considering donations from guests at the dinner, the appeal had realised £27,000, an absolute record for the fund.

It was also announced that the Stock Exchange Mutual Subscription Fund in connection with the Derby had increased their donation to 1,000 guineas.