

### INTER-ISLAND VERY-HIGH-FREQUENCY RADIO-TELEPHONE LINK

Developmental work has been continued on the very-high-frequency radio-telephone link between Wellington and Seddon and has indicated the possibility of transmitting up to twelve carrier-current channels over the link. In the near future three such channels will be brought into use experimentally as part of the normal inter-Island telephone facilities. The extra channels thus available represent a valuable addition to communication resources across Cook Strait.

### RADIO-RECEPTION INTERFERENCE

Owing to staffing difficulties during the war it was necessary to reduce the number of officers employed on the detection and elimination of radio interference, with a consequent deterioration in some localities of radio broadcast reception.

As conditions return to normal, it is the Department's intention to strengthen its staff again to enable this work to be undertaken.

### RADIO-RECEIVING LICENSES

The total number of radio-receiving licenses current at the 31st March, 1946, was 393,054, as against 379,242 in 1945. The percentage of households with a licensed radio set is 93·2.

## APPENDIX

Table No. 1.—RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEARS 1944-45 AND 1945-46

	1944-45.		1945-46.	
	£		£	
Balance forward .. .. .	..	..	39,664	44,321
Receipts .. .. .	..	..	6,694,901	7,068,397
Payments for working-expenses .. .. .	..	..	5,205,969	5,697,409
Balance of receipts over working-expenses payments .. .. .	..	..	1,488,932	1,370,988
Other disbursements—				
Depreciation Fund investment, including expenditure on renewals and replacement of assets .. .. .	..	..	770,000	664,000
Contributions to Post and Telegraph Officers' Sick-benefit Fund .. .. .	..	..	5,475	8,574
Interest on capital liability .. .. .	..	..	708,800	712,973
Balance .. .. .	..	..	44,321	29,762

### POSTAL SERVICES

Table No. 2.—POSTINGS

Year ended 31st December,	Number posted.				Postage Receipts.
	Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards.	Accounts, Packets, Newspapers.	Parcels.	Total Articles posted.	
1939.. .. .	158,587,000	124,307,000	4,663,000	287,557,000	£ 1,420,545
1941.. .. .	142,996,000	113,090,000	5,784,000	261,870,000	1,430,071
1945.. .. .	140,355,000	89,852,000	6,637,000	236,844,000	1,769,275