

"I Don't Want To Be Anything Half Pie"

Young Otago Singer Has Commonsense

MR. DENIS DOWLING, the young Otago baritone, who has recently completed a most successful tour of the New Zealand Broadcasting Board's main stations is a young man with plenty of commonsense. "I don't want to be anything half-pie in the singing world," he said to a "Radio Record" representative the other day, "and I would go back to the farm at Ranfurly if my singing did me no good."

"But I love singing and I have hopes of going abroad soon—studying in London—or Italy, perhaps. At the present time, committees are being organised in Otago and Southland to handle concerts for me when I go south. It is thus hoped to raise enough money to 'allow' me to continue my studies abroad. I have lived in Ranfurly all my life—that's a little place some miles from Dunedin, and I had my first singing lessons there."

Mr. Dowling first achieved fame in Melbourne last year when he won the Centenary Sun Aria prize. This competition was open to all voices in Australia and New Zealand, the only con-

dition being that the applicant must be under 30 years of age. The contest was held at Ballarat and the finalists were heard in the Melbourne Town Hall. "There were 2600 people there," said Mr. Dowling, "and talk about enthusiasm! It was rather like being home again, however, as the Melbourne Town Hall and the Dunedin



DENIS DOWLING

one are very, very similar." When he arrived back in the Dominion Mr. Dowling was approached by the New Zealand Broadcasting Board and a tour of the YA stations was the result.

This young Otago singer is well-known in the South Island where he

has appeared at numerous competitions festivals in Dunedin, Christchurch and Invercargill. In Dunedin his services are much sought after by local societies, and, while the southern province will rejoice in the success of one of its sons; it will regret the loss of one of its greatest musical assets.

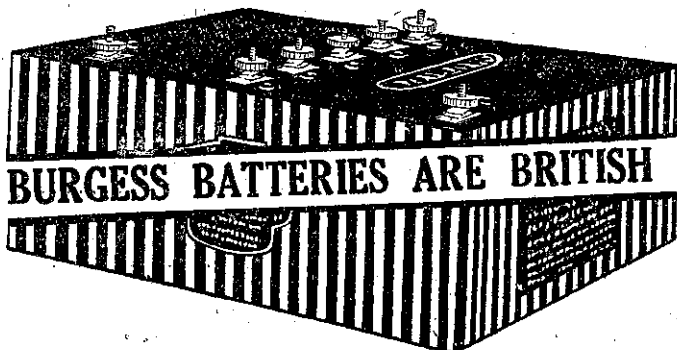
"Referee's" Cricket Book Finding Ready Sale

THE "N.Z. Referee's" Cricket Book, which is now on sale, should find a place on the bookshelf of every cricket lover. Containing as it does personal hints, complete with illustrations, on the famous summer game from such men as the great Don Bradman, W. A. Oldfield, Arthur Malley and A. G. Moyes, sportsmen throughout the country will find many an interesting hour of reading during the winter months between the covers.

HOW our ancestors endured life before the invention of spectacles, I cannot conceive.—*Mr. Robert Lynd.*

IF Russia had invented the Belisha beacons, we should by now have had a talk from Moscow telling how a famous Commissar had stopped his car at a crossing while a little urchin of five toddled slowly across the road.—*Mr. Robert Lynd.*

THE CHOICE of World-Renowned Scientists, and Famous Explorers!



WHEN you buy batteries you naturally want the best value for your money—ones that will give you months and months of dependable service—batteries with superior standards of power and uniformity. That's why Sir C. E. Kingsford Smith, Admiral Byrd, Sir Hubert Wilkins and many other famous scientists and explorers relied entirely on Burgess Batteries during their flights and expeditions. Burgess British Batteries are the best for your set too!

BURGESS RADIO BATTERIES

Obtainable from all
responsible Radio
Dealers.

New Zealand Factory
Representatives:
SPEDDING LTD.,
P.O. Box 462, Auckland.