

## 2YB Opened

### Proposals Outlined

BROADCASTING station 2YB, New Plymouth, was officially opened last night. Its success may be judged from the fact that the general manager of the Broadcasting Company reported from Sumner, Christchurch, that he had perfect reception there.

During the ceremony, Mr. J. Ball, on behalf of the Broadcasting Company, made an announcement which Mr. E. Payne, president of the North Taranaki Radio Society characterised as marking an important milestone in the history of radio in New Zealand. Mr. Ball said 2YB was not intended as a full broadcast service, but rather to fill a gap until such time as something better was available. The greatly desired development was, he believed, in the lap of the very near future. The general manager of the company had visioned a national broadcast system in which there would be in the chief provincial centres throughout the Dominion a chain of efficient relay stations linked with the four main stations. It was to be a veritable model of completeness and efficiency. The general manager had already submitted for the consideration of the Government an outline of the whole scheme. Mr. Ball asked listeners to visualise a scheme of efficient stations at Napier, Hastings, Nelson, Grey-mouth, Timaru, Invercargill, Hamilton, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Palmerston and Gisborne. All these stations would be connected by land lines, so that all would be in touch regardless of atmospheric conditions.

The company's policy was not limited to the technical side, he said, but it intended to work for an improvement of the programmes, and beyond these was a great field of national service of inestimable value to the community. It had been proved that the broadcasting of scientific instruction had enormously increased primary production in other countries. One of the most eminent authorities in the Dominion, Dr. Chilton, was at present engaged in investigating the possibilities of such a service.

### Public Trust Office

THE amount paid out in settlement of new loans for March was £124,864. Further new loans were granted to the amount of £70,045, and the total of new loans now awaiting completion is £380,341, while offers of loans less than the full amounts applied for amount to £85,517—a total of £465,858.

Applications for additional new loans amounting to £256,723 are now under consideration.

Estates of a value of £849,313 were reported and accepted for administration during the month. On March 31, 1928, the total value of the estates under administration was £44,155,548, and the new business for the twelve months ended March 31 last amounted to £7,091,350—an increase of £579,422.

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## An Unqualified Success

### 450-Mile Relay Accomplished

### A Difficult Problem Solved

FACED with the problem of supplying listeners to 1YA with band music the Radio Broadcasting Company Sunday last undertook the stupendous task of relaying 2YA by landline to 1YA. Previous to this the longest relay had been from Wanganui to Wellington, a distance of 125 miles.

To relay over 450 miles was a big undertaking—its success was questioned. But doubts cleared when at approximately 8.30 p.m. Sunday the long relay commenced.

In tuning in to 1YA at about 8.45 it was evident that the venture would be a success. 2YA was being relayed perfectly. In fact were it not for an occasional burst of static there was no telling 1YA from the local, and then the signals had travelled 450 miles by landline and returned 450 by the air. The quality was perfect, and the even timbre of the announcer's voice lost nothing after its long journey. Noises usual to landlines were conspicuous by their absence—it seemed as though a specially-laid line and weeks of preparation had made possible this result—but no, the whole of the arrangements were completed on the shortest notice. A try-out was impossible but the result was a wonderful success and a great tribute to the efficiency of the Department's equipment and to the engineers responsible. The result spoke for itself, and Auckland listeners heard the band concert as though relayed from their own Town Hall.

Now that the trial concert has been successful Auckland listeners can look forward to these weekly relays.

### Application of Relay System.

THE purpose of the Sunday evening rebroadcast by 1YA is, according to Mr. A. R. Harris, general manager of the Radio Broadcasting Company, to test out the possibilities of long distance relays in New Zealand. He visualises the connecting up of all the New Zealand broadcasting stations in this way. As 1YA broadcasts 3YA, 4YA will occasionally relay 3YA programmes, and 3YA will relay 4YA in order to provide extra variety in entertainment, or when the necessary local talent is not available. Mr. Harris states that whenever possible he prefers to encourage local talent, but no doubt the future will see the occasional use of long relay lines in order that the Broadcasting Company can avail itself of talent chosen from New Zealand as a whole.

It is probable that on some future occasion the whole of the four stations will be sending out a Wellington or an Auckland concert—1YA by relay from Wellington (or vice versa), 3YA by rebroadcast of 2YA, and 4YA by relay from 3YA. The rebroadcast of 2YA by 3YA is necessary because there is at present no telephonic connection available for relaying purposes. Mr. Harris points out that while rebroadcasts are at times satisfactory they are technically unreliable owing to ad-

verse atmospheric conditions and that the most efficient and reliable method is by telephonic connection, when such lines are suitable and available for broadcasting purposes.

### News Session from 4YA

COMMENCING from Saturday, May 6, the news session from 4YA will commence at 7 p.m. instead of 7.15, as has been the usual.

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## Signor and Signora Marotta

### Return Concert at 2YA Next Monday

ALL who had the pleasure of hearing Signor and Signora Marotta when they sang for 2YA on March 18 will welcome their return visit on May 6. This will be the last concert performance by these two artists before they leave for Italy.

Both singers were members of the Williamson-Melba Grand Opera Company. Signora Marotta, nee Miss Eva Webb-Jones, who is a New Zealand girl, was trained at the Sydney Conservatorium and was one of nine vocalists chosen by Dame Nellie Melba for the operatic chorus. The great prima donna highly praised her voice. Signora Marotta was a regular performer from the Sydney broadcasting stations.

Signor Marotta was one of the principals of the opera company.

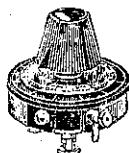
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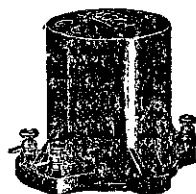
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