

CANTERBURY NOTES.

Chch. Member Pleases Listeners

Mr. H. G. Livingstone, Member of New Broadcasting Board, Goes Into Matter of Interference—Sir James Allen's Daughter on the Air—Lionello Cecil's N.Z. Tour Ends This Month.

MR. H. G. LIVINGSTONE, the Christchurch member of the new Broadcasting Board, has certainly gladdened the hearts of the listeners in his city by his answer to the New Zealand DX Radio Association in reply to a complaint over the problem of radio interference. Mr. Livingstone brought this question before the Broadcasting Board at its first meeting, and does not intend to let the matter drop until some satisfaction is obtained. According to the member, the question of radio interference is not one over which the Broadcasting Board has jurisdiction, but the trouble is being thoroughly investigated by the Post and Telegraph Department, and the Board is working in close co-operation with the department in an effort to improve conditions for listeners.

THE talk from 3YA recently on "Impressions of a Short Visit to Russia" was very interesting from more than one point of view. It was given by Mrs. W. H. Montgomery, of Little River, who returned from her travels a couple of months ago. Mrs. Montgomery left New Zealand armed with a letter of introduction from the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Mr. George Forbes) for a visit to the United States, and included Iceland, Newfoundland and Norway in her travels, before she left for Europe. Mrs. Montgomery is a daughter of Sir James Allen, and listeners will shortly have a further opportunity of hearing her on the air.

MR. LIONELLO CECIL is thoroughly enjoying his stay in New Zealand, and considering that this fine singer has spent 22 years in beautiful Italy, it says much for the charm of our little country. This side of the world did have an attraction for Mr. Cecil, for when the cable arrived from the Australian Broadcasting Board he decided in its favour, giving him a long-looked-for opportunity to visit his parents. Baby Harold Robert was born just 20 days after their arrival, and this chubby little chap converses to his mother in Italian and to his father in English. After his appearance in Dunedin and Christchurch for the charity concerts, Mr. Cecil finishes his contract with the New Zealand Broadcasting Board and returns to Australia at the end of May.

THE Jubilee celebrations in Christchurch will begin on May 6 by a military review in Hagley Park, to be followed immediately by the civic service and the firing of the Royal Salute. This will be relayed by 3YA.

THE broadcasting authorities in Christchurch have had their hopes again raised for the power increase at 3YA, as the material has arrived at Gebbie's Pass. As soon as the contracting engineers arrive the work will be put in hand, and will mean an increase in power from 2½ to 10 kilowatts.

THE annual meeting of the New Zealand DX Radio Association was held last week in Christchurch, and

there was a representative attendance of delegates at the meeting. The annual report showed that the membership had increased to 735, including some 100 overseas members. New branches had been opened at Hastings, Rangiora, South Dunedin and Wai-pukurau. Complaints were made at the meeting that the Post and Telegraph Department was not taking action to eliminate interference, and this trouble was particularly bad in Christchurch. It was unanimously decided to refer the subject to an interference committee, with a recommendation that it investigate the problem. The officers elected were: President, Mr. J. C. Stapleton; vice-president, Mr. M. Wilson; secretary, Mr. N. C. Manchester; treasurer, Mr. E. Philpott; committee, Messrs. G. Saddler, W. R. Newton and W. Smith; honorary auditor, Mr. N. H. Scott.

THE Christchurch Harmonic Society is now in a better financial position, mainly owing to the activities of the Women's Auxiliary which was formed some time ago. It has given a great filip to the society, which has been able to obtain the new music that it has for so long needed. Just before Easter the whole choir made a trip to Dunedin to give a concert, and some wonderful Press notices were given, the critic of the "Otago Daily Times" asserting that it was the best chorus singing ever heard in Dunedin. The trip cost something in the vicinity of £200, and this was met by the Harmonic Society.



COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS ON THE AIR.—A photograph taken in the 3YA studio, Christchurch, after a recent broadcast by members of the Commercial Travellers' Association. The conductor, Mr. Arthur Lilly, A.R.C.O., is seated second from the left in the front row.