

The Test Matches

Daily Summary to be Broadcast

THE cricket test matches between England and Australia will commence on the following dates:—

Friday, December 2.
Friday, December 30.
Friday, January 13.
Friday, February 10.
Thursday, February 23.

It is expected that each match will occupy three or four days, and in view of the keen interest which will be taken in these fixtures the Broadcasting Board has made arrangements for a summary of each day's play to be broadcast from all the YA stations at approximately 9 o'clock each evening during the match, and again just prior to the stations closing down.

Thrills from London

Armistice Day Relay

LISTENERS will long remember the rebroadcast of the Armistice Day ceremony from the Cenotaph, Whitehall.

Rebroadcasts of this nature are at present always "subject to conditions proving favourable," but on this occasion there was little with which to find fault, and the whole of the ceremony could be followed without having to strain one's ears.

The ceremony, which was broadcast by the B.B.C.'s short-wave transmitting station G5SW, Chelmsford, was marked by simplicity and dignity.

Particularly impressive was the "two minutes' silence," when the rush and turmoil of the world's greatest city was stilled and London paid silent homage to those who

— went with songs to the battle,
And fell with their faces to the foe."

Listeners experienced a thrill when Big Ben chimed 11 a.m., and the Wellington Post Office clock chimed, simultaneously, 11 p.m.

From all parts of the Dominion reports have been received commenting upon the success of the rebroadcast, and the Broadcasting Board's engineers are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they carried out the rebroadcast.

Another particularly enjoyable feature of the broadcast commemoration of Armistice Day was the "radiating" by 2YA of the speech delivered by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the meeting organised by the National Council of Social Service, at Royal Albert Hall, London, January 27, 1932.

"Many great audiences have filled this hall, many great causes have been pleaded from this platform. But never, I am confident, has there been such a gathering, of both young and old, eager to help in the service of their fellow-men. Let us keep ourselves fit for that service and dedicate ourselves to it to-night." With these words, speaking not only to the great audience in the Royal Albert Hall, but to gatherings in over 260 towns and villages and millions of listeners-in, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales concluded his eloquent plea to the younger generation.

A repetition of this magnificent speech at an early date will be welcomed.

Empire Wireless Service

Christmas Programme to be Broadcast

THE British Broadcast Corporation has now completed arrangements for its scheme for supplying all parts of the Empire with a wireless service, from December 19 next, on a short wavelength from Daventry.

Programmes of two hours' duration will be transmitted at the following times:—

Australian zone (including New Zealand): 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Indian zone: 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

West African zone: 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Canadian zone: 1 a.m. to 3 a.m.

One innovation is the provision of a list of programmes recorded on gramophone discs for transmission from local stations throughout the Empire.

Mr. J. H. Whitley, chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation, formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, speaking at a wireless exhibition in Manchester in September, in reference to the Empire service, said that the building was complete, the plant almost ready, and in a few weeks' time tests would begin. They hoped to be able to broadcast to the Empire a part of the Christmas programme, though it

might be some months longer before the complete service was established.

The outlay on the big British short-wave station, with its seventeen aerials, is expected to be £40,000, and its annual running cost £50,000. The present intention is not to seek Dominion contributions to this big sum for upkeep, but there is a possibility that the Crown colonies, for whom the new transmissions will be an inestimable boon, may be asked to contribute a license fee of 5/- per set.

The new venture may be regarded as a definite challenge to static. It will mark a vast improvement upon the service given by 5SW, and will provide something far better than a fragmentary snatch of music or speech fighting a losing battle with Morse and electrical uproar, such as has previously passed for Empire broadcasting. Perfection will not be achieved immediately, but future prospects are regarded as decidedly bright, and a new virility will be infused into broadcasting in many parts of the world through this patriotic effort of the B.B.C.

The programme will be heard in New Zealand from 9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. (summer time).

Eminent Soloists

Cricket Broadcasts

To Broadcast from 2YA Broadcasts of the Season

THE Broadcasting Board has been successful in arranging for a recital to be given from 2YA on Thursday, November 24, by Mr. Hugo Anson, an eminent English pianist, and Mr. William Alwyn, one of England's foremost flautists.

Both these gentlemen are professors at the Royal College of Music, London, and both will be in New Zealand on November 24 before proceeding to Australia, where they will act as examiners for the 1932 examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music.

