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### WIRELESS TELEPHONY WITH AUSTRALIA.

THE opening of the short-wave wireless telephone service with Australia last week marks the inauguration of a service that is certain to be most beneficial to New Zealand. Since April last, Australia has been in the fortunate position of being in direct telephone touch with Great Britain, some twenty-two countries in Europe, the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, Mexico and Cuba. This service from its inception appealed to the popular imagination, and supplied an outstanding need to the commercial community. It has been largely availed of in addition for political purposes, notably in connection with the recent conversations between the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. J. H. Scullin, and his lieutenants in the Commonwealth during his absence at the Imperial Conference. Those conversations have duly impressed the significance of the innovation upon the popular imagination, with the result that to-day in Australia wireless telephony is accepted as an ordinary routine service throughout the community. New Zealand has not hitherto had the opportunity of becoming blase on such a subject. Last week's innovation for the first time brought New Zealand up to date in this field, and the opening conversations across the Tasman between banking, commercial and Press leaders, as well as the political heads of the sister Governments, have emphasised the definite need of the link now established. The clarity of the voices as transmitted across the 1200-mile gap was notable, and marks a state of perfection in this field which is extraordinary.

Congratulations are due to the Post and Telegraph Department of the Dominion for their promptitude in effecting this service immediately the efficiency of the service between Australia and Great Britain was established by Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited. By this link having now been established, New Zealand is placed in direct touch with the majority of the telephones of the world. That is a big statement to make, but it is literally accurate in that from Great Britain direct land-line links are available to the whole of Europe and with the United States, by reason of the Trans-Atlantic Telephone Service. Conversations with the United States from Australia have not been uncommon. Only last week tourists on the "Malolo" spoke from Sydney to their home in Atlantic City. To-day it is possible

for New Zealand to speak with New York. The novelty of this event thrills to-day; to-morrow it is an accepted commonplace.

In recording this advance, tribute is due to the technical and business genius of Mr. E. T. Fisk, managing director of Amalgamated Wireless, Limited. It is only twelve years since Mr. Fisk, in his home in Sydney, received the first direct wireless message from Great Britain—a message from Mr. W. M. Hughes, then Prime Minister of Australia, at the time in Great Britain, and a further message from Sir Joseph Cook, then High Commissioner of the Commonwealth. In the brief intervening space tremendous advances have been made. To-day beam services carry more than half the Press and commercial traffic between Australia and Great Britain. Wireless telephony services are operated with Great Britain and New Zealand. Another with Java will shortly be established. In addition to these overseas activities, numerous coastal services contribute to the everyday efficiency of Australian life, both in the broadcasting and commercial field. The latest achievement focuses attention upon the technical skill that has built up these services, and as we benefit by this development it is fitting that at least passing mention should be made of the talent to which it is due. The treasure of radio is not yet exhausted. Television lies in wait for the future. Of its coming there can be no doubt, and when that day dawns, the wonders of the present will fade before an even greater wonder in the more perfect use of the miracle of electricity.

## Nearly Sixty Thousand Licenses

### Great Growth in Listeners

THE following figures show the number of listeners in New Zealand at October 31, 1930:—

	Receiving	Dealers'	Transmitting and Receiving and Special	Free.
AUCKLAND .....	17,536	291	82	98
CANTERBURY .....	9,707	252	47	55
OTAGO .....	6,895	172	37	35
WELLINGTON .....	24,233	483	100	51
	57,871	1,198	266	239

TOTAL: 59,574

### Special Broadcast

#### N.Z. Airman Arrives

THE Christchurch airman, Mr. Oscar Garden, who achieved fame when he put up the third fastest flying time from England to Australia, has been introduced to New Zealand listeners by 2YA and 3YA. His welcome in Wellington was broadcast by 2YA and the aviator also spoke from the studio. His arrival at the Sockburn Aerodrome, Christchurch, which was broadcast, was an event reminiscent of the arrival of Kingsford Smith.

#### Obituary

WITH the death of Mai Burnes-Loughnan, New Zealand was made the poorer of composers. The wife

of a Christchurch solicitor, Mr. H. H. Loughnan, she was well known in musical circles of that city, and indeed of New Zealand.

Although a good pianiste and always passionately fond of music, her gift as a composer did not disclose itself until the Great War period, which was responsible for the discovery of much local talent. The result, in Mai Burnes-Loughnan's case, was obviously a distinct gain to music. She had to her credit several delightful songs, one of which, "Who has Seen the Wind?" was sung by Dame Clara Butt, who personally congratulated the composer after its performance. Two other songs composed by Mai Burnes-Loughnan to find favour with renowned singers are "Ships that Pass in the Night" and "I Walked a Mile with Pleasure," both of which have been published. On the last "New Zealand Evening" at 3YA one of her songs, "I Gave You a Gift," was sung by Mr. T. D. Williams.

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