

## Sunday Evening Broadcast.

ON two consecutive Sundays I notice the service is to be broadcast from St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral by the same preacher. I understand that only one church in each denomination has the privilege of broadcasting, and I feel sure if the broadcasting could be done from more than one church in each denomination it would be greatly appreciated, as well as prove more interesting among the public. Is it because of the formation of the committee that arranges these matters, the committee seem only to broadcast their own services?—George S. Philpotts (Carterton).

## Howling Valves.

THE "Howling Valve" season is rapidly approaching and soon we will have expert DX'ers howling out "I'm all right, Jack, but kill those howlers." I am firmly convinced that 99 per cent. of short-wavers do not desire to annoy anyone; all they desire is to get the stations. After looking up the remaining 1 per cent. simply to teach them the right way to tune, and in a recent issue you had a little article on tuning which put the art into a nutshell. Once the listener learns to tune, a new world is open to him and possibly there are many owners of sets who, if they gave their neighbour five or ten minutes' instruction would then be able to enjoy their programmes in peace. As an illustration, a young enthusiast was complaining that he couldn't get results from his expensive "all-electric" set, so I asked him to bring it along. I found absolutely no trouble whatever, as one after another the stations on the broadcast band came in; all that was wrong was that he didn't have the knack of tuning finely. Needless to say, he does not regret buying the set now. Before

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concluding, I might mention that I am well satisfied with radio and have no complaints. My set is only a two-valver, but on 'phones I have even reached Japan and most of the Australians on the broadcast band. And on the short-waves I think I have been nearly all around the world, though I haven't bothered going "Pot Hunting" to get a big log. My set is unshielded and I am right on the tramline with power lines all around me and a busy street with machine-gun motor-bike fiends, not to mention cars; so, if I can get results, well, some others must be hard to please when they complain, unless it be of the local chap on morse who can be heard on every coil.—Kawatiri (Wellington).

## Publicity for New Zealand.

THERE is one feature regarding the special Duplex tests last Tuesday night between 2YA, 2ME, also 2XAF which stand out as of considerable importance, namely, the question of publicity for New Zealand.

It is difficult to estimate the extent of the short-wave listeners' audience; it must have been fairly extensive in numerical strength abroad. Presuming future tests turn out fairly successful from the overseas point of view, New Zealand stands to gain from the publicity aspect; and, in addition, opportunity is given distant broadcasting stations to work Duplex with a new country.

Obviously 2XAF, also 2ME, have connected with most countries by this time; and New Zealand if successful in making satisfactory two-way tests will have added further laurels to its already famous list of achievements.

Listening to 2YA's transmission via 2ME, Sydney, most of the transmission was fairly easily understood; there being fair percentage of audibility; in fact every word would have been perfectly clear but for interference at Sydney from static, etc.

The remarks of Mr. Robertson (manager, Amalgamated Wireless, Australasia, Ltd.) and Mr. Ball (editor-

