

ON Monday evening, May 27, the annual meeting of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington was held in the Dominion Farmers' Institute. The night was bitterly cold, and there were only thirty present. Mr. Byron Brown, president, occupied the chair. A letter was received from Mr. D. G. Wyles, formerly of Wellington, now in Melbourne, thanking the society for its letter of appreciation of his lectures, and undertaking to render any assistance possible in Australia.

Annual Report.

THE hon. secretary, Mr. A. G. H. Laws, read his annual report, which was as follows:—

"During the past year the society has done much good work in the service of listeners. At the present moment there is a general feeling of satisfaction among members in the work of the Broadcasting Co., and the society has had very few complaints or even suggestions to pass on. During the year we have, however, on several occasions agitated for the broadcasting of dinner music, and, as you are aware, this request has now been granted. The society also took an active part in the effort to persuade the Racing Conference to remove its ban on the broadcasting of race meetings, and much correspondence passed in this connection.

"Ten monthly meetings have been held, and a very fine series of lectures and demonstrations given. The following subjects have been dealt with: Various characteristics of receiving valves; short-wave sets; the Browning Drake circuit; all-electric sets; crystal sets; electric power amplifiers; some electric units; and the pentode valve. The thanks of the society are due to Messrs. McCarthy, Fear, Billing, Hardcastle, and Dawson for the provision of these talks.

"The membership of the society stood at 225, but I regret to say that a considerable number of resignations have just been received, while sub-

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Annual General Meeting

scriptions for 1930 are coming in very slowly.

"The average attendance at meetings has of late fallen off somewhat, and the reason for this is thought to be a feeling of apathy brought about by the general satisfaction in the programmes provided by the Radio Broadcasting Co."

A tribute was also paid to the work of the president, Mr. B. Brown.

the broadcast programmes could be still further improved. He had no fault to find with the Broadcasting Company in particular, but he considered that any service essentially a monopoly should be controlled by the State, and if this were brought about, it would ensure a higher standard of progressiveness. If broadcast listening were as popular in New

Radio Licenses Number 37,000

WE have received from the Secretary of the Post Office a statement showing that the total number of radio licenses issued as at April 30 was 37,090. While this represents a gain on the position as at the same period last year, it is still considerably below the position obtaining at the end of March. Frequent announcements have been made over the air, on behalf of the Secretary of the Post Office, to the effect that listeners who are still in possession of radio apparatus capable of receiving, who have not renewed their licenses, are committing a breach of the regulations.

Details of the position are as follow:—

District.	Receiving.	Dealers.	Transmitting, etc.
Auckland	12,515	181	127
Canterbury	6,790	132	65
Otago	2,763	88	39
Wellington	14,008	304	78
	36,076	705	309

The treasurer's report showed a small credit amount in the bank, and the sum of £2 11s. owing to the society, which had no liabilities.

Presidential Address.

THE president, Mr. B. Brown, in his address, expressed the opinion that

Zealand as in Australia, the number of broadcast listening licenses in the Dominion should total 60,000 instead of 42,000 as at present. The wealth of the people of New Zealand was vastly in excess of that in Australia per capita, and yet there was a much higher proportion of listeners in the Commonwealth. He urged that when the existing contract between the Government and the Broadcasting Company expired broadcasting should be taken over by the Government, as was about to be done in Australia or by a semi-Government corporation.

Football Broadcasts.

SOME speakers condemned the practice of announcing "2YA, Wellington," while musical items were being broadcast during the dinner music session. It was contended that the station's call-sign could be announced between items, instead.

A motion was adopted that a request be forwarded to the Broadcasting Com-

pany that the Sunday afternoon musical session be extended till 5 p.m.

The meeting carried a resolution disassociating the society from certain criticisms of the announcing at 2YA, Wellington, which have appeared in the Press. The secretary was instructed to write to the director of 2YA, complimenting the announcer on his work.

Considerable discussion ensued on the subject of broadcasting descriptions of football matches from 2YA every Saturday. By thirteen votes to seven, several present abstaining from voting, the following resolution was adopted: "That this society recommends that the Broadcasting Company abstain from relaying descriptions of football matches from 2YA, Wellington, other than international, inter-colonial, inter-provincial and final of club championships, music to be substituted instead on Saturday afternoons." The secretary made a special appeal for subscriptions.

THE election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted:—President, Mr. Byron Brown; chairman, Mr. J. H. Owen; hon. vice-presidents, the Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, the Mayor (Mr. G. A. Troup), Messrs. P. Fraser, M.P., McKeen, M.P., R. A. Wright, M.P., Chapman, M.P., R. Semple, M.P., S. Kirkcaldie, Captain C. Foster, Messrs. S. Geo. Nathan, D. A. Aiken, Dr. H. E. Gibb, Messrs. C. G. Turner, G. Robertson, Irvine, Fitt, R. Wilberfoss, Hope-Gibbons, H. D. Bennett, Dr. Harty; active vice-presidents, Messrs. W. J. Roche, I. M. Levy, T. Donovan, and Dr. W. S. Robertson; committee, Mrs. Ponman, Messrs. G. W. Morgan, W. A. Glover, W. H. Taylor; hon. secretary, Mr. A. G. H. Laws; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Roche; hon. auditors, Messrs. Henry Kember and Son; technical adviser, Mr. W. M. Dawson.

Static Eliminator

Invitation not Accepted

Our Invercargill correspondent telegraphs us that he has been assured by a reliable authority that the reported invention of a static eliminator by an Invercargill radio enthusiast may be regarded as a pure fiction. The alleged inventor, who claimed to have discovered a means of eliminating static, did not accept the opportunity that was made available to him to thoroughly test out his principle when arrangements to that end were undertaken.

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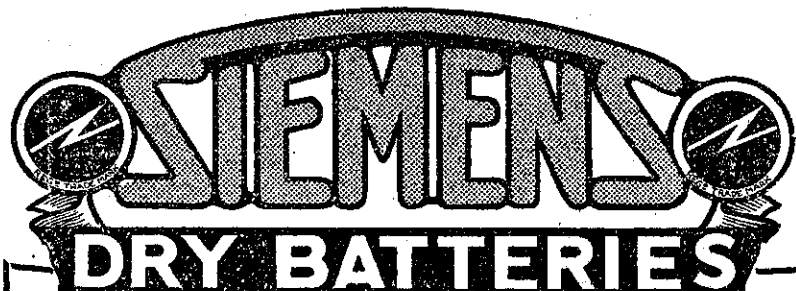
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