

CANTERBURY NOTES.

Scott's Radio Call Heard In N.Z.

Christchurch Man Picks Up Radio Conversation Between Airman in Melbourne and Film Company in London—Broadcast From Beneath the Waitaki River—Community Singing Season Ends.

MR. A. E. H. SIMPSON, vice-president of the Radio Institute in Christchurch, was testing the development of a dual short-wave receiver at his home in St. Albans, Christchurch, last Wednesday evening, when he tuned in to a two-way conversation between Melbourne and London. This was between C. W. A. Scott and T. Campbell-Black and the Gaumont British News Reel Company in London, and the transmission from both sides was taken over the regular radio telephone channels. The dual short-wave receiver is a recent development of wireless.

SCOTT gave a lengthy and interesting review of the flight, saying that the greatest thrill of the whole experience was when he landed in Melbourne and later received a cablegram from the King. The whole of the transmission was arranged from the studios of 3DB Melbourne, the speech from London was remarkably clear and steady, and the Australian transmitter, VK3ME, was at its usual strength, very strong and clear. Miss Jean Batten said a few words which were recorded, and Wing-Commander Cole (popularly known as "King Cole" among the aviators) gave a perfect description of the landing of Scott and Campbell Black, and said that their welcome was stupendous. Conditions for reception were perfect, there being no sign of fading or static.

A DRAMATIC presentation is scheduled from 3YA on Wednesday, November 14. "To be Unlucky at Cards is to be Lucky in Love" is the

title, and the item will be of 15 minutes' duration, starting at 9.3. This precedes the presentation of a one-act play entitled "The Devil in the Manuscript."

LATE PROGRAMME AMENDMENT

3YA, November 9

The following items have been added to the programme for station 3YA Christchurch, for Friday, November 9, which will be found on page 51:—

12.30 p.m.: Relay of His Excellency the Governor-General's speech at the Agricultural and Pastoral Association's luncheon at Addington.

1.30 (approx.): Relay from Addington Show Grounds, a description of the Grand Parade.

a radio version from "Twice Told Tales" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, adapted by Charles Tazewell, "The Devil in the Manuscript" will be presented by Professor James Shelley and Company.

THE Governor-General's speech from Waitaki last Saturday afternoon was heard very plainly in Christchurch, weather conditions being perfect for the reception. His Excellency opened his speech by saying that in the

course of a year he had participated in two functions of historic importance—one at Waitangi and the other at Waitaki, and he was given to understand that the meaning of the two names was exactly the same. More than 3000 people attended this important function, and while the announcer was talking he drew attention to the fact that the broadcast was being made from a tunnel underneath the river. This tunnel extended from Canterbury into Otago, and the roar of the waters above could be heard distinctly by listeners.

LAST week's community sing in Christchurch was the most successful yet held, the proceeds amounting to more than £70. That Mr. Brown's personality has been the means of attaining and maintaining such a high degree of popularity was proved when the capacity crowd in the Civic Theatre rose and sang "For They are Jolly Good Fellows." Monday evening's session brought to a close a season that has proved community singing a feature that the public of Christchurch appreciates and supports in a remarkable way. Local artists gave their services free on Monday, and even the Deputy-Mayor (Rev. J. K. Archer) had to pay for his seat. There were absolutely no complimentary seats, and the box plan was filled in two hours.

A B.B.C. programme timed to last 50 minutes will be broadcast from 3YA on Monday, November 12. This is an Aldershot Tattoo programme from the Rushmore Arena, Aldershot, and will be described by Mr. Malcolm Frost, who was in New Zealand last year and is now Director of Overseas Services at Broadcasting House, London.

LISTENERS will appreciate the news that the well-known artist, Mr. Sydney Thompson, of Christchurch, who has returned to New Zealand after 20 years abroad, will give a further talk on "Life in France" on Thursday, November 8. His first talk on this interesting subject seemed far too short, and as Mr. Thompson's knowledge is first hand it was all the more enjoyable.

AS no child will be admitted to the Sunlight League's two summer camps this year with defective teeth, several Christchurch dentists have offered to fix the children's teeth. This will cost only 1/- for each child, and the money will go toward the cost of transport. Already the residents of Okains and Pigeon Bays are getting ready to entertain the small campers, and both camps promise to be big successes.



"FOR THEY ARE JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS."—Mr. Alan Brown (left) and Mr. Bert Goodland, the moving spirits behind the Christchurch community sings, which concluded this week. These two men have given a great deal of time to the sings during the winter, and the crowd gave them a tremendous ovation at the final gathering on Monday evening.