

Throughout the year the Board made use of the best musical talent available in the Dominion, and supplemented this by engaging many eminent artists from overseas. In addition, the Board's library of recordings was added to extensively, and listeners, through this medium, were able to hear the most famous of international artists and musical combinations.

Seventy-six concerts by different musical societies and choirs and performances by 1,277 different local artists were broadcast during the year.

The Board arranged tours of the national stations by many notable artists, including Mr. Lionello Cecil, Mr. Clement Williams, Mr. Percy Grainger, Mr. Walter Kingsley, Miss Gladys Moncrieff, Miss Stella Power, Miss Dorothy Clarke, and the Spivakovsky-Kurtz Trio.

The services of many other artists and combinations touring the Dominion were also secured, Miss Muriel Brunskill, the Viennese Boys' Choir, and Mr. Lloyd Powell being noteworthy examples.

#### *Talks (Educative).*

The interest in the educational talks for schools was fully maintained, and 64,000 booklets were printed and distributed free by the Board to school-children, as against 21,000 in the previous year. There are now 576 schools participating in the service, which has been made possible by the willing co-operation of the Education Department, the Education Boards, the Advisory Committees, and the speakers.

#### *Talks (General).*

With a view to marshalling the best available talent, a Talks Department was created during the year. As a result, many new and capable speakers have been broadcast on a variety of topics. In the coming year it is proposed to take further advantage of the right which the Board now possesses to arrange talks and debates on controversial topics.

Included in the list of speakers heard either direct from the national stations or by rebroadcasts from overseas stations were His Majesty King George V, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, the late Earl Jellicoe, the Right Hon. J. A. Lyons, Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Baden-Powell, the Rev. Dr. Gordon (Ralph Connor), General Evangeline Booth, Dr. Kagawa, the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, Dr. Bertram Thomas, Mr. Paul Harris, Mr. Harold Gatty, Miss Jean Batten, and Miss Helen Twelvetrees.

#### *Plays.*

Two hundred and thirty-nine plays were broadcast during the year. Worthy of special mention were the following: "Trojan Women," "Twelfth Night," "The Skin Game," "How he lied to her Husband," "The Flying Horse Clipper," "The Mary Celeste," and "David Copperfield."

#### *Overseas Rebroadcasts.*

Some of the notable events and speeches broadcast by the Empire Short-wave Station and rebroadcast by the national stations worthy of mention were descriptions of proceedings in connection with the Jubilee of His Majesty King George V; the Aldershot Military Tattoo; speeches at the inaugural luncheon of the Empire Parliamentary Association Conference, London; the Armistice Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London; speeches at the International Labour Conference at Geneva; commentary on the shooting in the final stages of the King's Prize at Bisley; running description of the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree; description of the ceremony of Chaining the Bard at the Welsh Eisteddfod; commentaries on several of the matches played by the New Zealand Representative Rugby Team in Great Britain.

#### *Outside Broadcasts and Sporting Broadcasts.*

Among the many outside broadcasts arranged during the year were relays of the proceedings at a number of official functions in connection with the visit to the Dominion of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester; relay of the civic farewell at Wellington to Lord and Lady Bledisloe, and a description of the scene at the Wellington wharf on the occasion of their departure from New Zealand; description of the ceremony at Parliament Buildings, Wellington, of swearing-in Lord Galway as Governor-General of New Zealand, and the proceedings at civic receptions to Their Excellencies; commentary from the Heretaunga Golf Links on the Golf Test Match, New Zealand *v.* Great Britain.

Sporting broadcasts were many and varied: One hundred and fifteen race meetings were dealt with; commentaries were given on 133 Rugby matches, on 76 wrestling matches, and on 30 boxing bouts. Yacht races were described on thirteen and swimming races on twelve occasions.

#### *Special Services.*

During the year 314 appeals were broadcast for information regarding missing persons or persons required on account of the serious illness of relatives.

Numerous appeals were broadcast for funds for charities and twelve successful public concerts were arranged by the Board's staff in aid of Mayors' Relief Funds.

Reports of wool sales were broadcast frequently for the information of wool-growers, and special weather reports for farmers were given during the lambing and shearing seasons.

Talks on gardening, book reviews, and advice to motorists were given at regular periods throughout the year.

Special attention was devoted to the broadcasting of results on the night of the General Election and the service given was the subject of general commendation.