## AUCKLAND NOTES.

## More Than 100 Workmen on the Job

Building of 1YA's New Studios in Auckland Being Pushed Ahead-Former G.O.C. of N.Z. Forces to Speak From 1YA - Girls' Mouth Organ Band Broadcasting From 1ZB.

workmen-electricans. plumbers, bricklayers and car-penters—are working hard in Short-land Street on the building for the board's new 1YA studios and offices. The outside has been completed, and work is now progressing well in the studios and offices, which are rapidly taking shape. The air-conditioning plant has already been installed in the basement, and very shortly a start will be made with the fitting of the studios. For the building at Henderson, some of the transmitting gear has already arrived from Australia, and a start



will be made to install the transmitter in a week's time. The erection of the 500ft, aerial mast has begun, and it has already been built to a height of 200 feet. This mast is of latticed steel, triangular in section.

GENERAL SIR ALEXANDER GOD-LEY, who is at present spending a holiday in New Zealand and is in Auckland, should be listened to with much interest, particularly by the many soldiers who fought under him during the war, when he speaks from 1YA. "Alec," as he was popularly called by diggers during the war, will be remembered as the G.O.C. of the New Zealand Forces from 1910 to 1914 and, later, for the whole duration of the war, he was the commander of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. Later, he was commander-in-chief of the British Armies of the Rhine and at Gibraltar. The Mayor and citizens of Auckland accorded him a civic reception or his arrival in Auckland.

THE latest radio novelty in Auckland is a girls' mouth-organ band. which last week made its first appearance at 1ZB. The girls, who performed very well, are to be heard again from this station.

HOLDING that no person, other than the defendant charged with the offence, can make an admission, Mr Wyvern Wilson, S.M., dismissed a charge of operating an unlicensed set. in the Auckland Police Court last Friday. The radio inspector, in evidence. said that he did not interview the man charged, but another person who was in the house when he called.

VERY little is heard these days about town-planning, which the Govern-ment took up very enthusiastically a few years ago. A talk on this subject is to be given from 1YA during the W.E.A. session at 7.40 on Thursday next.

## Special N.Z. Session

## Australian Station's Friday Feature

A DVICE has been received from Sydney this week that Station 2UW has begun a special New Zealand session on Friday evenings. This is being broadcast at 11.15 p.m. (New Zealand Summer Time) and its primary object will be to answer and ac-knowledge mail from New Zealand listeners. At the same time opportunity will be given Mr. L. J. Schmitt, New Zealand Government and Tourist Trade Commissioner in Sydney, to give a five or ten-minutes talk on the attractions of this Dominion. Opportunity will also be given distin-guished New Zealand visitors to Sydney to give a few minutes' talk from time to time from this progressive B station.

A FTER an extended visit to England. Mr. L. R. C. Macfarlane, of North Canterbury, a member of the New Zealand Broadcasting Board, returned to the Dominion by the Rangitiki, which reached Auckland on Wednesday. During his tour, Mr. Macfarlane took a great interest in all radio broadcasting developments and systems, and he should be in a position to impart much valuable information to the board. A fellow-passenger on the same vessel on the voyage was General Sir Alexander Godley, the famous soldier. With an eye to business, Mr. Macfarlane en-gaged the general to deliver a talk from 1YA and then radioed the station director at Auckland instructing him to arrange for this broadcast.

A UCKLAND radio dealers reported excellent business last week. No doubt the many matters of world-wide interest broadcast by Australian stations, particularly the centenary air near and other thans connected with race and other items connected with the centenary celebrations and the tour of the Duke of Gloucester, had something to do with the increase in sales of radio sets.

THE young man who ingeniously obtained four radio sets of a total value of £72/16/- from two Auckland firms and then disappeared after they had been delivered to him at a boardinghouse, was caught by the police a week or so ago and appeared in the Auckland Police Court last week on seven charges of theft and another of converting a motor-car to his own use. Fortunately for the radio dealers, the sets were recovered in fairly good condition, so their loss will be small. Accused was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.

REMEMBERED for his fine talks on tennis from the YA stations about a year ago when he was last in New Zealand, F. J. Perry, the world's tennis champion, is due to arrive at Auckland on Friday, November 2, from America. Once again 1YA has shown enterprise, for it has already made arrangements



with Perry for him to broadcast a talk on tennis and his recent doings, at 9 p.m. on November 5. Since he was last here, Perry has won the British and American championships, while he was also captain of the victorious English team which again won the coveted Davis Cup, so his talk should be more than interesting.

WE in England are the most retrograde in respect of reconstruction of all the European countries except France.—Sir George Young.

ARCHITECTS and organists have tended to regard each other as natural enemies.—Mr. S. E. Dykes

MY grandfather, Granville Proby, third Earl of Carysfort, was the midshipman who was sent to try to save the French boy Casabianca from the burning deck .- Mary Lady Tollemache.

F the one good thing that Joe could do for humanity was to show what happens to the worst criminals perhaps I ought not to grieve so much after all, though he was my son.—Dillinger's father.