

LONDON NOTES.

Television at Mercy of Builders

*Newspapers' Forecast of July 1 as Opening Date Was Well Astray—
Cable Costing £1000 a Mile to Link Alexandra Palace With
Broadcasting House—Relays to Birmingham.*

London, July 4.

EARLY in the year Gerald Cock and Sir Noel Ashbridge, chief engineer of the B.B.C., gave an interview to a large press gathering. The main query of the pressmen was "On what date will the new television service open?" But Sir Noel remained mute. Pressed, he admitted that it was possible that the new station at the Alexandra Palace might begin experimental tests in July. Radio editors promptly nailed July 1 as the opening day for the new television service. Sir Noel had every reason for caution. He knew that a large section of the Alexandra Palace would be in the hands of the builders for some time, and that until they had evacuated the premises the giant mast surmounting one of the towers of the palace could not be installed. Further, he did not intend to press any of the contractors in their work and risk jeopardising the success of this highly-technical and pioneering venture. However, while July 1 did not see the new station in operation, such progress has been made that it is safe to say that experimental tests will be going on during August, and that a regular programme service will be in operation before the end of the year.

AS I write the engineers of the British Post Office are just completing the co-axial cable which will link Broadcasting House and the Alexandra Palace for television purposes. This cable has cost more than £1000 a mile to construct. While the majority of programmes will originate from the B.B.C. studios, actually now completed in the Alexandra Palace, the B.B.C. will have one studio in Broadcasting House linked to the transmitters at the Alexandra Palace for special occasions. In addition, the co-axial cable between Broadcasting House and the Alexandra Palace will make it possible to televise such events as the coronation by installing an additional short length of cable between the Abbey and B.B.C. headquarters. The British Post Office has already installed a co-axial cable between London and Birmingham, which at the moment can handle 250 different telephone conversations simultaneously without interference with one another.

Television Relays

I ALSO learn that a second cable of similar technical characteristics has now been installed capable of relaying the London television programmes to Birmingham. This would appear to be an indication that Birmingham will be the second city in the British Empire privileged to possess a regular television broadcasting station. At a later date these cables will be extended to Manchester and to other important cities in Great Britain.

Test Matches

THE B.B.C. is making elaborate plans to provide both British and empire listeners with a daily

review of the cricket test matches which are to take place in Australia during the course of the coming northern winter. It has already been in communication with the Australian Broadcasting Commission and has made arrangements for a daily commentary to be given by Mr. Alan Kippax from each city in Australia at which a match is being played. These commentaries will reach London via the radio telephone circuits of the post office and will be relayed in the Home and empire programmes. It is probable that the actual commentaries will coincide each day with the empire programmes in transmission, but recordings of Mr. Kippax's talks will be made and broadcast.

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| 1. An ex-All Black Footballer. | ICHNOLS |
| 2. A N.Z. Coin. | LOFIN |
| 3. A Highly-glazed material. | ATNI |
| 4. A Make of Car. | RDF |
| 5. A N.Z. City. | CKULAND |
| 6. A Girl's Name. | MRA |
| 7. A Vehicle. | TAR |
| 8. A Former N.Z. Premier. | DAW |
| 9. A Famous Airman. | LOMISON |
| 10. A Brewer's Container. | CKA |
| 11. To Change. | ATLR |
| 12. A Fish. | SRADEN |
| 13. Grows in the Garden. | CBBEGA |
| 14. A Month of the Year. | NEJ |

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RESULTS PUBLISHED IN "RADIO RECORD" ON AUG. 14.**

WORD PUZZLES NO. 1.—The correct solution was:—1 NICHOLLS, 2 APPLE, 3 HARE, 4 HOBBS, 5 TRAPAN, 6 BALDWIN, 7 PENNY, 8 POTATO, 9 BYRD, 10 HURRY, 11 EDNA, 12 WELLINGTON, 13 PARROT, 14 KOA. All words other than proper names taken from Chambers 20th Century Dictionary. The only correct solution was submitted by MRS. M. MILLAR, 23 Botha Street, Tainui, DUNEDIN, who receives £40.