

AROUND THE STUDIOS.

RADIO FOR SOUTHLANDERS

Important Developments At Invercargill—North versus South Rugby Match—Irish Tenor Soon—Speech By Adam Hamilton—Cricket Test Broadcasts—News From The Commercials

IMPORTANT developments in radio reception in Southland are proceeding. The new receiving station at Dacre, for 4YZ, Invercargill, is expected to be completed by next August, by which time the new 4YZ studio in Tay Street, Invercargill, will be opened.

The stronger power to be given in August will greatly reduce the amount of interference, a source of some complaint. Sets will then not be required to be attuned to maximum volume, with its accompaniment of considerable interference, more particularly in the case of outside stations.

Further improvement in reception from outside stations may be brought about when the province is linked with the Waitaki electric power supply at the end of this year.

THE transmitter for the new station at Dacre arrived from Australia about the middle of May, and has been assembled in the reinforced concrete building alongside the two 325ft. radio towers which are now a feature of the landscape on the main road from Invercargill to Dunedin. Mr. A. Ryland, from 3YA, who has been appointed operator in charge at Dacre, has taken up his new duties.

The old brick house which, appropriately converted, has done service as the 4YZ station and studio, will be relinquished by August in favour of the new premises in Tay Street, work upon which has begun. The old Friendly Societies' Hall is being remodelled to provide an office, studios, talks studio and control room. The original plans have been modified to ensure that there will be no undue delay in the opening of the new station, and in the meantime the chief studio, which will be 45ft. by 24ft., will not be proceeded with.

IT is not known at the moment what hours the new station will observe, but it is anticipated that the present service will be extended. 4YZ started last September with a service of from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m.,

and on Sundays from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., and from 6.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. The first extension of hours brought in a weekday lunch session from 12.30 till 1.30, which was subsequently increased to from noon till 2 p.m.

The stock of records has increased to nearly 6000. New records are



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... Talks of the sea from station 2YA.

included in the programme as soon as they arrive, and there has been a steady introduction of feature items or programmes from the other stations.

NORTH versus South Rugby football match will be played at Athletic Park on Saturday, June 11, and is timed to begin at 2.45 p.m. Station 2YA will broadcast a running commentary on the fixture.

STATION 2YA will bring to the microphone for his initial appearance Danny Malone, Irish tenor of international fame, at 9.25 p.m. on June 10. This famous singer will be in the Dominion for six weeks, during which time he will tour the national stations.

THE many thousands of Canterbury football fans unable to get into the city to see their favourite teams in ac-

tion will be more than pleased to hear that the broadcasting ban has been lifted. On June 6, at 2.45 p.m., 3YA will relay, from Lancaster Park, the representative match, Canterbury v. Bay of Plenty. During the rest of the season all the principal matches of the day at Lancaster Park will go over 3YA.

INCREASED interest is being taken in the Dominion political battle over the radio, particularly since the recent municipal elections, and whether the speaker be the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage, or a member of the National Party, he commands a huge audience of listeners when he broadcasts over the national network. Mr. Savage was the first to speak, then he was followed by the Hon. Adam Hamilton, Leader of the Opposition. The Hon. Walter Nash next addressed listeners, and on Monday night the Inde-

FIRST TEST

NATIONAL STATIONS COVER THE PLAY

COMPLETE arrangements for broadcasting the first 1938 England-Australia cricket test have been made by the national stations, beginning on Friday, June 10.

On Friday, the national stations, 1YA, 2YC, 3YA, and 4YA, will broadcast ball to ball descriptions from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. From 11 p.m. on Friday night until 5 a.m. on Saturday morning, the broadcast will be given solely by 2YA.

On Saturday morning at 7 a.m. all main stations will give the results of play. At 9.35 a.m., 2YA will rebroadcast from the Empire station Oldfield's eye-witness account of play. This will be recorded and put on the air from all stations at 6.45 p.m. in the dinner session.

On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock all national stations will give the results of play.

On Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., results will be given from all national stations. On Saturday, Monday and Tuesday nights, from 9.30 to 11, 1YA, 2YC, 3YA and 4YA (on Saturday night 4YO) will broadcast ball to ball descriptions, which will be taken over solely throughout the rest of the night at 11 p.m. by 2YA.