

Wireless in the Apple Isle

EDUCATION IN WIRELESS.

A COMPREHENSIVE scheme has been put in hand by the Minister for Education (Mr. A. G. Ogilvie) during the last few months and recently the first of a series of demonstrations was given at the West Hobart State School, where a party of Parliamentarians journeyed to listen-in and were delighted. It is intended to extend the scheme to country schools, where listening-in to mainland and local broadcasting will undoubtedly be a great boon to the children.

IN THE COUNTRY.

THE big sheep men of the Midlands (Tas.) are rapidly falling into line with their city brothers and are installing efficient receivers. The latest acquisition by Mr. A. W. Burbury, a well-to-do grazier at Antill Ponds, is a five-valve Federal DX4 with which he has been picking up Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide stations, as well

as Westralian Farmers, which is something of a record. Another

DOWN, DOWN, DOWN!

Not long ago, at the Ashington Colliery, England, a series of experiments were carried out, the purpose of which were to ascertain the possibilities of subterranean wireless. A party, together with a three-valve receiving set, went down the Carl Pit, and set up a 20-foot aerial on the baulks supporting the roof. But one 'phone was used, and the reception was so clear that all five members of the party heard every word distinctly. This experiment was carried out at 1,900 foot level, and it is expected to continue these investigations to further depths up to a mile.

sheep man to instal a set is Mr. Rupert Watchorn, of Kempton. The country areas are now well served

with radio and the results achieved by these sets—so far removed from high power mains and "squeakers"—are in nearly every case remarkable.

AMATEUR STATION PRAISED.

2RJ, Sydney's amateur broadcaster, is almost as popular as 2FC or 2BL in Tasmania. He called up Mr. F. W. Medhurst at Sandy Bay, Hobart, recently, asking for a report. The number of "squeakers" trying for his wave is sufficient indication of the popularity of his transmissions. The air these days is full of them, states a correspondent.

EXPERIMENTAL TESTS.

EXPERIMENTAL tests are now being arranged between the mainland and Tasmanian amateur transmitters and readers interested are asked to communicate with "Loud Speaker," c/o. *Wireless Weekly*, Hobart, who is organizing the Tasmanian efforts.

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