

DX Notes

Some Queries.

IN reply to K. Dixon (Kelburn), the station you undoubtedly heard on the night you mention was 2UE, Sydney. This station has been powerful lately, almost as strong as 2FC, and broadcast the programme you mention. In regard to the controversy about the Japs, JOAK is the station which overlaps with 4QG. I have had him every night for over a month and heard him announce scores of times; he distinctly says JOAK at the close of his announcements and has been heard by dozens of people in my house at different times; the other Japs are weaker. JOHK, just below 2BL, is the next best.

Can anyone inform me of results with a Mullard Master 4? H.F. is S.G., two P.M.3's and last stage P.M.4 on short wave. I get perfect results on the broadcast band, but so far have only been able to get two short-wavers, PCJ on good speaker strength and 2ME very loud. I have only been able to get these once each about a week apart, and being new to short wave think it may be my own fault. On the broadcast band I have got on good speaker strength three Japs, JOAK, JOHK and JOACK, and 13 Australians, 2BL, 2FC, 2GB, 2UE, 2KY, 5CL, 7ZL, 4QG, 2UZ, 3AR, 3LO, 3KO, 2ZM, 2YB, 2ZF, 3ZC, 1ZB, and 4ZL. So there is nothing wrong with the set, but on the short wave I can get nothing but morse. Can any DX'S help me? What time do the best short-wave stations transmit?—E. W. Anglesey (Tadmor, Nelson).

[The "Radio Listeners' Guide" has a good list of short-wave stations and times; also see Mr. Sellens's notes weekly.—Ed.]

Japanese Stations.

HAVING received verification from two stations, I thought there might be some information that would interest short-wave listeners. RFM has now changed its call to RA97 and operates on 70.2 metres. Government Telegraph and Telephones, Banoing, Java, state that they operate the following phone stations: PMB, on 14.5 metres; PLE, on 15.74 metres; PLF, on 16.8 metres; PLG, on 18.88 metres; PLR, on 28.88 or 37 metres; PMY, on 67 metres. Hours

of transmission to Holland between 640 and 1610, G.M.T., daily, except Sundays and holidays.—A. D. Rogers (Newtown).

Mr. Ellis Wins.

MY log totals 81 stations, but I have verified 26 only, so that Mr. Ellis is an easy winner. The frequency of W1XG is 1060 kcs, or 283 metres, just between 2KY and KNX. My letter should also have read, "With the exception of 2ZQ, etc., all my verifications are American. I logged 2ZD, Masterton, last week. I had heard it before, but thought it was 2ZQ working on a higher wave. Strength was good speaker.—Kanspanka.

A New American.

TO-NIGHT, September 11, another American station was added to my log, of the broadcast band, it being KZGA, California. Was first heard at 6.45 p.m.; the announcer stated the station was owned and operated by the Standard Oil Company of Los Angeles, California. He gave his wavelength as 332.1 metres. There was approximately only one kilocycle separation from the R.B.C. station 1YA, 333 metres, so it took a little careful operation. A new shortwaver was heard on Saturday, September 7. Another G.E.C. station, call 2XAB, approximately 33 metres wave. This was evidently a test transmission because of station continuing on well after 2XAF and 2XAD closed down. Strength of station was on a par with 2XAF. Station KZGA is not listed in my latest call book, evidently a new one.—A. P. Morrison (Brooklyn).

KPO's Wavelength.

THE answer to "Puzzled" (Masterton) inquiring as to KPO wavelength and station heard on 368 metres, on consulting latest list of Pacific Coast American stations just to hand (dated August 10), it gives KPO 680 kilocycles or else 440.9 metres. Station heard on 368 metres is KFQZ. I logged in this American on September 1 at phone strength. 250 watts, and closed down at 8.30 p.m. Now, DX listeners, keep the competition going, and very pleased to see my list lowered. Carry on.—S. Ellis, Okato.

Mailbag

A Newchum Howler.

CAN anything be done to muzzle a newchum howler who has just been inflicting himself upon the residents of this locality? Obviously some beginner has purchased a set, and is reveling in the novelty of radio for the first time. Unfortunately his capacity to handle the instrument is not equal to his enthusiasm, and the result is that we more experienced listeners, after a period of comfortable reception for some time past are suffering from a weird outburst of shrieks, howls, and maniacal noises that are no credit to this newcomer. Presumably they are occasioned by a complete novice, who has yet to learn how to really appreciate radio. Could not some instruction be given over the air for persons of this kind?—"Brougham Street."

