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THE CRICKET BROADCAST.

LISTENERS were given an interesting experience this week through the enterprising action of arranging for a commentary upon each day's play of the Test Match between England and New Zealand to be sent from London by radio telephone, and picked up by 2YA and broadcast throughout New Zealand. The conception was wholly commendable, and on the second and third days a highly gratifying degree of success was achieved. For the first day conditions were bad, and the experiment had almost to be written off as a total failure. For the second day a greater degree of success was achieved, and on the third day listeners received quite a brilliant account of the play, having regard to all the circumstances.

In that this was the first occasion on which the attempt was made to broadcast radio telephony from London, the experience was historic and interesting. Thousands of listeners undoubtedly welcomed the novelty, more especially as they could see in it an indication of interesting developments in the future. This method of telephonic communication, with its greater degree of technical efficiency, will doubtless be used in future for historic broadcasts of the nature of the King's Address at the opening of the Naval Conference, Armistice Day Celebrations, and so forth. Distance is steadily being bridged, and the future undoubtedly holds the certainty of the simultaneous addressing of an audience numbered in millions where now we think only of thousands.

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Import Duty English Components

IN the following letter the correspondent errs in ascribing to ourselves certain statements. Our report outlined the facts of certain correspondence between a trade representative and the Postmaster-General and specifically stated "In discussing this point, the trade correspondent takes the view that, regrettable as it might be to admit it, the plain fact is that receivers from the United States are the most suitable for New Zealand conditions." Our correspondent is welcome to express his views on this matter in our columns, but we would ask him (and others) to aim at more accuracy in comment. A newspaper does not adopt as its own all items or opinions given as news in its columns.

Referring to your paragraph headed "Duty on Radio Goods" in your issue of July 24, I would join issue with you on the points raised therein.

(1) U.S.A. receivers are "most suitable for New Zealand conditions." This is an old slogan used without any argument to support it. There are several firms in New Zealand which make wireless sets, and if these are not "more suitable" then it does not say much for our own radiotronics. In most of these I notice English components are mostly used. Also the U.S.A. makers are adopting English and Continental ideas for their sets, as example the screen-grid and pentode valves. In your own paper you give English ideas in the circuits for home constructors, and most home constructors use English parts and valves. I might add that the New Zealand-made sets compare more than favourably in performance with the U.S.A. sets, and I myself had an English battery set that I would not have exchanged for any American.

(2) "English manufacturers were asking prices that enabled them to pay up to 100 per cent. dividend." You do not say what dividend the American companies pay, even if your other statement about English companies is correct, which I doubt. Besides which, the American companies go to the other extreme and "dump" their goods. I had a pile of advertising matter sent me from a correspondent in America giving the American prices of well-known sets and parts, and was surprised to notice that the New Zealand prices as advertised here are about the same as, and in some cases less than, the price for the same set or part in America—this in spite of the high duty complained of.

(3) Finally I think it would be a good plan if New Zealand followed the example of Australia and prohibited the importation of complete sets, after due notice had been given. This would give us the expansion of a new industry which has already started,

Chamber of Commerce Resolution

THE following was the resolution passed unanimously by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce:—"That it be a recommendation to the New Zealand Government that in considering the question of the future control of radio broadcasting in New Zealand, the fullest consideration should be given to the adoption of a system similar to that operating under the British Broadcasting Corporation, which has proved conspicuously successful. It is considered that operation by the State or the granting to private enterprise of the monopoly of the remunerative operation of Public Service are both essentially wrong in principle and contrary to the public interest."

Programme Notes

ELAINA MOODY is forming a new trio which will shortly entertain 3YA listeners. It will consist of Miss Moody (steel guitar), W. Clancy (Spanish guitar), and Len. Archer (ukulele).

A new quartet of entertainers, to be known as "The Rascals and their Rascallettes," will make their first broadcast from 3YA on Saturday, September 5. The party comprise experienced radio performers—Alice Greenlees, Melva Cater, Eddie Hegan, and Bert Goodland.

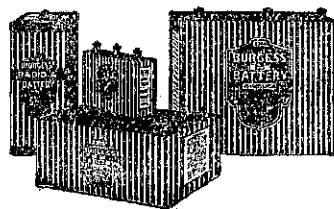
In addition to the bi-weekly relays which are taking place from 2YA, Wellington, to 2ZF, Palmerston North, and 2ZD, Masterton, similar bi-weekly broadcasts are now being carried out by Station 4ZP, Invercargill, on relay from 4YA and 3YA. These relays include the International Programme from 4YA on Monday evenings, and the after-church concerts which are relayed on Sunday evenings alternatively from 4YA and 3YA. A nautical programme will be relayed by 3YA from Lyttelton in the not-far-distant future. During the evening the concert will be interrupted to permit of a broadcast by the Mayor of Lyttelton, Mr. Sutton. Mr. Sutton will be presiding at a council meeting, and will, therefore, be unable to attend the concert, so a microphone will be taken to the council table and he will from there give his talk on "Port Lyttelton—Past and Present."

and would help to some extent our unemployment problem. Many wireless dealers are making sets now, either to order or to their own ideas, and these are giving complete satisfaction.

I have no interest commercially with any wireless firm, but write as an ordinary New Zealand listener.—I am, etc.,

Kohukohu.

J. BURT.



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