

Round the World on SHORTWAVE

Conducted by F. W. SELLENS

Short-wave News

Empire Station Testing.

G5SW was testing late on Wednesday night, volume and clarity being so good that the several listeners who reported reception of this test, felt certain that it was the new Empire station being tried out.

The wave length was given as 25.78 metres a trifle higher than 5SW's usual wave, but one listener said they were a little lower, about the same as 12RO. Each were certain that never before had the call, "G5SW" been so clear and loud

is, like a good many of us, looking forward to our Empire station with great hopes for really good reception from Home.

Mr. Hassan reports that a new station, W2XBJ, New Jersey, relays to Germany every second Friday of the month on 20.49 metres.

Notes on Local Reception

THERE has been quite a lot of static during the past few days on the longer of the short waves. One has to rise early to hear anything worth while just now.

RV59, 50 metres; HVJ, 50.26 metres; Zeesen, 31.35 metres; 12RO, 25.4 metres; and Radio Colonial, 25.2 metres, are all well received till about 6.30 a.m., or a little later, but, as a rule, are very weak after this time. Radio Colonial on 25.6 does not commence till about 8.30 a.m., when they are weak, in fact not always audible. One morning they were heard as late as 11.30 a.m., but very weak. W2XAF, 31.48 metres, is down in volume, and W1XAZ is seldom audible.

On the other hand, the 50 metre stations are improving, coming in well during the late afternoon, W8XX, 48.86, being about the best. W8XAL and W8XAL are also good. Signs of several other stations on this wavelength band are now audible, and careful tuning will bring in stations only heard at certain seasons.

The Jap., J1AA, is not so loud now during the evening, but RV15 continues to come in at good strength, static permitting, most evenings after dark. VK's 2ME and 3ME come in well, as usual, when on their regular schedules, although both are subject to severe fading, sometimes.

Short-Wave Club Notes

I OFTEN receive a letter enclosing a sub. from different people and, on going over the records, I find their names as having sent in inquiries. I find that the majority of those who inquire eventually join up. There is special provision made so that a deposit will be accepted on the sub. so that listeners can get their information and station lists without having to wait for more favourable times.

The advent of daylight saving and gardening, etc., bring its usual lack of news from the old-timers, who, as the days get longer, indulge in a period of fading, to return later.

Now that the president, Mr. F. W. Sellens, has his transmitter's ticket, he finds that the nightly conferences with the secretary are to be resumed. The suspension was of a temporary nature so that he could get the hang of the "ditt-dar" business, but, while we allowed him a brief respite in order to get through, we cannot afford to allow him too long.

Mr. J. V. McMinn, a very popular Wellington shortwaver, has been temporarily appointed to the I.L.Q. committee for special duties, and Mr. G. Blong, a member of the committee, will take on the duties of assistant treasurer.

Any inquiries regarding the club may be addressed to A. B. McDonagh, Secretary, N.Z. Short Wave Club, 4 Queen Street, Wellington E1, and remember, if you go out hiking and take a set, get your license endorsed.—Yours fraternally, MAC.

Radio Serviceman's Exam.

ENTRIES for the next Radio Serviceman's Examination close with the Registrar, No. 8 The Terrace, Wellington, on October 31, 1932. The examination will be held on December 2. Entry forms may be obtained from the Registrar, or from the Secretary, N.Z. Radio Institute, Box 1134, Wellington.

in Wellington. The writer missed this test, but made a point of staying up later the next two nights with the hope of hearing something worth while. However, nothing was heard except a strong carrier, which might be G5SW or another station near its frequency.

Empire Recording.

LAND lines have been specially laid between the B.B.C. studios at Broadcasting House and the recording studios of the Gramophone Company, for the making of records for Empire distribution. Special events will be recorded by the Blatnerphone process, and then wax discs made from the steel tape for distribution.

The International Radio Forum.

LADY MURIEL PAGET is the London representative of the newly formed International Radio Forum. Several talks arranged by this "Radio Forum" have been heard in New Zealand from England, America and France.

In England these Sunday talks by prominent people, take place in a B.B.C. studio. The speech is transmitted to America on the beam wireless, and, if the British listener desires to "tune in," he must try for one of the American short-wave relay stations, hearing the talk after it has crossed the Atlantic both ways.

The time to listen in New Zealand for the International Radio Forum talks is on Monday morning, somewhere between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Reception conditions at the present time are not favourable during these hours, but will be again a little later in the season.

Reception in Bay of Plenty.

MR. A. A. HASSAN (Otakiri) reports hearing W4XD, 49.5 metres at good volume on several afternoons. This is, I believe, the first definite report of W4XD in New Zealand. Generally, short wave reception in the Bay of Plenty is, at the present time, below the average. However, 12RO, Rome, and the 50-metre Americans are very good. G5SW is not as a rule received at all well in this district, and my correspondent

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