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President's Message.

Looking back, it seems strange, with the flourishing examples of other single country Societies, that one has not been formed long ago to deal with the stamps and Postal History of New Zealand. It was left to our Secretary late last year to take the first steps in that direction, a task in which I had the privilege of co-operating at an early stage. A most encouraging response was received, and, as a result, a meeting was held at Mr. H.F. Johnson's office in Fleet Street on January 23rd., 1952. There was a small but enthusiastic attendance, and the Society was duly formed.

In the short space of time intervening arrangements have been made for our first ordinary meeting on April 21st., for a packet, (though Mr. Hard would be glad of material), and as is evidenced hereby, a News Sheet and Bulletin which is greatly to the credit of Mr. Lees.

I don't want the Society to be exclusively groups of specialists in the various issues of New Zealand. The general collector with an interest in the country will be welcomed. Any member of the Committee will be only too glad to make such a member feel at home. At the same time, we do want to bring to light any and every scrap of information on New Zealand stamps. This can only be done by study and, primarily, we are a study group, or, perhaps, a series of groups. Even the general collector, however, discovers at times some new facts connected with Philately in general, and New Zealand in particular. I do, therefore, hope that the general collector will not only join the Society, but also occasionally contribute his 'widow's mite' to our store of knowledge.

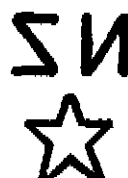
Finally, I particularly want to stress that the Junior collector is especially welcome for, after all, he or she is the expert of tomorrow.

I therefore look to everyone, whether young or old, specialist or general collector, who has an interest in New Zealand to join us and play his or her part to further the study of these interesting issues to the best of his or her ability.

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Editor's Notes.

It is almost with fear and trembling that I offer this, our first copy of "The Kiwi". It must fall far short of what I and most of our members have in mind, but even an oak had to be a little acorn first. I believe that there are a few odds and ends in this issue that will be of general interest to all. Many will not find their pet subject even mentioned, well you all have my address, any constructive criticism will always be welcomed, and notes and articles even more so.

Remember we are all, at times, very often puzzled by a stamp, watermark or perforation; - write and air your problem in these pages, if we cannot give the answer at once, then somewhere there is a member who can. If all members will get into the habit of using "The Kiwi" as a clearing house for the information they find, then it must become a most important item in the enjoyment of our hobby.

R.W.Lecs.
Editor.

Why I Collect New Zealand Stamps.

Family legends usually have a romantic flavour. From childhood I have been told how my Great Aunt Mary, a girl of sixteen was married, and left her Scottish home the same day, to travel in a sailing ship bound for distant New Zealand. The voyage took three months. She never saw her relations again, but kept in touch with many of them by correspondence. So to me, New Zealand has long been a place of strange names and fascinating stories.

When I started collecting stamps I followed the usual pattern. First a whole world collection, then a gradual trend towards British Colonials. Later, with vague memories of tales from Great Aunt Mary's letters in my mind, I saw that in New Zealand stamps I had the answer to all my philatelic interests. Firstly, I found there are plenty of New Zealand stamps, and that even ignoring varieties etc., one could amass a fair collection on the basis of "all different". Naturally it was only with my deepening interest that the full range of New Zealand stamps was unfolded, there before me I found all the pleasures of stamp collecting at its best. Perforations, papers, postmarks, watermarks and flaws of all kinds claim attention, there is a wealth of material from which to choose a study, and after steady work on a special issue there are the many Healths and Commemorative stamps to toy with in a leisured moment.

The designs of the New Zealand stamps are particularly pleasing. From a historical and artistic viewpoint, those depicting Maori scenes and patterns form a most interesting side-line.

Although so much work has been done on New Zealand stamps, there remains a lot of study still to be done. The "Full Faces" have been well and truly examined, but one hears of finds even these days! The "Second Side Faces", the "Early Pictorial" set, the "Penny Universals" all have problems on which to browse. One could go on endlessly and there for me at anyrate, lies the fascination of New Zealand stamps.

Great Aunt Mary's letters, treasured bundle for over half a century, were burned in a fit of exasperation during a removal from one home to another, a few years before I started to collect New Zealand stamps.

E.C.M.Moore.

"The Kiwi" No. 2.

With the appearance of this, the first issue of "The Kiwi", we must tell our readers that it is our intention to bring out future editions once a month. We can only do this if we can gain the active support of all members, and we therefore ask for all articles, notes, queries, letters for publication etc., etc., to be in the Editor's hands by 21st April if they are to be included in the second edition of "The Kiwi".

