

Emergency Radio Sets

Installed Throughout
Dominion

IN preparation for an emergency such as the isolation of a district by earthquake or snowstorm, the Post and Telegraph Department has inaugurated a system of shortwave wireless sets which are installed at various parts of the Dominion.

Each of the sets is self-contained, and is operated by power from the mains or from dry batteries. The sets are capable of communicating with any part of the Dominion, and each week they are tested by communication with Wellington.

One of these sets has been installed in each district, either in the district engineer's house or in a convenient wooden building which is not likely to be affected by earthquakes.

Radio Control

Listeners Oppose Change

"If listeners realised the full significance of the Government's proposals Parliament would be inundated with messages of vigorous protest," said Mr. A. R. Donaldson, honorary official listener for Wanganui, when asked by a "Dominion" (Wellington) representative recently for his views concerning the Broadcasting Bill now before Parliament. Mr. Donaldson is secretary to the Wanganui Rotary Club, and came to Wellington as a delegate to the Rotary Conference.

"I am satisfied," he proceeded, "that the great majority of the 60,000 listeners are averse to any change in the system of control; but apparently they have been lulled into a sense of false security by official assurances that the change it is proposed to make is to be definitely non-political. The proposals set out in the Bill prove conclusively that this is not the case. The four members of the board are to be appointed by, and to hold office at the will of, the Minister, and in all material matters they are to be subject to his authority. This clearly means departmental dominance.

The Big Task Ahead.

"THE broadcasting service has been successfully pioneered and developed efficiently up to a certain point.

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A Link With the Past

Mayor of Akaroa to Speak from 3YA

MR. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, hale and hearty at 78, and still the vigorous Mayor of Akaroa, over which borough he has presided for 28 years, is a link with early New Zealand history. Born in Akaroa, he has been intimately associated with one of the most historic and prettiest spots in the South Island.

Back to the old whaling days goes the name of Armstrong, for it was on a whaler that the father of Mr. Geo. Armstrong first sailed New Zealand waters. He secured his discharge and settled in this colony, dying an octogenarian in Akaroa.

Mr. Armstrong's father, when in command of a ship employed in carrying food to Wanganui for soldiers engaged in the Maori War, took part in an incident which is now almost legendary. Wanganui people point to a very high cliff which in those days would have risen sheer from the river, and they tell how a Scotsman, "Jock" McGregor, when chased by Maoris, jumped from the cliff into the river.

This story is not literally correct, according to Mr. George Armstrong, whose father had his own share of the excitement of the occasion. Captain Armstrong's ship, "The Catherine Johnstone," was lying in the

river nearly opposite the cliff when he saw a man running for his life, pursued by angry Maoris. He ran and leaped down the face of the cliff until he got into a position where the Maoris could not shoot him.

Captain Armstrong called to the sailors: "Are you game to go over and get that man?"

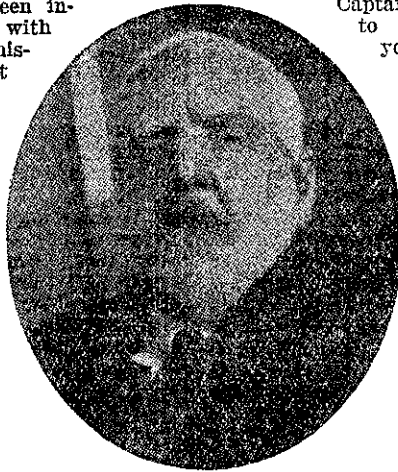
They all said "Yes," and a boat's crew was soon making for the other side of the river. They rescued McGregor and pulled back again to the ship.

Martial law prevailed in Wanganui in those days, and the military authorities took a serious view of Captain Armstrong's action in going across the river against orders. He was arrested and court-mar-

tialled, but was acquitted.

"Jock" McGregor was a well-known character in Wanganui. He had an eye for good land and had no fear of the Maoris, who, on the contrary had a great respect for the Highland claymore with which McGregor ostentatiously exercised and which he would use to clear the streets quickly.

Mr. George Armstrong will speak from 3YA on Wednesday, September 23, his theme being "Akaroa—Yesterday and To-day."



MR. GEORGE ARMSTRONG,
Mayor of Akaroa.

There now remains to be accomplished the big task of completely reticulating the Dominion, so that listeners everywhere shall be assured of good reception.

"My view, which I think will be universally endorsed by all payers of license fees, is that the expeditious completion of this development should be definitely and specifically assured by the allocation to the responsible body of a quota of the license revenue not less than that now authorised. This policy should be continued until the service has reached the maximum stage of development, after which any reduction of the quota which may then be practicable should take the form of a reduction of the license fee.

Allocation of Funds.

"THE members of the North Taranaki society appear to have had this in mind when drafting their questionnaire, (which appears elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.) although they appear to have overlooked, or failed to stress sufficiently the service-starving, revenue-raiding possibilities of section 13 of the Bill. Under this section it is provided that the board 'may enter into agreements with the Minister for the payment to the board of portion of the fees received. It is left entirely to the Minister to decide what that portion shall be. At present it is 25/- out of the 30/-.

"The Bill leaves it open to the Minister to cut this to any extent he may

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Oregon DX-er Hears 2YA

On a Two-Valve Set

A LISTENER on a lonely post in Oregon thus describes the thrill he experienced when he tuned-in 2YA on his two-valve set:

"This morning the dream of a DX fan came true. I cannot yet forget the thrill which came with the reception of 2YA. I am intensely interested in the station which carried over the 7000 miles and brought cheer to a lonely mountain peak on which is located a Forest Service lookout station. My duty is to look for forest fires during these hot summer months here in the eastern and northern corners of the State of Oregon. My greatest recreation is that of 'spearing' the ether for the unusual. Until this morning, Rochester, N.Y., was my greatest DX find, and I considered it exceptionally good for my little two-tube set.

"You certainly have a station to be proud of. 2YA came through the light barrage of static consistently throughout the entire programme. Only when I had to remove my hands from the sensitive receiver to write down the programme did I lose you."

determine, without regard to the wishes and interests of the listeners who provide the money, and devote the amount so 'grabbed' to any purpose he chooses—to swelling the profits of the Post and Telegraph Department, for example. The gentleman now in office will no doubt disclaim any such intention, but as the clause stands the opportunity for him to operate on the listeners' funds is there, and the only disclaimer worth anything to listeners will be a specific provision in the Bill safeguarding them from being so robbed.

Vital Weakness.

"THERE are other serious weaknesses in the Bill, but the vital weakness is that the Minister, and not the board, controls the funds, and that the board, although ostensibly responsible for the service, is vested with almost negligible authority and is empowered to do nothing of any consequence save with the sanction and authority of the Minister. And this, we are told, is not State control."

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