

WIRELESS INSTITUTE

MEETING OF TASMANIAN DIVISION.

A meeting of the Wireless Institute of Australia, Tasmanian Division, was held at the office of Mr. A. H. Masters, Launceston, recently, to consider the formation of an incorporated division that would fall into line with the decisions of the conference recently held at Perth, W.A.

It was unanimously decided to re-organise the division, and adopt the memorandum and articles of association as recommended by the conference, with slight modifications to suit the local conditions.

The election of officers resulted as follows:— Patron, Mr. W. MacCabe, M. Inst. C.E.; president, Mr. A. Harold Masters; secretary, Mr. P. O. Fysh; treasurer, Mr. H. Graham; members of council, Messrs. C. Scott and L. J. Crooks. It was decided to leave two seats vacant on the council, in order to provide for the representation of Hobart.

Under the new scheme the membership is divided into three grades, viz:—

(1) Members.—Bona-fide experimenters, or those interested in the scientific study of wireless communication, either professionally or otherwise, who shall have attained a standard equivalent to that necessary for an amateur operator's certificate. The council is to have power to investigate intending members' qualifications (also on being raised from one grade to another), and its decision shall be final. (2) Associate members.—Those interested in the scientific study of wireless communication, not eligible for full membership, and not under 15 years of age. Associate members are to have power to vote at meetings, but will not be eligible to hold office in the institute. (3) Student members.—Those interested in the scientific study of wireless communication, not eligible for full membership or associate membership, there to be no age restriction. Student members are to have no power to vote at the meetings, nor will they be eligible to hold office in the institute. The membership fees were fixed as follows:—Members, £1 1s per annum; associate members, 10s 6d per annum; student members, 5s per annum.

The question of incorporating the division under the Companies Act was discussed, and it was decided to apply for registration under that act, so as to put the division on the same footing as the other divisions in the other states.

Mr. Fysh, the Tasmanian delegate to the recent Perth conference, spoke regarding the outlook for the division here, and hoped that the wireless people of Launceston would realise the honour of being institute members. They would deem it an honour to belong to the A.I.A. Well, why not the W.I.A., which in the future would be on the same footing and enjoy the same privileges? He appealed to all experimenters to stand solidly behind the institute, which was the mouthpiece of the ama-

teur body which formed the institute, which was the mouthpiece of the amateur throughout Australia. If they were to have any rights or privileges they must go for them as a united body, not as a lot of individuals. They must speak with one voice for the whole of the amateur movement in Australia, which is embodied in the Wireless Institute. He appealed to every amateur in Tasmania to join up with the Tasmanian Division, and show the federal executive that they are on the map, as far as radio was concerned.

The minutes of the Perth conference were then dealt with, and Mr. Fysh gave a brief resume of the decisions, which were unanimously approved.

It was decided to leave the matter of the next meeting until the secretary had had time to get the incorporation finalised.

Intending members will find the secretary at 101 Charles-street, Launceston, and enquiries will be promptly dealt with.