"Music of the Elements"

IT is a well-known fact that music has been used extensively to create certain atmospheres, and to describe certain phases and objects of life. The lighter composers generally use their music for one of these purposes, and, at times, with no little success; however, it is also recognised that the standard composers of the world have also written music for some descriptive purpose.

On Monday, November 21, 4YA will broadcast a programme illustrating in musical characterisation the elements—Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Each of the songs and selections presented will depict in musical form one of these elements. Listeners will thus have an opportunity of judging as to what extent the various composers have succeeded in their efforts.

CRICKET enthusiasts will be well catered for by the Broadcasting Board during the cricket season if negotiations at present in progress prove successful.

The board hopes to be able to arrange for a ball by ball description of the M.C.C. matches, which are scheduled for the following dates:—

March 21-22, v. Wellington, at Wellington.

March, 24, 25, 27, v. New Zealand, at Christchurch.

April 1, 3, 4, v. New Zealand, at Auckland.

It is also proposed to broadcast, at hourly intervals during the matches, resumes of the Plunket Shield matches for 1932-33, the dates for which are:—

December 24 to 28, 1932: Canterbury v. Auckland, at Christchurch.

December 24 to 28, 1932: Otago v. Wellington, at Dunedin.

December 31, 1932, to January 4, 1933: Canterbury v. Wellington, at Christchurch.

December 31, 1932, to January 4, 1933: Otago v. Auckland, at Auckland.

January 20 to 24, 1933: Wellington v. Auckland, at Wellington.

February 3 to 7, 1933: Canterbury v. Otago, at Dunedin.

The above proposed broadcasts are subject to the necessary approval being forthcoming from the New Zealand Cricket Council.

A series of weekly talks from 3YA on matters of interest to cricketers will be given at 9 p.m. by Mr. W. E. Merritt on the following evenings:—Monday, November 21; Monday, November 28; Monday, December 5; and Monday, December 12; and a series

Australian Boys' Band

Concert from 1YA

"EDUCATION BY TRAVEL" is the slogan of the Australian Boys' Band, which will make a two months' tour of the Dominion from December 20, and which will give a brief broadcast concert from 1YA, Auckland, at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20.

The band, twenty members of which are under twelve years of age, represents the Hurstville (Sydney) division of the Young Australia League. The three cardinal principles of the league are love, service, and tolerance. From small beginnings in Perth, Western Australia, the league has developed at an amazing rate, so that now it is an all-Australian organisation with divisions in every State. The movement is on much the same lines as the Boy Scouts, except that it seeks to develop the arts.

One of the purposes of the league is to encourage a more friendly interest between the various parts of the Empire, and the English-speaking world generally.

With that idea in mind the Young Australia League brought three groups of boys from the United States of America to study conditions in Australia, the first in 1909, the second in 1913, and the third in 1919. In 1912, sixty-seven Canadian boys were brought by the league to Australia, while in 1926 forty-two British boys toured Australia under the auspices of the league.

The first party from the league to go overseas was in 1911-12, when a tour of the world was made. The second was in 1915-16, when a party called at New Zealand en route to Canada and the United States. The third, in 1924, made an Empire tour, embracing the United Kingdom and Canada. A big overseas tour was conducted by the league in 1925, when 140 boys toured the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Belgium.

The most recent overseas venture took place in 1929, when 160 boys, representing the whole of Australia, made a seven months' tour of the United States and Canada. That was the biggest tour of boys carried out in the history of the world.

Forty in Party.

THERE are thirty-eight boys and two adults in the band. The bandmaster is Mr. B. W. Caten, professor at the Conservatorium of Music, Sydney, who was a member of the Conservatorium Orchestra which toured New Zealand under Henri Verbrugghen in 1920. Mr. Caten was formerly a member of the famous Scots Guards Band. There are twenty boys under the ages of twelve and eighteen between twelve and fifteen. When the band was on its American tour Mr. John Philip Sousa publicly stated that it was "the finest boys' band in the world."

The profits arising from the tour will be devoted to charitable institutions in the various places visited, such institutions to be determined by local committees.

Of similar talks will be broadcast from 1YA by Mr. Ces. Dacre commencing early next month. Mr. Dacre was to have commenced his series of talks next week, but owing to throat trouble he has found it necessary to defer his opening talk for a week or two.