

Hawke's Bay Notes

(By "X.Y.Z.")

THINGS are quiet in the local radio world this week, and not many kicks have been heard. Static has been easier, and generally business is reported good. Referring to radio business reminds one that most of the dealers in Hastings are placed in an unfortunate position. Within a certain radius from the local power station only D.C. is used, and according to the borough electrical engineer there is not likely to be any change for at least many years. The majority of dealers are in this D.C. area, the result being that they are not in a position to demonstrate (except elsewhere) the new all electrics which are now flooding the markets. This is undoubtedly a hardship, and must interfere with business.

It was this fact that led to a deputation of dealers to wait on the council this week to see if the position could not be remedied. The dealers even offered to pay the cost of the necessary wiring, but at the time of writing it was not known if they had been successful in their quest or not.

LOCAL radio enthusiasts are looking forward to the big concert to be broadcast on August 22 from Hastings. A great programme has been tentatively arranged, and if it can be clinched one does not hesitate to predict that it will equal anything ever presented in New Zealand. It is hoped to have the programme finally settled next week.

RECEPTION conditions have been up to the usual standard of late, but the position in regard to Wellington is unchanged. The "Australians" are heard at good strength, and a couple of the Japs. have been coming through well.

IN a footnote to last week's notes regarding the delay in the commencement of the R.B. Company's proposed scheme of relay stations, the editor of the "Radio Record" suggested in reply to the statement that the Gov-

Bishop of Ao-te-aroa Parliament Opening Education by Wireless

To Speak from Station
2YA

Descriptive Talk from
2YA

Lectures on Evolution

LISTENERS to 2YA will be interested to learn that His Lordship the Bishop of Ao-te-aroa will speak from 2YA on the evening of Friday, August 9.

An Appreciation

A FRUIT farmer who visited 1YA recently expressed his appreciation thus:—

"As a mark of appreciation for allowing me to inspect the studios a few evenings ago, I am sending a few apples for use at the station, not forgetting 'Cinderella.' Please accept same."

A bag of apples, freight and cartage paid, duly reached 1YA.

ernment was not placing obstacles in the way of the company proceeding, that certain business adjustments, etc., were necessary before any large capital expenditure could be undertaken.

This, of course, is natural, but it does not clear up the position, and listeners up this way would be glad to learn just what is holding up the scheme. Has it been OK'd by the Post and Telegraph Department, or who is responsible for the delay?

The position as we know it up here is that according to the statement made publicly by Mr. Ball, and presumably with the authority of his company heads, the scheme had been put before the Department, and when approved of by the Government would be put into operation by the company. Against this, the Government advises that it will place no obstacles in the way of the company, so it now still looks as if it is up to the R.B.C.

[Business arrangements such as are necessary have not yet been concluded.—Editor.]

At any rate, some information on the point would be welcomed, for under present conditions it is no exaggeration to state that 90 per cent. of the Hastings people who own multi-valve sets (and most of them do), while receiving 2YA perfectly in the afternoon, find evening reception difficult. With a good relay station here, one can imagine licenses up this way doubling in no time.

BY the time these notes are read, the Hawke's Bay Radio Society will have had its June meeting. Mr. J. Lynn was to have lectured on components, symbols, and how to read a circuit diagram, the idea being to give many new members some idea of what is inside their sets. This may develop into a series of lectures, and should prove valuable and interesting.

IN view of the opening of Parliament on Thursday, June 27, and the great interest which will attract thereto on this occasion, Mr. Charles Wheeler's talk on Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock will be listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Wheeler, who has previously given a series of talks on "Parliament from Within," has been a Parliamentary Press correspondent for over twenty years.

"Station P.C."

Mr. Hunt, S.M., Broadcasts

A new radio station came on the air at 10 a.m. to-day (says a recent issue of the Auckland "Star," when Mr. F. K. Hunt, S.M., broadcast fines from "Station P.C.") The listeners-in were those persons who had failed to license their radio sets. There was a complete absence of static, but listeners seemed a little pained when they heard the announcements.

For having unlicensed sets the following were fined:—G. Ross, £3 and costs; G. A. Burns, E. K. Clements, J. B. Ferguson, each £1 10/- and costs; Ruby M. Underdown, £1 and costs.

ON the political and religious problems of the day the Workers' Educational Association has no official attitude. It is not a propagandist organisation; it does not exist to make converts for any creed or belief; it believes that such work should be left to the parties concerned. The W.E.A. wants people to take an interest in all social problems, but it would urge them to base their interest on knowledge. The W.E.A. tries to supply such knowledge. A course of lectures will therefore be delivered from 4YA by Mr. F. S. Turner, M.Sc., of the Otago University, beginning Tuesday, June 25. Mr. Turner invites criticism and questions. It is thus hoped to place this controversial subject on an intellectual basis.

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