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RADIO Round the World

WITHIN a very short period after its inauguration 2000 homes in Switzerland have been wired for wired wireless.

SO far has the science of television advanced that a number of telephones in Paris are fitted with television apparatus, whereby a caller is enabled to see the image of the person at the other end of the line. The device has not been generally adopted, but the success attained suggests that this may be so in the near future.

THE first television station in Canada was opened in July. Two transmitters are being used. The sight transmitter operates on a band of frequencies ranging from 2100 to 2200 kc., with synchronised sound on 340 metres. Other television stations are to be erected and a boom in sound and sight broadcasting is predicted.

THE broadcasting authorities in South Africa and India were very successful in their rebroadcasts of the opening of the Ottawa Conference. South Africa received the messages over the Post Office's South African telephone service. Transmission was made for both countries by the British Government station, Rugby.

FOR a city which acclaims itself as being the artistic centre of the world it is somewhat surprising to find that Radio Paris broadcasts more gramophone music than any other station in Europe. More than one-quarter of this station's transmissions are devoted to mechanical music.

UNTIL Anos and Andy commenced a series of broadcasts at seven o'clock in the evening advertisers in America looked upon that hour as an unpopular one. Since then the demand for space on programmes at 7 p.m. has exceeded the supply. Many sponsors have offered premium rates for time immediately preceding the turn of the famous pair of burnt-cork comedians.

STATION 2GB, Sydney, is to have two new studios which, it is claimed, will be the finest in Australia. The control equipment is to be overhauled thoroughly and this department, when alterations and additions have been made, is expected to be the best in the country.

GERMANY has abolished the system of privately and municipally-owned broadcasting organisations and placed the service wholly under Government ownership. Each of the separate States will be represented on the executive board responsible for programmes and provision has been made for each separate State to broadcast programmes reflective of its own art and traditions.

AN unusual feature of the new short-wave beam station now in course of erection near Shanghai will be the inclusion of auxiliary apparatus enabling the transmitters to be utilised for broadcasting services, when not in use for commercial telegraphy. A complete set of studio equipment is to be supplied which will permit the transmission of broadcast programmes on short-wave lengths. On the completion of the station a direct commercial wireless circuit will be provided for the first time between Great Britain and China.

LISTENERS in the Mossel Bay district of the Cape Province of South Africa have almost without exception signed a petition forwarded to the Cape Town station strongly condemning reception from that transmitter. During a period of eight months only on twelve nights was the signal worth tuning to. So regular have been complaints from the east coast that the authorities have decided to erect a new transmitter. Following upon this decision, Grahamstown has negotiated with the Postmaster-General for the establishment of a broadcasting station in that district, which would probably effectively serve Mossel Bay. Grahamstown residents are so keenly interested that they have signified their willingness to supply the necessary capital and request that all listeners within 100 miles be charged a license fee.

OF the 35 million receiving sets installed in homes throughout the world, almost half are operated under licenses. The total population of countries where licenses are required is 370 millions, which is approximately three times the population of the U.S.A., yet the States have double the number of broadcasting stations that the "license" countries have.

TWO London-Edinburgh express trains have been fitted for wireless reception. Two types of receivers are employed which work in conjunction with a gramophone, which can be utilised when the wireless fare is unsuitable. Each receiver is tuned to a different station and each can be faded out if so desired. Headphones are supplied to passengers at a hire charge of one shilling, and each pair of phones has its own volume control.

THE latest Baird televisior will have many new features and will be retailed in Britain for between £25 and £30. Instead of having to peer into a lens at a small image in red and black, a number of persons will be able to sit comfortably round the receiver and witness scenes on a parchment screen four inches wide and nine inches high. The room need not be completely darkened. The televisior is operated from the mains, and vision signals can be obtained from any first-class wireless receiver which is constructed to receive signals on the picture band.