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NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENT

(By Campbell Paterson)

1913 AUCKLAND EXHIBITION & OTHER CANCELLATIONS

I never had any doubts of the interest likely to be aroused by the new Handbook, Vo. 3, but I hardly expected that so soon would I handle a lot of old covers that would immediately set me hunting through the volume. The lot is quite a big one, collected in an old postcard album from about 1913 to 1917. It starts with some very interesting Auckland Exhibition slogan marks and continues through the war years with Troopship, Field Headquarters, Garrison Artillery, Expeditionary Forces and other cancellations. A particularly interesting one is a "Queen's Wharf" mark (illust. Page 417, Vol. 3). Underneath the purple marking there is a big red "P" in crayon—without doubt this stands for "Police." The postal cancellation is Type 3 ("Auckland Exhibition opens") illustrated on Page 167. The date is Nov. 10, 1913.

This first Auckland Exhibition slogan was in use at least until Feb. 16, 1914—well after the Exhibition had started—but on a cover dated March 13, 1914 and another dated April 1, 1914, the slogan reads: "Exhibition Open Auckland" without the date "Dec., 1913." I would say that this new slogan was "made" by the simple process of cutting off the "S" from the word "opens" and by similarly deleting the date. No mention is made in the Handbook of this second, or as I believe, this modified cancellation. Some specimens of the later "Exhibition closes" slogan (mentioned but not illustrated on Page 167) are in the collection, the earliest being April 14. Presuming that (2) "Exhibition open" superseded (1) "Exhibition opens" and in turn was superseded by (3) "Exhibition closes," (i.e. presuming that no two slogans were in use simultaneously) the dates seen become of considerable interest. Using the numbers (1) to (3) as applied in the above paragraph I can report as definitely seen: (all 1914).

(1) Latest date Feb. 16; (2) earliest, March 13, latest, April 1; (3) earliest, April 14; latest April 16. These cannot give a full picture but suggest that (3) was not used for more than about 16 days and (2) for not more than six weeks. I have seven specimens available of (2), the slogan not recorded in the Handbook, and these I offer to those who have had the patience to read these Notes thus far. Curiously, nearly every cover bears a different kind of stamp! They are, with prices: (a) bearing 1d and 6d Auckland Exhibitions, top grade in all respects, a choice piece, 90/-; (b) bearing ½d Edward, earliest date, March 13, 12/6; (c) bearing ½d Edward, blurred booklet print, 12/6; (d) bearing ½d Life Insurance on official envelope, 10/-; (e) bearing fine 1d Auckland Exhibition, 17/6; (f) bearing ½d Edward Official, March 31, 10/-; (g) bearing a pair of ½d Edward Official with latest date, April 1, 12/6. All are in fine condition with clear slogan and date except perhaps the last which is not quite so attractive, the cancellation being somewhat smudged though fully readable.

The First World War covers are too varied and numerous to discuss here. They are on offer to one of our leading Postal History collectors but there is some duplication and no doubt others amongst our readers will let me know if they would be interested should anything be still available. My apologies to any who are interested in such things and who feel I should know that. I can only offer to one at a time and someone has to be first. I do try to give everyone a turn at "first refusal."

STAFF WANTED

Before the summer comes we are going to need to take on an extra member on our staff. We have an open mind as to whether a young or older man or woman would do best so why not give the matter some thought. The work is enjoyable and the pay above award rates. Naturally we feel that someone with experience of N.Z. stamps (not necessarily of dealing) would most readily fit into our organisation but anyone keen and willing to give good work for good pay may well land the job. What about it?

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| (a) ½d and 1d together (watch for inverts, re-entries, double prints, etc). There will be 100 of each value in each lot. Per lot of 200 | 4/- |
| (b) 3d. (Watch for re-entries, retouches, blurred centres). Per 100 | 4/8 |
| (c) 4d. (Watch for re-entries, shades, rare blurred centres). Per 100 | 7/8 |
| (d) 5d. (Watch for re-entries, blurred centres, flaws, retouches). Per 100 | 10/- |
| (e) 6d. (Watch for re-entries, shades, retouches). Per 100 | 10/- |
| (f) 9d. (Should be rich in re-entries, plate cracks, flaws, perhaps even the rare blurred centre)..... Per 50 | 25/- |

MOUNTED SETS

We are breaking up a very neat little collection of N.Z. and we offer the sets at bargain rates just as they stand, nicely mounted, each stamp neatly "boxed" in black and red squares. These are attractive pages, of "Favourite" size (Springback).

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| (a) Two Pages 1898-1907 Pictorials, simplified being all values to 5/-, fine used and including the small re-drawn types. (The 4d Terraces, 6d Kiwi green, 2/- Milford, 5/- Mt. Cook are all included of course, also both spellings in the 2½d). The two pages, 28 stamps | £5/10/ |
| (b) One Page of Edward VII, fine used, being all values, simplified, plus an extra shade of the 8d. 10 stamps | 10/- |
| (c) Two Pages of George V. Mint, simplified, being all values plus surface print extras in the ½d (2), 1½d (2), 2d and 3d. The Map Stamp and the 2/- and 3/- Admirals, superb mint, are included. 26 Stamps (Cat. C.P. £7/15/-) | £6/5/- |
| (d) Two Pages of George V. Used. Very similar to the above and includes, of course, fine used copies of all the scarce values (4d yellow, 8d blue, 7½d etc., and a very fine lightly used 3/- Admiral, alone cat. 27/6 C.P.). 29 Stamps | 55/- |
| (f) 1d Dominion Specialised. One page beautifully set out, of the eight separate issues of this fascinating stamp in mint singles. The choice set of 8 | 10/- |
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| (j) Two Pages of 1931 Airs. The complete set of 5 values (inc. Trans. Tasman) neatly mounted in both mint and used condition, fine throughout. An extra stamp (mint only) is the rare 3d perf. 14 x 15 (C.P. Cat. 80/-). The two pages, a real bargain | £6/8/- |

GREAT BRITAIN

1858-1864 1d Reds with Plate Numbers Incorporated in the Design.

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| (a) Complete set of stamps from all plate numbers 71 to 225 (except of course Plate 77). All fully identified and mounted on a specially printed leaf folder. Condition varies as, of course, it must in any such big lot of used stamps but we can safely say that the overall excellence is as good as we have seen in such a set. The scarce 225 is a good copy. Total Cat. over £12/10-. The set of 151 Stamps | £6/10/- |
| (b) As above but a mixed lot of 172 stamps not sorted into order but mounted and obviously containing a wide range of different plates. Only one is marked as identified—a rather heavily cancelled 225 (Cat. 90/). The general condition is good—these are not throw outs. The lot of 172 | £2/-/- |