

RADIO SNAPSHOTS.

From Printer's Devil To M.L.C.

Mr. J. T. Paul, of Dunedin, was Youngest Man to Sit in New Zealand's
Legislative Council—A 1300-Mile Tour of the North Island
—Art Critic and Traveller.

IF you've got determination, climbing the ladder of success needn't be so very difficult after all, as Mr. J. T. Paul, of Dunedin, has discovered. As a very small boy he divided his days in a small Victorian town between acting as printer's devil on a small weekly newspaper and careering over the countryside with gun and dog. Bigger things soon called, however, and a year or two later found him a compositor in



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the "Golden City of Victoria"—Ben-digo. At the close of last century he arrived in New Zealand and became a linotype operator on the "Otago Daily Times and Witness." He soon made his presence felt in the southern city and was appointed a member, with the present Prime Minister, of the Royal Commission of Lands in 1905.

ONE of the proudest feathers in Mr. Paul's cap is the fact that he is the youngest man who has ever sat in New Zealand's Legislative Council. He was reappointed for a second term but, before its expiry, he resigned his seat to contest Dunedin South for the House of Representatives. But, although he was only 100 votes from the winning post, he was unsuccessful in unseating Sir Thomas Sidey. Nothing daunted, he turned his eyes to fresh fields and he has now been writing for Australian and New Zealand papers for many years. He later accepted a position on the editorial staff of the "Daily Times" and was later appointed editor of the "Witness," carrying on until that paper was discontinued last year. He knows the newspaper game from A to Z, and has worked on every branch of the printing and literary sides. Mr. Paul is a well-known speaker from 4YA on international and historical subjects.

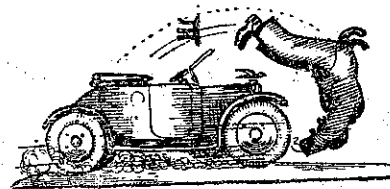
IN matters of art Dr. G. M. Lester, of Christchurch, is as well-versed as any man in New Zealand, and yet he has had adventures that might be enjoyed by any swash-buckling pirate that

ever sailed the Spanish Main. His criticism of the annual exhibition of the Canterbury Society of Arts in the "Christchurch Press" is usually looked for by Christchurch artists, who have a sound respect for the doctor's views. To the radio fans of New Zealand Dr. Lester has presented another side of his activities—adventures on the high seas, in countries that we antipodean stay-at-homes but vaguely dream about and with people of every creed and colour. While staying at an inn in Norway, Dr. Lester discovered his table companion to be none other than Grieg, the famous Norwegian composer. On another occasion while on a tramping tour he fell in with Ibsen, the well-known dramatist and writer.

THE B.B.C. has made another addition to its staff; this is the Rev. F. A. Iremonger, formerly vicar of Vernham Dean, Hampshire, who has been appointed "Bishop of Broadcasting." The entire realm of broadcast religion will be the especial care of Mr. Iremonger, who, by keeping in touch with clergymen throughout the country, will discover the most suitable preachers for broadcasting.

TO work through the sunny winters of Egypt, among the palaces and temples of the Pharaohs, is the agreeable task of Mr. Leslie Greener, who has spoken from several of the YA stations on his work in Egypt. He returned to Egypt last week, after being in New Zealand since June in connection with the series of exhibitions of the paintings of his late wife, Rhona Haszard. As a member of the staff of the University of Chicago's Egyptian Headquarters, Mr. Greener is engaged in recording the inscriptions and bas-relief carvings of historical subjects with which the kings of Egypt adorned the walls of their temples. Some of the walls are 70 feet high, and the task of recording the carvings is difficult and sometimes hazardous. Long expanding ladders are used and sometimes the archaeologists are lowered from the tops of the walls in a kind of bosun's chair.

MOTORS and roads are the hobby as well as the business of Mr. W. A. Sutherland, secretary of the Wellington Automobile Club, who is to give another of his interesting talks on "Roads and Motoring" from 2YA on

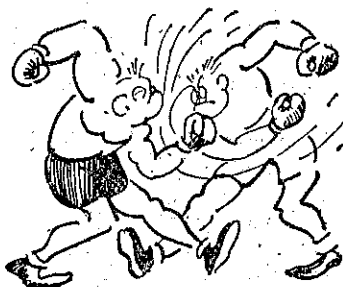


September 4. Mr. Sutherland has been intimately connected with motoring for the past 10 or 11 years, so he may be supposed to have a good grasp of his subject. He has just returned from a 1300-mile motor tour of the North Island, refreshing his memory over routes already well known to him. The route was laid up the West Coast, returning via the East Coast, traversing the new Waioeka Valley Road, a great improvement on the old steep, narrow, winding route. "The road surfaces generally should be in good order for the coming summer," Mr. Sutherland said.

DR. D. H. STEWART, who is said to have originated the injection method of treating varicose veins, died recently in America. Years ago, as a result of experimenting on diphtheria anti-toxin, he became deaf, but he learnt lip-reading and so carried on his practice. He refused to give up his music, and when he played the piano he rested a strip of bamboo just above the keys and held the other end in his teeth, the sound waves reaching his brain via his teeth and skull. When radio became popular he designed a special loudspeaker with doors. He used to pop his head inside and shut the doors. That he was never "gassed" is a miracle.

BRUSSELS Checking Station identified 45 unknown transmissions last season, some of them being from stations over 2500 miles away.

IT'S GOING TO BE A KNOCK-OUT.



NEXT week's "Radio Record" will contain reading for the whole family, together with full details of New Zealand and Australian radio programmes. The winners of the miscellaneous classical programme will be announced; there will be a special knitting article for women; a jigsaw puzzle page; De Laval's answers to hand-writing queries; and a heap of specially-written stories on topical subjects.