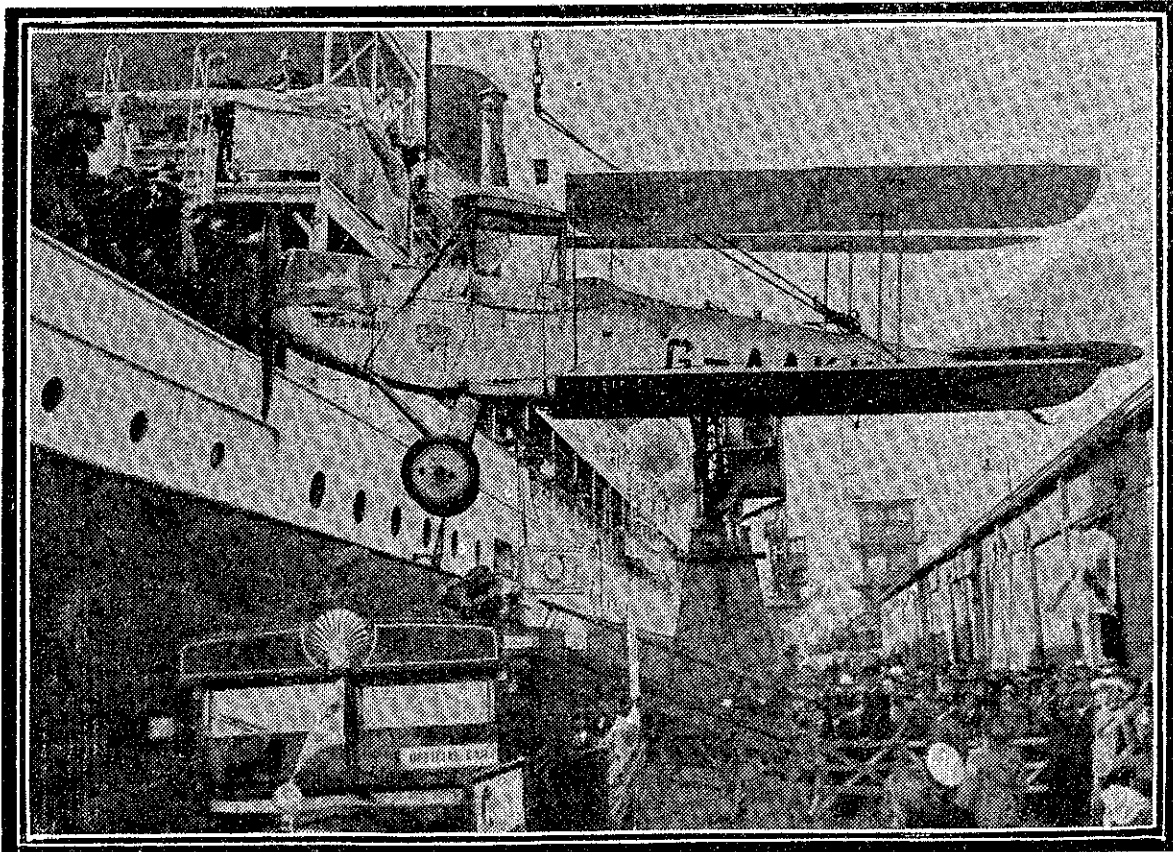
announcer) from 2YA were easily followed; in fact, as Mr. Farmer at 2ME remarked: "I can tell its Robbie by the Scotch accent," can be vouched for by the writer; as I happen to know that gentleman and recognised his voice instantly, although his name was not announced so far as I know; and Mr. Ball's voice was, of course, also recognised; so that the transmission from 2YA was O.K.

It is an opportunity not to be missed, namely, the broadcast of Commander (Admiral) Byrd by 4YA, Dunedin, on the Commander's arrival in New Zealand waters once again; and we all hope, I am sure, that it will be possible to put the rebroadcast through successfully to 2ME and on to America; for the whole American nation will be anxious to hear Commander Byrd's voice over the air.

A red-letter day awaits the New Zealand Broadcasting Company, Ltd. At the worst, no doubt the Commander will visit Wellington, and a better opportunity will present itself for a broadcast then.—R. Leslie Jones.

## Foreign Music.

"PLAIN English" is to be commended for his revolt against Sunday programmes. I have often wondered if Mussolini is a director of the Broadcasting Company of N.Z., Ltd., but of course that cannot be, or he would put a ban on some of the broadcasts. I take exception to the selections rendered in Italian and which for me marred "Hamlet" from 3YA. Howling valves are worse out here than any place I have been yet. It is time the company and Department took steps to put a few of these fiends out of the way. Why so many lectures and speeches lately? Some are like the brook—go on for ever and say nothing; others, and mighty few at that, have their subject in hand (Continued on page 21.)



Mr. F. C. Chichester's arrival.—Landing his 'plane on Wellington wharf.