

Radio Institute Formed For Wireless Experts

IN order to raise the status of New Zealand wireless experts, the New Zealand Radio Institute has been formed. The Institute aims to bring together those technically engaged in radio, to protect its members and their profession.

An inaugural meeting was held last month, when it was unanimously decided by a large number of those interested that such an Institute should be formed, and on July 6 the first meeting of the newly-formed Institute was held, Mr. J. Bright presiding. Details of the previous meeting at which the constitution was adopted were outlined and the chairman explained that the society was now incorporated and the remaining formalities would be completed within the course of the next two or three days.

It was intimated that it would be futile for the Institute to set its own standards. It was seeking to co-operate with the Public Works Department and, in doing this it recognised only the standards laid down by them, i.e., the Radio Serviceman's Examination, or its equivalent. In order to help those professionally engaged in radio but who had not yet acquired their full status, it has been decided to form two grades, a members grade and an associate grade to which there was no examination entrance requirement. In order to provide a definite operation basis between the Institute and the Public Works Department, arrangements were being made for a representative to interview the chief electrical engineer of the department.

Letters were received from the Stamp Department concerning the finalising of certain formalities, and from Messrs. A. B. Downes, E. E. Olivecrona and J. R. Howard, making application for membership.

Following the enrolment as members of all those who were present and eligible, the following officers were elected:—

President, Mr. Charles Ruscoe, Asso. I.R.E.; vice-president, Mr. Allan Webster, Asso.I.R.E.; secretary, Mr. Colin W. Smith, B.A., Asso.I.R.E.

Technical committee: Messrs. C. E. Billing, C. C. K. Fear, J. G. Henderson, K. T. Wilkinson, R. Slade and Megann.

Finance committee, Messrs. R. B. Fowler, A. P. Anyon, F. Duggan, W. S. Green and W. C. Whiteford.

The Constitution.

THE constitution provides for operation throughout New Zealand, and it is hoped to bring together all those professionally interested in radio with a view to achieving results of benefit to members as a whole. The constitution requires that every intending member shall be nominated by two members of the Institute, but in order to overcome the difficulty existing while the Institute has insufficient members to make this practicable, arrangements are being made by the executive to arrange the nomination formalities for those situated out of Wellington who desire to become members. It is necessary for them only to make application to the secretary stating their qualifications. The subscription fee has been fixed at 10/6 per annum for full and associate members, but provision is made to admit anyone under 21 to either grade for 5/-. It being necessary for them to pay the full fee after they reach the age of 21. All ordinary

Latest License Statistics Over 70,000 in Force

THE following return from the Post and Telegraph Department showing the number of radio licenses in force on May 31 last, reveals an increase of no less than 7,000 in one month. The grand total on April 30 this year was 63,224.

DISTRICT.	CLASS OF LICENSE.				
	Receivers	Dealers	Transmitters	Experimental and Special	Free.
Auckland	19,438	255	109	—	100
Canterbury	10,902	161	119	1	42
Otago	8,989	132	74	1	31
Wellington	20,449	417	202	4	56
Totals	68,778	965	504	6	229.
Grand Total.....	70,482.				

'Andromeda and the Storm King'

(See article on page 5 on the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra Concert.)

*Proclaimed is the oracle! The Royal victim,
The blanched Andromeda, fettered to the pitiless rock
By the sea-nymphs' cruel hands
Is given as a prey to the monster of the deep.*

*In the dark, the fierce black waters rise;
The pure-hearted virgin mingles her wild cries
With the thunder of Poseidon, King of the Storm,
Pleading to be spared her life, for cursing the gods.*

*With her closed eyes, where the frightful dream is painted,
She sees the wrath of Hera.
The approach of the dragon,
The glaucous billows of the sea affrighting the shore.*

*Woman, lift up your eyes! Beyond the deep azure,
From on high, everywhere, beyond the stellar night,
A light hastens toward the earth,
Swift as an arrow springing from the bow.*

*Nearer! Nearer! a thousand bespangling sparks!
The light pierces the clouds! O vision!
Glorious and terrible! Transcendent fulguration!
Gleaming swords! Joyful calls! Flapping wings!*

*With golden helmet, resplendent armour,
Swinging Pallas's sword, and riding Pegasus,
Before the virgin, with eyes revulsed with rapture,
Perseus, the liberator, descends,*

*The monster, quivering with hideous frenzy,
Pounces upon the calm hero and his divine steed!
But Pallas had sharpened the sword of justice,
The ocean is empurpled, and the dragon expires.*

*The night, now blue and full of stars,
Andromeda, pale with hope,
Feels the chains falling from her beautiful, unveiled body,
Softly touched by Kronos's trembling hands.*

*The hero lifts the virgin upon the wings of Pegasus,
To carry her away to the distant fields of the sky.
Amid flowers of lights, and flames of bliss,
The lovers are crowned with eternal happiness.*

meetings of the Institute will be held in Wellington, in such place as may be determined, and members will be posted at least seven clear days before the date of the meeting. Special meetings may be held at any place which may be convenient. Application for members and inquiries should be made to the secretary, P.O. Box 1134, Wellington.

Agricultural Talks New Series from 4YA

LISTENERS generally, and particularly those in country districts, will extend a warm welcome to Messrs. Tennent and McCaskill, who are at present preparing a series of agricultural talks for broadcast through Station 2YA.

The instructive dialogues arranged by these two gentlemen were a feature of 4YA's broadcasts last year, and there were many, with no interest whatever in farming matters, who tuned in to 4YA for the sole purpose of enjoying the witty exchanges between these two gentlemen, with the lifelike background of noises peculiar to the farm.

At the moment a definite date has not been finalised for one of these dialogue talks, but Mr. McCaskill commenced the series on Wednesday, July 13, with a review of the Journal of Agriculture.

Coming Improvements Policy Pronouncements

AN indication that listeners will not have to wait much longer for the important policy pronouncements, was given by the general manager of the Broadcasting Board, Mr. E. C. Hands, in Auckland at the week-end.

Mr. Hands explained that so many and varied problems had to be faced by the Broadcasting Board that it had been impossible, prior to this, to issue a policy statement giving listeners definite ideas of what the future held for them.

In the circumstances, listeners had been very patient, and the board appreciated their patience. It was hoped that, following the board meeting on the 21st of the current month, Mr. Vickery, the chairman, would be able to make a number of pronouncements which would be welcome news to listeners.

The board and its staff were facing big problems, and were tackling them with a view to providing more than a mere hand-to-mouth scheme. The response of listeners to the questionnaire, and the report of the coverage commission dealing with means to provide the best listening facilities for the whole Dominion, would assist greatly in this.

Until the policy of the board was announced, as it would be at the earliest possible moment, Mr. Hands explained that he was not able to disclose what was contemplated. He mentioned, however, that it was now possible to co-operate fully with the P. and T. Department, and to secure at times the use of some of their special plant to assist in overseas rebroadcasts. An example could be cited from last Saturday week, when the Department's special telephony receiving set at Mount Crawford was used for picking up 2ME, describing the New Zealand-Australia Rugby Test, with the result that 2YA was able to put out an excellently received story.

The possibilities of rebroadcasting overseas programmes were being explored thoroughly, to the eventual benefit of listeners, though it must be remembered that these, more even than local programmes, were costly, and the whole financial position of the board was not yet finalised.