

AUCKLAND NOTES.

Governor's Speech Drowned at Show

Advertising Loudspeaker Submerges His Excellency's Broadcast Address--
1ZM's Whistle Explained — Varied Shortwave Reception —
Great Week Ahead For Talks.

MANY listeners who had tuned in to 1YA's relay from the Auckland Winter Show of the official opening ceremony performed by his Excellency

the Governor-General, Lord Galway, thought that Lord Galway had been cut off the air. Such was not the case. Due to the inadvertent switching on of an extremely powerful loudspeaker nearby, the noise was such that his Excellency was obliged to cease speaking. "Hello, hello," blared the loudspeaker, the raucous voice afterwards extolling the virtues of a well-known commodity. Realising what was happening, Lord Galway said laughingly, as he raised his voice above the terrible din, "Well, I had better now declare the show open." 1YA then went off the air. Listeners could plainly hear the loudspeaker's blatant advertising over the Governor-General's voice. Later, the president and secretary of the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association apologised to his Excellency for what had occurred. Lord Galway treated the whole matter as a humorous incident.

LISTENERS in Auckland for many months past have been troubled by a distressing whistle which accompanies 1ZM's transmissions. It has always been claimed by the P. and T. Department that this whistle was the result of heterodyne action between an Australian B station and 1ZM. However, recent investigations made in Auckland by a well-known radio authority disclose that the whistle is not arising from the cause mentioned. He has observed that the whistle disappears the moment 1ZB closes down, although it is not in evidence at the times when 1ZB is not on the air. The moment 1ZB comes on the air the whistle is again in evidence. Tests have shown that these conditions prevail in several different suburbs. According to the expert, this proves that the whistle is not due to radiation from the oscillators of super-het receivers using 175 kilocycle intermediate frequency amplifiers. Now that the cause of the interfering whistle has at last been located, it is hoped that the radio inspectors will lose no time in arranging for its elimination. In short, the trouble is due to interaction between stations 1ZB and 1ZM, although the order of the particular harmonic responsible is not apparent.

IT is an interesting thing that short-wave reception in Auckland from station GSB, Daventry, is of considerably less strength than stations FYA, Paris, and RNE, Moscow. The latter stations come through as locals in Auckland. The same applies respecting JVA and other Japanese stations. Considering that FYA, Paris, has a power of only 12,000 watts, and RNE, 20,000 watts, it is extraordinary that signal strength should be so great in Auckland, or in New Zealand, compared to the Daventry station, which has a power of 20,000 watts. Although England pioneered the short-wave and

beam wireless services, and for a number of years was far ahead of other countries, including the United States, it would seem that she is now being left behind in the matter of short-wave broadcasting.

ONE or two talks by prominent people which are to be given from 1YA are worth mentioning. Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, the famous airman, is booked to speak at 10.20 p.m. on Monday next. Mrs. M. Paterson, wife of Dr. Paterson, of Pahiatua, who is to visit Auckland next week as president of the Dominion Federation of Women's Institutes for the annual conference, will speak at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday next, while on the same night, at 10 p.m., Mr. Edward C. Carter, secretary of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Honolulu, will address listeners. Arpad Szigetvary, journalist and world traveller, who recently concluded an interesting series of talks on Manchuria, has been engaged to give a new series of talks on "The Territorial Expansion of Russia." His first talk is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, at 9.5 p.m.

ALBERT RUSSELL and Reg. Morgan, well known to New Zealand listeners, find much popularity with Sydney listeners. They broadcast daily sessions, sponsored by advertisers, from stations 2GB and 2UE, and undoubtedly have a great future in radio in Australia.

TWO New Zealand young women, Misses Nina Scott and Ruth Scott, late of Auckland, are very much in public favour in Sydney. Nina Scott, as "Camille," from 2GB, and Ruth seem to find a natural place in the feature items of any musicale of standing, both over the air and from the public platform.

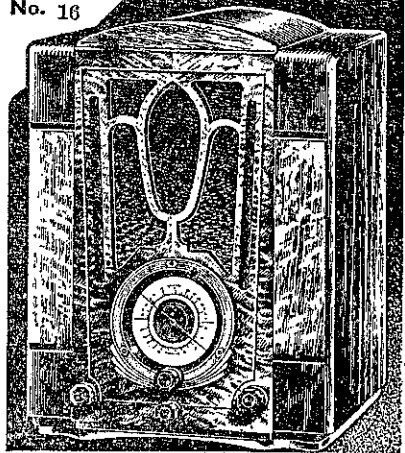
DR. ELIZABETH TODHUNTER, of Canterbury, who has spent six years in America, returned to New Zealand last week on holiday. She called in at 1YA and inspected the station before going south. Dr. Todhunter was the first student of the Home Science Department of Otago University to go abroad. Already she has been engaged by the Broadcasting Board to give talks from 2YA and 3YA.

PROFESSOR STANLEY BROOKES, of Melbourne, who returned to Australia via Auckland last week, after spending 13 months in America during a lecturing tour on Dickens, dropped in on 1YA, and was shown over the station. He said he was agreeably surprised with the station and its up-to-date and luxurious appointments, the like of which he had not even seen in America. Professor Brookes is an Australian Dickensian, platform entertainer, teacher, and competitions adjudicator throughout New Zealand and Australia.

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