

## Book Review

## A N.Z. Annual

A DISTINCTIVE note has been struck in the "Exporter Annual," a publication of interest to town and country dwellers alike. In the 190 pages that comprise this magazine are found all aspects of New Zealand life, and the topics have been treated with a freshness that surpasses anything of its kind that we have seen. Contributing to this work are literally hundreds of writers, and their contributions range from short stories down to jokes and cooking recipes. Every phase of the Annual is New Zealand produced, and there is certainly nothing that has been published in any form previously.

Although the contributions are drawn from such a wide source, there is nothing that flavours of second rate. The whole volume teems with interest from the first to the last page. It is profusely illustrated with a type of work that is not usual in New Zealand publications, there being both black-and-white drawing and a special photographic section. This latter calls for special commendation as it is quite off the beaten track and is contributed to by amateur photographers all over the country. The cover design has also been selected from a large number of entrants, and is of remarkably high standard.

For literary and artistic merit we can conceive of little better value than the "Exporter Annual."

## Weather Forecasting

## Talk by Dr. Kidson

THOUGH the perennial subject of conversation is the weather, no one, except "The Weather Man" knows much about it—at any rate before it comes—so it will interest listeners to be told how the daily weather forecasts are prepared and what some of the expressions mean. No doubt many people are puzzled over the significance of such terms as "anti-cyclone."

Dr. Kidson, Government Meteorologist, has kindly agreed to give a series of talks throughout the year about weather reports and forecasting. His first talk will be broadcast from 2YA on Saturday, November 8, at 7.40 p.m.

## Naval Morse Interference

## Wellington Society Assured of Satisfactory Arrangements

THE postponed monthly meeting of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington was held on Tuesday evening, October 23, at the Congregational Schoolroom, Cambridge Terrace. Mr. I. M. Levy, president, occupied the chair.

IN connection with the complaints made at a previous meeting, regarding the telephonic dialling noises that form a background to the transmission of 2YA, Wellington, it was reported that the trouble was on the land-line between the studios and the transmitting station. This land-line is supplied by the P. and T. Department, it was explained. The Broadcasting Company's engineer had, however, tackled the problem by removing the amplifier from the transmitting station to the studios in order to further increase the volume of music and speech above the extraneous noises picked up by the land-line. The P. and T. Department was responsible for any land-line troubles.

THE chairman reported that he had interviewed Commander Webster, R.N., Secretary of the Navy Office, and also lodged a written complaint with him regarding the serious interference with broadcast listening during the evening sessions, occasioned by morse transmission by H.M.S. Dunedin while in port at Wellington.

The following reply had been received:—

Ivan M. Levy, Esq.,  
President,  
Amateur Radio Society of  
Wellington.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of September 25, 1930, I beg to inform you that I have received the following remarks from the Commodore Commanding New Zealand Station, to whom the matter was referred:—

"All transmissions by H.M.S. Dunedin, whether on long or short wave, are bound to interfere with local broadcasting, as they are all made on power."

"While H.M.S. Dunedin is within interference range of any New Zealand broadcasting station steps have been taken to discontinue all traffic with H.M. ships Philomel, Laburnum,

and Veronica during broadcasting hours, except in the case of important messages, which require to be transmitted. Further, any important messages for the Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Station from H.M. ships will be broadcast if transmitted during the hours in question, and H.M.S. Dunedin now only answers after the broadcasting station has closed down.

"These arrangements should eliminate a considerable amount of interference."

"The remaining transmissions, which take place between 1800 and 2400, are all short wave schedules ordered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and a proposal has been forwarded to the Admiralty to amend these schedules during New Zealand broadcasting hours."

I hope that the above arrangements will prove satisfactory and that your society will have no further cause for complaint in this respect.

Yours faithfully,  
J. WEBSTER,  
Naval Secretary.

The meeting expressed satisfaction with the results of the president's negotiations with the Navy Office, and the secretary was requested to convey the appreciation and thanks of the society to Commander Webster and the Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Naval Station.

The chairman mentioned with regret that the honorary secretary, Mr. J. Hooker, had tendered his resignation. Various reasons for this step were mentioned, but Mr. Hooker's main cause for his resignation was that the work interfered too much with his present position. General regret was expressed by those present at the meeting, in view of the capable manner in which Mr. Hooker had acquitted himself during his six months' tenure. At the request of the meeting Mr. Hooker consented to continue in office until the next monthly meeting of the society.

Mr. Preston Billing, technical adviser to the society, gave an instructive discourse on various matters concerning radio reception, and answered many questions interestingly. With the aid of blackboard diagrams he elucidated several knotty problems.

## Gramophone Records Forbidden

A BLOW to B class broadcasting stations, which make large use of borrowed gramophone records, is an edict reported in Dunedin from the Associated Gramophone Companies that agents must not lend records to broadcasting stations.

## Upper Hutt Society

## Forthcoming Concert

THE Upper Hutt Radio Society is making good progress. At the present time an encouragingly large number have been rolling up for the weekly meetings and everything promises fair. Marked enthusiasm has been shown among members and a start has been made with construction and technical work.

On Friday, November 31, at the Cosy Theatre in Upper Hutt, what promises to be a very entertaining evening is to be held. Commencing with a gramophone recital between 7.30 and 8 p.m., a concert, including broadcast and items by local artists, will be presented. This is open to the public, admittance free, and everyone is extended a cordial invitation to be present. During the evening there will be several short addresses, including "Objects of the Association," by Mr. A. T. McCurdy, president; "The Radio Amateur," by Mr. Colin W. Smith, B.A., Associate Editor, "Radio Record"; "The Evolution of Wireless," by Mr. Preston Billing; and "Interference," by Mr. W. Marsh.



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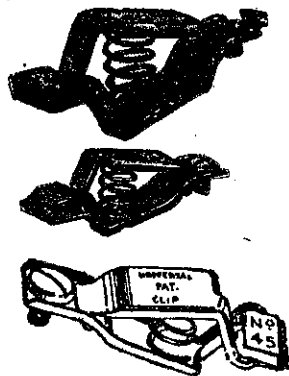
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