ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

To cope with the complexity and multiplicity of radio communication and radio navigational equipment now being either commissioned or planned, additional staff has been recruited for the Radio Engineering Section. The additional staff includes two professional radio engineers, Mr. R. C. Davison, M.Sc., who came from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and Mr. A. Hartley, B.Sc., Grad.I.E.E., M.I.R.E., who came from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, London.

Mr. R. J. Dippy, O.B.E., B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., was recently appointed Controller of Telecommunications, and is expected to arrive in August, 1949.

SECTION VIII—AIR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

(a) Internal Scheduled Services

At 31st March, 1949, services were being operated by New Zealand National Airways Corporation over the following routes:—

| Route No. | Route. | Route Miles. | Frequency . |
|--------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Auckland-Dunedin (via Palmerston North, Wellington, and Christchurch) | 719 | Twice daily in each direction, plus one daily return trip Palmerston North – Dunedin, plus one daily return trip Auckland-Wellington. |
| 2 | Dunedin-Invercargill | 107 | Four times daily in each direction. |
| 2 3 | Nelson-Wellington-Blenheim | 168 | Wellington-Nelson five trips daily in each direction; Wellington-Blenheim four trips daily in each direction. |
| 4 | Auckland-Wellington (via New Plymouth and Palmerston North) | 332 | Once daily in each direction. |
| 5 | Auckland-Gisborne (via Tauranga) | 226 | Once daily in each direction, plus one daily return trip Auckland-Gisborne direct. |
| 6 | Gisborne-Wellington (via Napier and Palmerston North) | 226 | Once daily in each direction, plus one daily return trip Wellington-Gisborne direct. |
| 7 | Auckland–Kaitaia (via Whangarei and Kaikohe) | 148 | Twice daily in each direction. |
| 8 | Auckland- Wellington-Christchurch- Dunedin | 703 | One return trip daily Auckland Christ- church. One return trip daily Auck- land-Wellington-Christchurch. One return trip daily Auckland-Wellington- Dunedin. One return trip daily Christchurch-Dunedin. |
| 9 | Wellington-Westport (via Nelson) | 191 | Once daily in each direction. |
| 10 | Westport-Hokitika (via Greymouth) | 78 | Once daily in each direction. |
| 11 | Hokitika-Okuru (via Wataroa-Waiho and Haast) | 135 | One return trip thrice weekly in each direction, plus one return trip thrice weekly Hokitika-Wataroa-Waiho. |
| 12* | Auckland-Wellington (via Rotorua and Hamilton) | 402 | Once daily in each direction. |
| 13 | Auckland - Chatham Islands (via Wellington) | 788 | Not yet placed on regular schedule. |
| | Total route miles | 4,223 | |

^{*} Includes Palmerston North on north-bound trip; route mileage then 414. No services operated on Sundays.