

of the Racing Conference a reminder of the company's application, with a request that his letter of March 8 last should be submitted for the consideration of the combined committee. This, presumably, was done, with the result that the application was again rejected. Why?

Why?

"On the pretext that broadcasting plays into the hands of bookmakers?

Surely not, because it is common knowledge that long before radio came into being the bookmakers had instituted a very complete, comprehensive, and efficient intelligence service of their own, by means of which practically every member of the illegal profession in every part of the Dominion is promptly informed of the result of every race, both metropolitan and provincial.

"On the ground that broadcasting interferes with the commercial and industrial occupations of the community?

The terms of the Broadcasting Company's application leaves not the slightest justification for that excuse.

"Because broadcasting is supposed to prejudicially affect the attendance at meetings?

Against any such mere supposition must be placed the substantial decline in the volume of totalisator receipts recorded since broadcasting was banned by the conference.

Then, WHY?

Football Broadcasts

Motion Rescinded

THE monthly general meeting of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington was held on the evening of July 9 at the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church schoolroom. Mr. Byron Brown, president, occupied the chair, and there were about two dozen present.

A resolution was carried at the annual meeting of the society, held in May, asking the Broadcasting Company to discontinue relays by 2YA, Wellington, of descriptions of football matches on Saturday afternoons, other than international, intercolonial, interprovincial and cup final matches. A reply was received from the Broadcasting Company as follows:—"As a result of the general interest which is associated with sporting events, and owing to the fact that Saturday afternoon is practically universally set aside for the playing of sporting fixtures in New Zealand, the company has laid down as a general principle that sporting events, when available, will be broadcast on Saturday afternoons from each of its stations, in place of the customary gramophone concerts. Various sports are held in each centre, but it is impracticable to broadcast them all at the one time, and attention is therefore given to Rugby football unless some other special sporting fixture is available and warrants prior consideration. Our experience is that these sporting broadcasts are of great interest to the majority of our listeners, and we do not propose to curtail them at the present time."

At the June meeting of the society, prior to the above letter having been received from the Broadcasting Com-

pany, Mr. I. M. Levy gave notice of motion as follows:—"That this meeting rescinds the motion regarding the broadcasting of football matches on Saturday afternoons, and in the event of this motion being carried the Broadcasting Company be notified accordingly."

At this month's general meeting the above motion was brought up for consideration, being moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mrs. Ponman.

In moving the resolution Mr. Levy said that it had been the established policy of the society since its inception to prevent that body being used as a cat's paw by any person or persons in forwarding their own likes or dislikes if they were calculated to interfere with the pleasure of a substantial proportion of the general body of listeners, although, in this instance, he did not doubt the good faith of those behind the original motion.

The original motion should not have been accepted, seeing it was contrary to the policy of the society, whose correct attitude should be neutrality. Still, the position was not irretrievable, and

the rescinding motion, if carried, would correct an error committed at the general meeting.

The relaying of football matches every Saturday afternoon, no doubt, had a large number of advocates, and the society had no right to assume the right to ask for any change in such an arrangement, seeing that owing to its limited membership it was anything but representative of the general body of listeners. The society had adopted an unwarranted attitude in this matter. Those who sought to restrict the football relays claimed that they were supported by the majority of listeners.

This was a rather bold claim, as the true wishes of the general body of listeners could not be ascertained without a plebiscite. Personally, the speaker knew that several male patients, including returned soldiers, looked forward eagerly to the Saturday football relays. Supposing, however, that the majority of listeners were in favour of restricting the football relays, had the minority no rights? Those who desired musical programmes had five afternoon musical sessions,

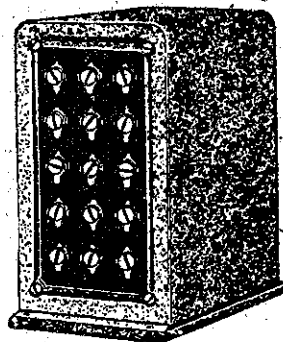
not to mention the six evening sessions. Was it not fair, then, that one afternoon be devoted to football relays, especially as Rugby was New Zealand's national game, and had spread the country's fame far and wide?

The speaker admitted that he had not witnessed one football match during his twenty-six years' residence in New Zealand, and he would much prefer musical items to the football relays, but it would be decidedly selfish on his part to advocate the reduction of football relays. There must be a reasonable amount of give and take with regard to broadcast programmes. The whole matter could not be decided by so unrepresentative a body as the society. Yet the society had done splendid work in the past, and a number of its recommendations had been adopted by the Broadcasting Company.

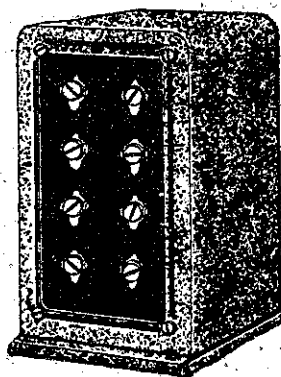
Some mention had been made of the futility of the speaker rescinding the motion seeing that the original motion had already been forwarded to the Broadcasting Company, but it should be remembered that the speaker gave

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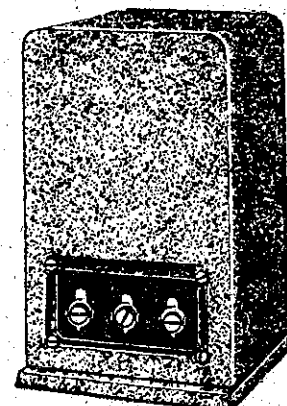
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