

Short-Wave

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7.25 a.m.: "Another foxtrot" announced, quite good compared with recent reception.

This was the only station heard.

Wednesday, July 24.

5SW was first tuned in at 5.40 a.m., when a talk was in progress at R8. Reception the best for some time, except for the morse station on top all the time.

On about 54.5 metres at 6 a.m. music and talk were heard at R2-3. Static fairly bad.

KGO was not quite readable at 6.30 a.m. A man and woman were talking this time. At 6.20 p.m. this Californian short-wave station was R7, was mushy, with a slow fade. Conditions soon improved, the latter part of the programme being well received at R8.9.

VK2ME was heard on 28.5 metres at R9 with gramophone records. Did not hear if he was testing with another station on account of listening to 2BL for All Black result.

Thursday, July 25.

AT 6 a.m. 5SW was R8. Morse QRM again very bad; makes reception impossible.

KGO R2 with music.

A German was heard on about 3.75 metres. An orchestra at 6.15 a.m. was followed by "Achtung," etc., and a long slow talk. This will probably be one of the stations using AFK as the call, as they have one working on 37.65 metres. Reception was excellent at R8.

Friday, July 26.

AT 5.30 a.m. Big Ben was heard from 5SW, followed by conclusion of piano solo; R8. "This is London calling." Fortnightly criticism of new novels by Mr. —. The talk was 100 per cent. readable, being very clear and steady, and at this time free from morse interference. At 5.45 a.m. gramophone records, two negro spirituals, were announced, Columbia record 5194. These were followed by a talk by Mr. McCompy on "Laziness as a Fine Art." At 6.14

a.m. London announced that "All stations will continue with their respective programmes." A concert from the studio (London) followed. Up till 6.35 a.m. reception was excellent at good strength; from this time till I closed down at 7.30 a.m. the morse station was a nuisance.

PCF commenced at 5.38 a.m. at R8.9, and continued till 7.30 a.m. Reception excellent except for slight slow fade.

AFK was again heard on 37.65 metres. At 5.40 a.m. a lady was singing. This was followed by "Achtung" and talk, R5-6. Modulation was good. 54 metres (about), music and talk was just audible.

PCK, Kootwijk, at 9 p.m. was heard on 16.3 metres calling "Hullo, here is PCK, Kootwijk," followed by duplex telephony.

20.2 metres (about) a lady was heard talking in a foreign language.

Broadcast from 5SW

YOUR correspondent, "H.R.P.," was certainly unfortunate in that he did not "listen in" to the rebroadcast of 5SW by KGO, on the occasion of the King's thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey. Just previous to the rebroadcast, to which we were expecting to hear from Wellington, we switched over, to find which stations were "on the air." We were indeed surprised to hear the announcer of KGO say he was about to rebroadcast from 5SW, the Abbey service. In fact, it took some believing that this was America to which we were listening, there being practically no static, and occasional fading was all the trouble we experienced. The Abbey service came through beautifully. In hopes that one of the New Zealand stations might be rebroadcasting as successfully, we switched back to them, but the fact that we were soon back at KGO, tells its own tale. However, I think "K.R.P." is incorrect in his supposition that the description of Westminster Abbey came from 5SW, this being from KGO.—"Listener In," Blenheim.

Stations to Identify Reception in Oamaru

COULD anyone give any information on the following stations:—

(1) I picked up at 3.40 p.m., May 21, on about 29 metres, giving "Word list No. 20" and gave call which sounded like "WMA" or "WMK," strength R6 at QSA4.

(2) Station (German) picked up at 9 a.m., July 10, transmitting music, chiefly dance music, and gave wave as 24.5 metres, with call sign which sounded like "DXI" of some "Telephone Company." Strength R7-8 at QSA5.

Short-wave reception here at Oamaru has been very good of late, with all usual stations coming through at very good volume. There seems to be quite a number of stations testing on duplex telephony, and 2ME has been carrying out tests with CJA, Drummondville, Canada, lately.

WSXAL has been heard on 49 metres at quite good strength about 4.30-5 p.m.

Interference

Are Power Boards Liable?

An interesting discussion so far as radio enthusiasts are concerned took place at the recent conference of Electric Power Board and Supply Authorities' Association of New Zealand, which was held in Wellington on July 26.

Mr. A. C. Russell (chairman of the Central Hawke's Bay Power Board) moved: "That in view of the demands that are being made upon the Power Boards to correct minor faults in the interests of listeners-in, this conference is of the opinion that some portion of the license fees should be allocated to Power Boards." In speaking to the remit, Mr. Russell stated that in his board's area constant complaints were being received from listeners-in, to the effect that very poor results were being received, due in the opinion of complainants to the Power Board lines interfering with the reception. It was costing the board a considerable sum in endeavouring to locate alleged troubles. He would be glad to have the experience of other boards.

Mr. W. B. Galbraith (Otago Power Board) seconded the remit.

Mr. W. A. Waters (engineer to the Manawatu-Oroua Power Board) said that he had found that 95 per cent. of the complaints lodged by listeners-in had proved to be due to defects in the listeners' own radio plants. His board did not now deal with complaints unless a competent radio dealer certified that the fault was due to Power Board lines.

Mr. Hutton (engineer to the Southland Board) advised that his board refused to accept the burden of radio complaints. If a complaint were received he asked that it be definitely stated where the fault was.

Mr. Morrison (engineer to the South Canterbury Board) stated that on one occasion he had received from the telegraph engineer over 50 complaints alleging that the Power Board lines were interfering with reception. He had asked the Department to specifically state where and what the fault was. That settled the matter and nothing further was heard of it.

Other delegates deprecated Power Boards taking any responsibility.

Mr. Russell expressed thanks for the full discussion given to his remit. It was simply put in in order that all information possible be obtained. It was plain that Power Boards did not accept the burden of responsibility. As his object had been attained he would withdraw the Central Hawke's Bay remit.

A Children's Jaunt

GREAT excitement prevailed at the Children's Home in Buckland Road one sunny morning last week, when Peter Pan and Cinderella arrived and invited as many children as the car would hold to go for a drive. What a jolly time to get faces washed and clothing changed! Meanwhile the rest of the children were having dinner, so Peter Pan and Cinderella made themselves useful serving out the tapioca puddings. The children were taken to many of the beautiful gardens and parks about Auckland, and reluctantly returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed their little jaunt.

The climax of the day arrived, however, when another member of the Radio Family invited Cinderella to be godmother to her two kittens. The question now is, "Could Cinderella present the kittens with silver mugs?"

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