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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Exhibition in Auckland proved, as was anticipated, a distinct success. This outcome cannot but be satisfactory to the committee responsible for the arrangements. The attendance of the public was good, without quite meeting perhaps the fullest expectations of the most optimistic, and the trade derived from that attendance was also encouraging. Not only have sales been made as a direct result from the Exhibition, but a foundation of interesting prospects built up which will certainly be consummated in more sales in the near future. The experience gained is of value to the whole trade, and is likely, we think, to lead to the establishment of a radio exhibition as a permanent feature of trade activity in the northern city. A similar success may confidently be looked for in the case of the Christchurch Exhibition, which will be a feature of Carnival Week. There, too, an active committee of the trade concerned has arrangements well in hand, and with the co-ordination and co-operation of the Radio Broadcasting Company, will stage a show interesting in every way to listener and prospect. Functions such as these definitely stimulate interest in radio, and more than that, lead to a very desirable degree of co-operation between the traders and other participants in the broadcasting service, such as the Radio Broadcasting Company and the radio newspaper Press. With a total of 50,000 licensed listeners in prospect, the future is bright for a steady expansion.

AS we write, the thoughts of the more reflective and interested listeners are becoming focused upon the rebroadcast by 5SW of the Armistice Day celebrations in London. For several years now it has been the practice of the British Broadcasting Corporation to utilise 5SW for broadcasting to the world a relay of this impressive service. In this, the most distant Dominion of all, that event, incomplete although it might be by reason of remoteness and a technique not yet perfect, has come to rank as one of the features of the broadcasting year. This is because of its intimate association with the War and the life of the whole Empire. The ceremony has a sentimental value far exceeding the actual radio significance of the event. It presents an opportunity for the linking of the overseas Dominions with the Motherland in the celebration of an event of outstanding national importance. No memories are so vital and soul-stirring as those occasioned by the celebration of Armistice Day.

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## SYDAL IS A REAL BARGAIN.

It is pretty generally admitted that all ladies are pleased with a bargain. They will leave home early to attend the opening of a sale, but, alas, they sometimes miss the bargain. Now, a sure way of getting a real bargain is to buy a jar of Sydal. It will be a blessing to the whole household.

It is an occasion when the perpetuation of the two-minute silence unites the whole Empire in a common bond. In the development of that sentiment radio plays its distinctive part; in fact, without radio the occasion would lack some part of the value that does now attach to it. With the close co-operation of all overseas broadcasting stations within range of 5SW, the atmosphere of the service before the London Cenotaph is diffused over all the British Dominions. Ere these words appear in print the occasion will have passed, but whether conditions are good or ill, the fullest effort will be made to enable New Zealand listeners to join with their brethren overseas in attending in spirit at the ceremony at the Cenotaph and paying tribute to those who fought and fell in the War, and laid the foundation for that sad but triumphant Armistice.

## Little-Known Birds

HOW many people know anything about the takahe? Very few do, yet it is a most interesting bird. It will be the subject of a talk by Mr. Alec O'Donoghue, N.Z. Inst., R.A.O.U., at 3YA on Friday, November 22. Mr. O'Donoghue, who is announcer at 3YA, has made a life study of natural history, and he proposes to give a series of talks on some of the quaint birds of New Zealand. His first lecture will be concerning the takahe.

## "Mr. and Mrs. Uncle John"

ALL who know Uncle John, of 3YA, will be interested in the news that he recently joined the ranks of the benedicts. On the day of the wedding he and his wife greatly appreciated a telegram he received from Aunt Pat, addressed "Mr. and Mrs. Uncle John," conveying felicitations and welcoming them both to 3YA radio circles. Uncle John, as he has been known in radio circles for a year past, is in private life Mr. E. J. Ward. His bride was Miss Muriel Brewins.

## 3YA Orchestral Octet

### Next Week's Programme

THE 3YA Studio Instrumental Octet under Mr. Harold Beck has been broadcasting some very attractive programmes, but none more so than those which are scheduled for next week. Mr. Beck is, as usual, very happy in his selection of orchestral numbers.

Of special interest on Thursday evening will be the rendition of Gustav Holst's "St. Paul's Suite." This consists of:—

- I. Jig.
- II. Ostinato.
- III. Intermezzo.
- IV. Finale (The Dargason).

Two hundred and fifty years ago Purcell wrote his "Dido and Aeneas" for the pupils of a ladies' school. In 1906 Holst composed the "St. Paul's Suite" for the string orchestra at the St. Paul's School, of which he was then music master.

I. The first and last movements are typically English in their stirring rhythmic dance-like tunes. It is especially rich and varied.

II. The Ostinato is characteristic and original, noteworthy for its curious and rhythmical effect of diverse accent.

III. The Intermezzo contains a very lyrical and beautiful melody for solo violin, which is twice temporarily dispelled by a vigorous vivace, after which we return to the quiet beauty of the former melody scored for string quartet.

IV. The finale opens with a bright lilting tune for the violins, and is subsequently expounded by each instrument in turn. In the middle, note the old tune "Green Sleeves," which flows along in happy counterpoint with the opening theme. It is naturally fresh and joyous.

## Leckie v. Donovan

### Boxing Relay from Ashburton

ON Friday, November 22, Hector Leckie is to meet Donovan in a return match at Ashburton. Donovan has had a rapid rise to prominence as a boxer, and some weeks ago was credited with a k.o. decision over Leckie.

The Dunedin boxer has a fixed conviction that he can reverse this decision, and a return match is to be staged in Ashburton, where Leckie has gathered laurels before and where he stands very high in popularity among boxing fans. A large number of enthusiasts will travel from Christchurch to witness the match.

## Melbourne Cup

### Successful Rebroadcasts

THE rebroadcast by the four New Zealand stations of the running description of the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, November 5, was listened to by many thousands of people. Special arrangements had been made between the Broadcasting Company and Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., for the transmission through the Sydney short-wave station 2ME of a description of the classic field event, in which several New Zealand horses ran and were placed. This description was relayed by landline from Melbourne to Sydney, and the New Zealand stations picked up and rebroadcast 2ME.