

AT an informal gathering held at the office of the New Zealand Broadcasting Board on Friday morning, the opportunity was taken by the head office and 2YA staff to convey to Mr. E. C. Hands, sincere congratulations on his appointment to the position of general manager to the board.

In asking Mr. Hands to accept the felicitations of the head office staff, Mr. S. J. Hayden, assistant manager, said that it was particularly pleasing to learn that after six months' very pleasant association with Mr. Hands as acting general manager, he had accepted the appointment of permanent head. During the period since the inception of board control—a period which necessarily was of a reconstructive nature—Mr. Hands's considerate and courteous administration had been deeply appreciated by all officers.

Perhaps he might be permitted to add, continued Mr. Hayden, that it was reassuring to know that the high standard of efficiency which had been attained under Mr. Hands's control would now continue to progress uninterrupted. In addition, Mr. Hands had gained a wide experience in all spheres of radio in his association with the Post and Telegraph Department as chief of the telegraph division, and apart from the value of his experience in other spheres of the board's activities, it was a source of satisfaction to the staff that in Mr. Hands they had a general manager who was already familiar with the ramifications and complex problems inevitably associated with what was after all a comparatively new science.

Mr. Hayden on behalf of the head office staff concluded by extending to Mr. Hands a warm welcome and an

General Manager of Broadcasting Board

Mr. E. C. Hands Permanently Appointed

assurance of the loyal support of all members in the board's service.

Mr. John Ball, station director, said that it was with sincere pleasure that, speaking on behalf of the staff of 2YA, he heartily endorsed the sentiments and felicitations conveyed to Mr. Hands by Mr. Hayden on behalf of the staff of head office.

Since Mr. Hands had been "on loan" as their temporary chief under the new regime, all members of the staff had had ample opportunity of judging for themselves as to his admirable qualities, and he was confident that he was speaking for everyone when he said that they were all truly pleased when they learned that what had proved so satisfactory a temporary loan, had been wisely converted into what they felt sure would prove to the service a highly profitable permanent endowment.

He believed they could offer Mr. Hands nothing better, and nothing that would be more acceptable to him, than the assurance already given by Mr. Hayden—the assurance of the zealous service and loyal co-operation of the entire staff. That assurance was tendered with their hearty congratulations to Mr. Hands.

Mr. Hands, in reply, said that he was very happy to have had the opportunity of meeting the staff, and thanked them sincerely for their congratulatory remarks.

He wished also to thank the staffs for their loyalty to the board and to himself, particularly during the first month or two under board regime. That was a very trying time for all, and without exception the finest spirit of service had been shown by members of the staff. Broadcasting was now a most important public service, and as such must be conducted with integrity and reliability. Under a board determined to use its best endeavours to place broadcasting in New Zealand on the highest possible plane, he had the greatest confidence in the future of the service.

He knew he could depend on the staffs to play their part in providing listeners with the best possible service within the means of the board.

Mr. Hands Farewelled

AT the General Post Office on the afternoon of June 30 a large and representative gathering assembled to

bid farewell to Mr. E. C. Hands, who has relinquished his position as principal of the Telegraph Division, General Post Office, to take up the appointment of general manager of the New Zealand Broadcasting Board.

In presenting Mr. Hands with a leather travelling bag and a handbag for Mrs. Hands, Mr. G. McNamara, C.B.E., Secretary, General Post Office, said that the large gathering of fellow-officers was an eloquent expression of the esteem in which Mr. Hands was held. Mr. McNamara traced the career of Mr. Hands from his first employment at Thames in the year 1899 to his final appointment in 1929 as principal of the Telegraph Division of the General Post Office. He had shown great capacity in mastering the intricate work associated with radio and telephone matters, and his work had been characterised by both foresight and good judgment. Mr. McNamara felt that in his new position of general manager of the New Zealand Broadcasting Board, the services of Mr. Hands would be as satisfactory as they had been to the department.

Mr. J. Robertson, first assistant secretary, and Mr. C. S. Plank, chief telegraph engineer, also spoke highly of the excellent work done by Mr. Hands throughout his career in the service.

Mr. Hands was the recipient of many and enthusiastic good wishes from the large gathering that assembled. He returned thanks for the good wishes and handsome gifts, and said he would always have the most pleasant recollections of his sojourn in the service. The function was closed with three hearty cheers.

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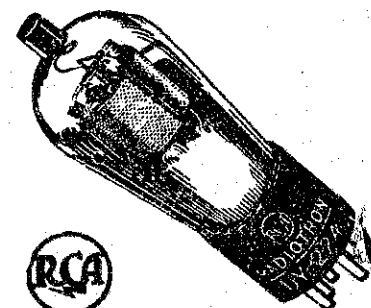
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