

London Radio Exhibition Opens

Radio Industry Prospers

THE National Radio Exhibition, which opened at London on September 19, was the occasion of an illuminating broadcast speech by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Dominion's secretary, who spoke on the position of the radio industry of to-day.

He stated that this had been virtually unaffected by the present world-wide trade depression, and British radio manufacturers were now constructing six new factories, which would cover 200,000 square feet. There were no unemployed in the wireless trade, which was steadily absorbing unskilled labour. The boom had a far-reaching effect on other industries.

This year's exhibition is twice as large as that of last year, and shows remarkable advances in efficiency and economy.

Empire Short-Wave Broadcasting

To be Considered by Imperial Conference

ONE by one the obstacles which have stood in the way of the establishment of Empire broadcasting have been overcome, until now we learn that the last excuse for delay, namely, the problem of funds, has been solved by the Colonial Conference. We understand (says the "Wireless World") that the establishment and maintenance of an Empire short-wave station at an approximate cost of £23,000 has been agreed to, the cost to be borne by the Colonial Office, which will also be responsible for the maintenance of the station, while the B.B.C. will staff the station and conduct its transmissions.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, it will be remembered, had recently expressed their willingness to

run the station, provided out-of-pocket expenses were met, and it is therefore assumed that the sum now agreed upon to be furnished by the Colonial Office is intended to cover these out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the erection and maintenance of the station. Reuter's News Agency, we understand, has been approached and has agreed to provide a special news service for the Empire station at an annual cost of £3000, to be involved, as the B.B.C. has undertaken to relay its programmes day by day.

it had strong support from the representatives of the colonies meeting in London, we do not think that the period for the erection and inauguration of the station is likely to be prolonged.

We have previously been informed that the aim of the B.B.C., in the event of funds for the cost of the station being provided, would be to conduct a twenty-four hour service. Just how this is going to be arranged is not clear at present, but no doubt the B.B.C. will find some means of overcoming any difficulty in the way of conducting such a continuous transmission.

We may perhaps expect that the first efforts in this direction may take the form of recording the day's programme and rebroadcasting from the record during the night hours. Such an arrangement would provide the 24

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Monument to late
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Massey.

Mr. Coates, speaking into the microphone of 2YA at the unveiling of the monument to the late Hon. W. F. Massey, on Friday last. This was a successful relay that was much appreciated by listeners who were unable to attend the ceremony.



This is exceedingly welcome news, and, since the final decisions have now been taken, there should be no further delay in the establishment of the station.

The transmitter will in all probability be erected in the neighbourhood of Daventry, in proximity to the existing B.B.C. stations there. As soon as the station is erected it will no doubt take over the service at present being conducted through 5SW at Chelmsford. Just how long it will be before the station is ready for service must largely depend upon the enthusiasm shown by the B.B.C., but in view of the generous attitude which they recently adopted toward the scheme as soon as they learnt that

hours' continuous programme and enable listeners in all parts of the world to participate. How unanimous must have been the support given to Empire broadcasting by the Colonial Conference is indicated by the fact that it is understood that the question will not be raised again at the Imperial Conference, as it is considered that the matter has been virtually settled.

After so many years of hoping and urging for the establishment of an Empire service, it is intensely gratifying to learn that the accomplishment of this ideal now approaches fulfilment. The value of an Empire broadcasting service can scarcely be overestimated, and perhaps no more opportune time than the present can be found for its inauguration.