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Editorial Notes

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THE Broadcasting Board is holding a charity concert in Christchurch in May

A DUNEDIN announcer told listeners that "Carmen" was by "Bits-eet."

SORRY we didn't see you in this column last week, but we just missed the bus. Time and type wait for no man.

MAY we hope that the new Broadcasting Board will mind us of that song they used to broadcast . . . "Bigger and Better Than Ever."

WHEN the King came to the throne just 25 years ago whikey was selling at 5/6 a bottle!

THE last of the rivets has been driven into the steel work in Dunedin's new Post Office, and a start has been made with some of the marble work.

THE 18-month-old son of a visiting singer speak as much Italian as he does English. In another year or so he should be able to get a position as announcer.

AS an extra inducement to listeners to become members of its club, a Dunedin B station gives a different member each week a double ticket for either of two city theatres.

SOMEONE is going to tell Dunedin listeners about "The Loch Ness Monster" in a talk next week. May we suggest as a beginning: "Once upon a time. . ."

MELBOURNE had the whale's share last year, but this year King George, Bach, and Handel have the best anniversaries. The King will probably enjoy his more than the other two.

THE Associated Press has chosen the following as the best ten news stories of the last 12 months:

Hauptmann's arrest.
King Alexander's assassination.
Hitler's blood purge.
Shooting of Dillinger.
Death of Dollfuss.
Birth of Dionne quintuplets.
Morro Castle disaster.
Democratic off-year victory.
San Francisco general strike.
Insult trial.

MORE INTOXICATION.
CITY RECORDS SHOW

Arrests for Drunkenness Increased During Ten Months of Repeal

OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED
(Headlines in American Newspaper.)

Why? Have they got shares in the breweries?

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"LONDONDERRY AIR"

IT would seem that "Londonderry Air," that tune that is as well-known the world over as "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne," is also to be numbered among those things that everyone knows and knows wrongly. It first appeared in 1885 when it was published by the musician Parry, who said it had been given to him by a Miss Ross of Limavady, in Londonderry. Now comes along an authority on folk music, Miss Anne Gilchrist, who maintains that the "Londonderry Air," in its present form, has several features most unusual in a folk tune. She suggests that Miss

PLEASE NOTE

A GAIN this week the "Radio Record" has been produced amid the stress of the printer's strike in Wellington. We ask our readers to overlook the appearance of to-day's paper and bear with us in our efforts to present the week's news.

The method of presenting the New Zealand programmes in this week's "Radio Record" has made it impossible to insert in the programmes the amendments that came to hand just before we went to press. They are printed, therefore, on page 15.

Ross mistakenly wrote it down in four-four instead of three-four time, and that singers since her day have lengthened certain favoured notes so that now the tune will not fit any known Irish metre. If this is correct, as it probably is, then the "Londonderry Air" is in good company. To be widely known, and known inaccurately, is one of the hall-marks of fame. For instance, Shakespeare wrote of "painting the lily"—he never mentioned "gilding." Then, too, is the misquoted line of Milton's—"To-morrow to fresh fields and pastures new." Gray accepted a printer's error in his "Elegy" and considered that it improved it.

RADIO QUESTIONNAIRE

ENGLISH listeners have lately been asked to comment on their pleasantest broadcasting memories of 1934. Practically every listener grouped together the launching of the Queen Mary, the Royal wedding and the Christmas Day Empire broadcast at the top of the poll. But these broadcasts, lying outside the design of normal programmes, are of less importance in the poll than some others. For instance, among the talks the series on the cause of war (a series shortly to be presented in New Zealand) headed the list, with various religious talks second and a certain series on flying third. Among plays the Brontës' "Wuthering Heights" was placed first, plays by Tchekov came second, "The Eve of All Souls" third and "Mr. Pim Passes By" was fourth. A surprising feature was that music was mentioned in only about 20 per cent. of the replies, with variety finding a place in only three per cent. and dance music in two. And yet it is an acknowledged fact the world over that dance music is more listened to than anything else broadcast. Another remarkable feature was how few of the listeners included concerts or musical items in their selection.

THERE is a proposal in Dunedin to shift some of the B stations to other South Island towns not already served by a "local"

LIONELLO CECIL, operatic tenor now in New Zealand, was given a tremendous ovation at the Wellington Town Hall on Sunday evening.

ANOTHER talk next week is to be on "Studies in Pre-History." Is this some reflection on modern dance music?

THE 420 request programmes on Monday are evidently meeting with approval—over 450 requests have been received so far

A MEMBER suggested in the House that the "Radio Record" could be made a much more valuable publication. Should we invite him to write some articles for us?

IT is said that the Wellington Repertory Theatre's plays represent a thousand pounds of lost business annually to the Wellington picture theatres.

GUESSES at the proposed height of the mast for the new 2YA vary between 300 and 500 feet. When it is built we'll go up there sometime and measure it for you, perhaps.

VISITORS to Lyttelton Wharf at Wellington have been entertained on several evenings with amplified gramophone music from the sloop Leith. It's a way they have in the Navy.

1YA's breakfast sessions have been brightened up considerably. If similar action was taken with the dinner sessions further advance in YA programmes popularity would be achieved.

WHY did the American Consul refuse to grant a visa to a well-known radio lecturer who planned to leave for the United States recently? Association with the Communist party?

STATISTICIANS have compiled the following for motorists:

If you cut out of line of traffic, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 50.

If you drive over 40 miles an hour, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 25.

If you pass another car on a curve, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 21.

If you pass another car going up hill, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 10.

If you fail to signal a turn or stop, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 5.