

Other relays calling for special mention are those of the unveiling of the Maori War Memorial at Pakipaki, the opening of the Disabled Servicemen's Training Centre at Riccarton; the opening by the Prime Minister of the New Zealand School of Physiotherapy at the Dunedin Public Hospital; the opening of the Maori Youth Centre at Auckland; the arrival of the Lancaster "Aries" at Ohakea; the turning of the first sod of the Upper Hutt-Rimutaka Railway Deviation by the Hon. R. Semple; the arrival of the inter-Island ferry steamer, "Hinemoa"; the opening of the Maori Centennial Meeting-house at Otakou; and a radio-telephone interview with Admiral Byrd.

SPORTING BROADCASTS

The number of sporting broadcasts increased from 393 recorded in last year's report to 557. In addition to commentaries on local events, the public were kept fully informed by frequent broadcast summaries of Dominion-wide results. The Commercial stations also provided a coverage of results by means of sports flashes and reviews. Many important overseas sporting activities were rebroadcast to New Zealand listeners.

The first visit of the M.C.C. cricket team to Australia since 1937 created considerable interest, and, by courtesy of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, listeners were able to follow the progress of each match from our stations. Ball-to-ball descriptions of portions of the tests were heard, as well as summaries by expert commentators. The four matches played by the M.C.C. team in New Zealand were fully covered by ball-to-ball descriptions and reviews. Commentaries on the six Plunket Shield games and a number of other representative matches were broadcast.

The various football codes were featured in broadcasts. Club and representative Rugby broadcasts totalled 153. The 2nd N.Z.E.F. team, the "Kiwis," played five matches after their return to New Zealand, and these, together with the eleven games played by the touring Australian team, were described. The Service transmitted a short summary of each provincial fixture, and full commentaries on the test games, to Australia by radio-telephone for rebroadcasting by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Club and representative Rugby league games in Auckland, the matches played by the English league team, and, for the first time, club Soccer fixtures were broadcast from some stations.

Tennis broadcasts included commentaries on the American Davis Cup team games in Auckland, the provincial and New Zealand championships, and the Wilding Shield and Nunneley Casket Challenge matches.

Boxing relays included bouts at Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Greymouth, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill, and open-air fixtures conducted by the Hutt Valley Boxing Association. Wrestling broadcasts were again a regular programme feature throughout the season, and relays were carried out by six National stations.

In yachting the Service covered the National Championships for the Sanders and Cornwall Cups, and broadcast commentaries on the races for Idle Alongs and the Tanner Cup. Rowing interests were represented by broadcasts of the New Zealand Championships at Picton. The New Zealand Golf Championships at Palmerston North and the finals of the New Zealand Ladies' Championships were covered. Commentaries on the Cycling and Bowling National Championships were heard, while swimming broadcasts included the New Zealand Junior and Intermediate Championships at Invercargill, the Senior Championships at Nelson, and the visiting Australian swimmers, Misses Crittenden and McLean. The New Zealand Surf and Life Saving Championships were also featured. Broadcasts of the National Rifle Shooting Championships included a commentary on the final of the "King's Fifty." The tour of the visiting American athletes and the visit of the Australian sprinter John Treloar created considerable interest. The Service broadcast eleven meetings at which the visitors competed, in addition to the usual relays of the New Zealand and Provincial Championships. Racing broadcasts were extended to cover holiday racing at Gore and Wyndham and the Nelson Trotting Club's meeting. By courtesy of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, the Melbourne Cup and other races in which New Zealand horses were engaged were rebroadcast.