

OTAGO NOTES.

Southerlies Will Batter New Mast

500ft. Mast For New 4YA on Otago Peninsula Will Receive Full Force of Southerly Winds—A. R. Allardyce, Once-Popular Sporting Announcer Joins the "Greenshirt" Brigade

AS the Broadcasting Board has let the tender for 4YA'S new ten kilowatt transmitter, it seems that the next step will be to provide a suitable building in which to house the plant at Highcliffe, on the Otago Peninsula. Building contractors have therefore been on the job making inquiries about the type of building required, although the board, which possesses the plans, is the only source from which information can be obtained. Already four of Dunedin's leading contractors are understood to be interested in the tender, which will also include dwellings for members of the operating staff. These people will have to reside in the vicinity of the transmitting station, as is the case at Gebbie's Pass, Canterbury, and Henderson, Auckland, although the Dunedin operators will be more fortunate in this respect, as they will be no more than five miles from the centre of the city on a road that is extensively used.

PROBLEMS need not be anticipated in connection with the erection of the new station. They will surely present themselves as the work proceeds, and one that is likely to prove the most extensive is the staying of

the huge 500ft. mast of lattice construction, similar to that built at Henderson for the new 1YA. It will be in an extremely exposed position, with nothing to break the force of the southerly winds, which are the strongest experienced in Dunedin. But the factor of safety is always sufficiently expansive to meet the most severe conditions that can be imagined, and there is bound to be much interest taken in the method of securing the balance of the aerial mast, which will become a landmark for the city and suburbs.

YACHTSMEN have been very disappointed by the Broadcasting Board's refusal to accede to their request to broadcast running commentaries on the Sanders Cup contest from Stewart Island this week. They have appreciated that such broadcasts would present difficulties, though they did not accept too readily the Board's reason for refusal, which was that the shortwave plant that was available for use on such occasions would not be suitable for transmission from the island to the mainland. Nevertheless, there was some consolation in the assurance that comprehensive reports about the races would be telegraphed for broadcast purposes, and doubtless by the time these notes appear listeners will be taking advantage of the special service.

NO old-time dance, which is now a popular monthly feature, will be broadcast from 4YA this week, owing to the presentation of the first of the new series of "We Await Your Verdict" dramas. Other broadcasts of note during the ensuing week will include the talk from Auckland on Tuesday night at 10 o'clock by F. J. Perry, the British tennis champion, who is to review the play in the finals of the New Zealand tennis championships. Some of the events at the Otago swimming championships will be described on Thursday night, and two novel one-act plays: "The Surgeon and the Burglar" and "Wine in the Moat" will be presented next Wednesday night. The home science talks will resume next Friday after a break of six weeks, and that night there will be a repetition of the much-appreciated B.B.C. recorded burlesque on school life, entitled "The Fifth Form at St. Pontefract's," by the Mellhuish brothers.

MR. A. R. ALLARDYCE, who was at one time the Dominion's finest sporting announcer, paid a visit to Dunedin last week as a member of a party of "greenshirts," representing a Christchurch social credit organisation. Many listeners will probably remember the pleasure and excitement that were brought to them through the fine announcing of Mr. Allardyce, who was a capable football commentator, although his principal sphere was the racecourse, from which he described many a thrilling race. He not only had the "gift

of the gab," which also suits him to his new occupation as a lecturer, but he had a pleasant microphone manner, which made him so popular with all classes of listeners.

THE modern house is but a sardinetin to a garden basket of old.—*Sir Edwin Lutjens.*

TO-DAY, in a sense, all property is lost property; for our right to property is no longer securely guaranteed.—*Mr. R. Ellis Roberts.*

CHRISTIANITY as the central directing power among the German people was an episode in German history, and this episode is nearing its end.—*Dr. Hauer.*

SURELY Capitalism is an animal with defective organs rather than a flaming mouth, needing the helpful remedies of a surgeon's knife rather than the mortal wounds of a knightly spear.—*The Hon. R. D. Denman, M.P.*

IF some of the years Gladstone spent, in Mr. Temperley's phrase, making up the nation's accounts as neatly as a grocer, had been spent in the Foreign Office, he might have given to his ideas a place in the history of Europe.—*Mr. J. L. Hammond.*

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