Radio Announcing.

IN reference to "Lux Cum Amore's" letter entitled "Radio Announcing," in your last issue of the "Record," I most heartily disagree with him and his views of 2YA's announcer. In my opinion he is the best announcer I have heard and his closing "Good-night" at the end of the evening's entertainment is really the "topping off" of the programme. I place the announcers this way. 2YA first, WENR second, 2BL third, etc. The English announcing is very commonplace. At least, it is from 5SW. Also I think it is very good of 1YA to "go on the air" on their silent night to broadcast boxing. This is very enjoyable as I like listening to a good description of boxing. It was also very good of 2YA to stay on the air as it did on Saturday night to give the results of the Schneider Trophy contest. I consider my 30s. well spent. Including batteries and license my set costs me about £6 a year to run, which is very cheap entertainment. I know quite a number of people whose expenses run in to from £10 to £20 a year, and they consider they are getting their money's worth. I think listeners have a lot to thank the company for.—Fred J. Martin (Pahiatua).

Blame and Praise.

IN the past 2YA has had many notable relays and rebroadcasts, and they have been greatly appreciated; but the wrestling contest relay on Monday night was, in our opinion, absolutely spoilt. We greatly appreciated 2YA's extra "stunt" of staying on the air till 3.30 Sunday morning to give the results of the Schneider Cup race. I tuned in to 2FC, Sydney—they were rebroadcasting DSW—and we could hear the planes roaring between the static. Mr. Announcer's "Good-morning, everybody" at 3.30 a.m. was as bright and cheerful as his famous friendly good-night.—"Robpuni."

Broadcasting in Canada

Proposals of Commission

THE report of the Commission which was appointed to investigate the question of establishing a satisfactory broadcasting system in Canada has now been presented. According to Press cabled information, the recommendation is that a comprehensive system should be established and be operated by a Government-owned company, comprising three representatives in the Dominion of Canada and one from each of the nine provinces. It is proposed to service Canada by seven super stations of 50,000 watts each, at an estimated cost of £700,000. For this figure a very strong series of stations should be available. The proposal is that each licensed listener shall contribute the sum of 12s. per annum, which is calculated to yield £200,000 annually. Direct advertising and sponsored musical programmes are expected to return a similar amount, and a grant from the Government of up to £200,000 annually is relied upon to meet the annual operating cost, which is estimated to be £500,000 sterling annually.

The present owners of stations will be recompensed when the plants are taken over or dismantled.

The report will require the detailed consideration of Cabinet before it is finally adopted, as of course important legislation will be involved if the proposal is proceeded with on the basis advanced.

As a preliminary to the presentation of this report, the Canadian Radio Commission paid a visit to Britain, where it fully investigated the system initiated and operated by the British Broadcasting Corporation. The report is obviously based upon the procedure of the B.B.C., with various adaptations to Canadian circumstances. Canada has only nine millions of a population, compared with Britain's forty-five millions, so that her initial revenue from listeners is much less. Further, the areas to be served in Canada are so vastly greater than high-powered stations at wide distances are required to serve the population and give adequate coverage. In addition, by reason of her proximity to the United States, many Canadian radio enthusiasts have been able to derive entertainment from American stations which are operating entirely without cost to the listener.

The report is an interesting testimony to the importance of radio as a social service. It illustrates, too, the need for each country adapting the conditions of service to its own requirements. The fate of the present report at the hands of the Canadian Government will be awaited with interest.

Railway Parcels Traffic

Convenient "Cash on Delivery" System

THE "Cash on Delivery" system for railway parcels traffic simplifies business for buyer and seller. The sender simply requests the railway to collect the cost of the article from the addressee on delivery. The railway then refunds to the sender the value of the goods.

The system helps business to function easily. It has the big advantage for both seller and buyer that payment is made before delivery takes place.

Full particulars from any Stationmaster, Business Agent, or District Manager.

Burgess Batteries are used in all big events.

Why?

**BURGESS
RADIO
BATTERIES**

More Burgess Batteries are sold in New Zealand than any other.

Why?