

been waiting for, and if you are satisfied as things are there is the chance of a change of service. I have been one of the unsatisfied listeners, but if the Broadcasting Board abide by the majority I will have to submit. This should stop all programme warfare when finalised. The next war will be "Lowbrows" v. "Highbrows." Do your duty, "Lowbrows," the writing is on the wall for the classics.—B.W. (Stratford).

4YA Heterodyned.

AS I am a regular subscriber to the "Radio Record" I would like some space to air my views. Reception is fairly good here, and all New Zealand stations come in well. A fault that could be remedied while the committee is at it. 4YA, a 500-watt station, is clashing with KFI, and you cannot get clear reception of 4YA because KFI is coming in just as well. The solution would be to shift 4YA's frequency to, say, 660 k.c. This change would vastly improve the clarity of reception. Do other listeners of powerful sets get this interference too?—"Economic" (Oamaru).

Heterodyne Interference.

HAS any other dx listener noticed the station heterodyning 2YA? Up here it is most annoying during the dinner music session and until 7.30. My set can separate KFI and 4YA, but I cannot cut out the howl from 2YA. Other set owners have noticed the howl too. Music can be heard and it seems to be an American. Could 2YA drop to, say, 705 k.c., to enable us to get clear reception?—DX12HB (Havelock North).

Satisfied With Board.

IF "Six Valve," Christchurch is worrying himself to know who "WE" are, I should like to state that I allude to my household of 5 persons, and "WE" say again that "WE" are quite satisfied with the Broadcasting Board, and still think the programmes have improved 50 per cent. I should think that a person with 6 valves would get away from N.Z. stations if the fare is not acceptable. In conclusion, "Six Valve" talks about pulling together. "WE" will be on the opposite end of the rope to him.—"Traveller" (Eltham).

Reception in N.Z.

YOUR correspondent, Geo. Lamb, of Inglewood, says some very hard things re reception in this district, but unfortunately his statements concerning the reception of all the stations after dark are quite true. It is practically impossible to listen to any programme from any N.Z. station after dark. I should say radio dealers have a very lean time in Taranaki. I believe the only solution to our difficulties is a powerful relay station, and no doubt in a short time there would be a great increase in the number of licenses in Taranaki.

It is about time a change was made in our Sunday programmes. My experience of the non-churchgoer is that he is a very tolerant person, but surely one station in each island could cater for him by putting on something different from the dull church services. I feel sure the majority of license-holders are non-churchgoers, and would appreciate a change. I also consider music should be available all day Sunday, as this is the day when practically all folk are at home.—W.S. (Inglewood).

License Numbers Still Mounting

Over 74,000 in Force

DESPITE stringent economic conditions, the number of radio licenses in force throughout the Dominion continues to increase. The grand total as at January 31 last was 74,743—an increase of 1,596 during the month, and of 12,296 over the grand total at the same date last year. A substantial decrease of 285 in the number of dealers' licenses in existence on January 31 of this year, however, is revealed, in comparison with last year's figures.

DISTRICT.	CLASS OF LICENSE.				
	Receiving.	Dealers'.	Trans- mitting.	Experi- mental and Special.	Free.
Auckland	21,722	277	107	1	96
Canterbury	11,723	157	109	2	46
Otago	9,190	133	78	2	32
Wellington	30,401	408	198	4	57
	73,036	975	492	9	231

Grand Total.....74,743.

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Answers to Correspondents

A.M.H. (Tiran): Photos of the four announcers will be published in the "Radio Guide."

Letters in Brief.

DX4T takes his lance in self-defence against the attacks recently made against him re the English used by "Uncle George." He points out that he said "pure English," and maintains his contention that the gentleman in question does not use pure English, but Scottish. He wishes to make clear that he is not attacking "Uncle George" himself, for whose earnestness he has profound respect.

R.A.G., Christchurch, reiterates argument in favour of the R.B.C. style of announcing, and requests that dinner music numbers be published. There is too much violin music, and too few "old time nights."

Advisory Committee

Two Days' Meeting

THE first meeting of the Advisory Council appointed to make recommendations to the New Zealand Broadcasting Board, met at the Board's office on the 10th instant, and concluded its sessions on the following day. Mr. J. H. Owen, of Wellington, was appointed Chairman of the Council. Mr. H. D. Vickery, chairman of the Board, addressed the Council prior to its conference.

The deliberations of the Council were necessarily in private, the whole field of broadcasting being fully discussed. It was indicated that in the opinion of the Council certain localities were at present ill-served by the YA stations; these districts being Southland-Stewart Island, Central Otago, South Canterbury, West Coast, Nelson, Wairarapa, Napier-Hastings, Gisborne, Palmerston North, North Taranaki, Walkato, Bay of Plenty-Rotorua. In this connection it was resolved, in view

of the certainty that a fully developed service depends on the expert report of the "Coverage" Commission set up to investigate and recommend, that the next step to be taken might advantageously be co-operation with existing stations in the following places: Invercargill, Greymouth, Masterton, Hastings, Gisborne, Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Hamilton.

The Board was recommended to consider as soon as practicable cases not included in this list, as they have at present no stations, the possibility of meeting the position either by increasing the power of adjacent YA stations, by subsidising any station to be privately established in the locality, or by other means.

The Council thought that the policy of the Board should ultimately be to increase the power and coverage of the YA stations rather than to build numerous small stations.

The Council considered that the suppression of serious radio interference should be the subject of Government regulation.

In connection with the issue to listeners of a questionnaire on programme preference, the Council expressed its approval of the effort to get an opinion directly expressed in this way.

The Board was asked to consider the possibility of doing something for New Zealand by way of a standard guide of pronunciation of announcers not necessarily on the lines of "Broadcast English" issued by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Cheque Book of Kindly Actions

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A MAORI entertainment has been pencilled in at 2YA for Saturday, April 9. A party known as the Te Rawhiti Entertainers will provide the programme, which will consist of dances as well as musical numbers.

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