

GENERAL MOTORS TEN YEARS OLD

N.Z. Plant's Success

TEN years of New Zealand industry is the achievement of General Motors, Limited, which last week celebrated this period of establishment at its Petone workshops. The Minister of Transport (Hon. R. Semple) congratulated the company on its successful ten years of growth in an industry which had turned out 35,575 assembled motor vehicles up to that day.

The New Zealand labour employed was emphasised by the remark of the managing director, Mr. G. C. Seers, that the wages bill now amounts to £676 each working day. People who suggested that because the parent company was American therefore General Motors' Petone workshops were sending a tremendous amount of money abroad were wrong. The figures proved that during the past two and a half years the people of New Zealand had expended slightly more than £4,500,000 in General Motors' vehicles, and of this only 28 per cent. went to America, the rest remaining within this country or the Empire.

New Zealanders had adapted themselves quickly to the requirements of the factory when operations started ten years ago, and the increasing employment available had been of considerable benefit. The staff were warmly congratulated by Mr. Seers for their great part in the development of the business. A special birthday dinner was held at the Hotel St. George, Wellington, where the company offered the Government its assistance toward achieving national economic well-being.

Man With Ideas Lew Stone's Fame

LEW STONE, the man with ideas about dance music, pianist, arranger, leader, has reached the peak of dance band fame in record time. Lew's first musical recollections are of being taught to play the piano as a child. In fact, he was something of an infant prodigy; star performer, when only eight or so, at the London schools' concert, Guildhall. Lew settled down to half an hour's pure enjoyment when a £12-a-week night-club pianist was called in to Lew's father's business to test some pianos. Disillusion! The idol had feet of clay. Lew could play better than that himself. Ideas began to form in young Lew's mind; ideas which he soon put into practice by getting a job as a pianist at an obscure night-

club—but not at £12 a week! That job didn't last long. The club died a speedy and unlamented death. Shortly afterward Lew signed up with Bert Ralton's Havana Band, one of the best in the profession. A number had to be arranged in a hurry; none of the band's

members knew anything about orchestrating. They were hard up against it. Lew, with grave misgiving, had a shot at it. From that day he had definitely arrived. His band is a favourite with dance session listeners on all stations.

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