

# The Radio Board

## *Appointment of Members*

**THE** Personnel of the Radio Board was announced on Saturday last by the Minister of Telegraphs, the Hon. A. Hamilton. The Board consists of the following:

**MR. H. D. VICKERY**, public accountant, of Wellington (chairman).

**MR. G. R. HUTCHINSON**, company director, of Auckland.

**MR. L. R. C. MACFARLANE**, farmer, of Culverden.

Mr. Vickery will hold office as first chairman of the Board for a period not exceeding 5 years, but subsequent appointments to that position will be for a period not exceeding 3 years. Of the other two appointments, one is for 4 years and the other for 3 years. The subsequent appointees will hold office for 3 years. Members are eligible for reappointment.

The Board will hold its first meeting in Wellington on Tuesday, December 22, and will then be required to transact a big volume of business essential to the change-over. It is understood that the existing staffs will be confirmed in their appointment in the first instance until the Board has time to investigate the position.

According to the Act under which the Board is constituted, the Board is charged with the whole duty of advancing broadcasting in New Zealand. It will therefore be required to go fully into all aspects before announcing its policy upon material points.



The Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. D. Vickery.

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**IT** is also provided in the original Act that an Advisory Council may be set up to assist the Board. The personnel of this Advisory Council has not yet been decided upon. It is to consist of eight members, five from the North Island and three from the South Island. The appointments are to be for a time of three years, with the right of reappointment.

The purpose of this Advisory Council is to afford listeners the opportunity of voicing their views upon the control of the broadcasting system. The intention is that the Council shall hold its inaugural meeting shortly after the Board takes over the system, and advise the Board as to the best policy to pursue, i.e., from the point of view of the Council. Thereafter the Council will meet once a year, or more frequently if desired, when questions of importance can be decided.

There is also provision in the Act for the appointment by the Board of standing or special committees. In this advantage is being taken of the practice of the Radio Broadcasting Company in maintaining at the different centres sports committees, entertainment committees, education committees, church committees, and children's committees, etc., composed of enthusiasts who are prepared to give guidance in their particular fields.

### Mr. H. D. Vickery.

The chairman of the Broadcasting Board, Mr. H. D. Vickery, is a public accountant of Wellington, where he has been practising for the past 22 years. For a number of years he has acted as an examiner in accountancy subjects for the University of New Zealand. He is connected with a number of companies, including Metters (N.Z.), Ltd., B. L. Hart and Co., Ltd., and the Paparoa Coal Co., Ltd. Mr. Vickery acted for the Government on the Committee for the revision of the Companies Act. For 10 years he was secretary for the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, and he was the first secretary of the New Zealand Associated Chambers of Commerce. Last April Mr. Vickery was appointed a member of the Earthquake Adjustment Court.



Mr. L. R. C. Macfarlane.