Notes from our New Zealand Member.

It has been reported in "Stamp Collecting" that a new variety of the 1936 Pictorial issue has been discovered. Some time ago two values of these Pictorials, - the 8d. and the 1/-, - also imperforate and cancelled with the Egypt Military Post Cancel were sold at auction, and their genuineness was queried.

This new find of the 2½d. value is, apparently, more of the same sort. The Postal Authorities in New Zealand stated definitely that none of the Pictorials were issued imperforate, and enquiries were started in an endeavour to get to the root of the matter. Except for the fact that these imperf. were definitely a genuine issue, no explanation has, as yet, been given as to how these stamps were taken from the Printing Works. The authorities are satisfied that a leakage occurred somewhere, but could not prove who was responsible, and so, I believe, the matter was dropped. Fuller information on this matter can be found on page 43 of Vol. 2 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand".

Current. George VI.

The 1/3d. value has been issued on a new plate 4 - 2, with an upright watermark. This is the first time that this value has appeared with the upright watermark. Previously they were sideways watermark or occasionally with sideways inverted watermark. One sheet had double perforations.

The 1d. value counter coil with printed number has not yet been issued, the present counter coils of this value still have the number printed by hand stamp on the selvedge.

D. Edsall.

Ngahinepouri,
Ohaupo, Waikato, N.Z.

Members Notes and Wants.

Mr. F. Blower of 77 Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Near Loughborough, sends the following interesting note:-

"If any member of the Society is interested, I have a set (in blocks of 4) of the New Zealand Peace stamps overprinted COOK ISLAND, with one stamp of the 2d. block showing the overprint as COOKI. This block has been seen by several London Dealers who consider it quite genuine and unique."

Mr. Harold P. Munday of Blackpool sends us the following Notes on the 1936 Pictorials:-

In the Commonwealth Catalogue there is a note after the list of 14 x 13½ perfs:- "This perf. is not constant and a variation of almost ¼ mm can be found on stamps from the same sheet".

A leading stamp auctioneer tells me that in future he will not give guarantees for perforation varieties of this issue. A word of warning might therefore be given to members who are offered these stamps at substantial prices. They should be bought only from dealers of the highest repute.

The 1/- value.

Mr. Munday also reports that he has a strip of 5 (used) of the 1/- value which is exactly 13½ perf. all round. As this perf. does not appear to be catalogued either by Gibbons, Commonwealth or the N.Z. Specialised catalogues, Mr. Munday suggests that members might like to examine any quantities of this stamp that they have for confirmation of the issue.

The Editor is very anxious to obtain copies in bulk of the 4d. and 2/- 1935 Pictorials. If any members have any copies to offer will they please get in touch with the Editor.

Mr. W.F. Cooper of 21, South Eastern Road, Ramsgate, Kent, who looks after Mr. Campbell Paterson's affairs in this country has eight copies of the excellent Specialists Catalogue produced by Mr. Paterson at the special reduced price of 12/6d. post free to any interested member of our Society. Will members who would like to take advantage of this offer please get in touch with Mr. Cooper direct?.

Members Notes (Continued).

Mr. E. Hall of New Zealand has replied to Mr. Munday's query about the 1/- 1936 Pictorial as follows:-

"The 1/- value of the 1936 Pictorials with the perforation of $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ is really 14 x $13\frac{1}{2}$. The pins of the comb head on one of the long rows was irregularly spaced which resulted in almost a true $13\frac{1}{2}$ perf. all round. The exact measurement is 13.75 x 13.60 , so that the top of the stamp is over $13\frac{1}{2}$ but under 14 . It is not uncommon to find stamps with a perforation of near enough $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ but on the same sheet stamps with a perforation nearer 14 x $13\frac{1}{2}$ will be found. To avoid confusion these stamps are all listed as 14 x $13\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The 1935 - 1942 Pictorials.

Modern New Zealand stamps from 1935 onwards have proved as full of interest as the earlier stamps. Unfortunately, these days few of us can afford to study the Chalon Heads and the first Pictorials. For this reason many of us have turned to the later issues for study. Even now there are a number of sizeable rarities, yet the chance of 'finds', especially amongst used copies, is fairly bright. A brief outline starting with the 1935 - '42 Pictorials may not, therefore, be out of place. In any case it may well serve as a jumping-off ground to increase our knowledge of these issues. For fuller information the collector is referred to "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" Vol. 2.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in both watermarks comes in a range of shades, the palest is found only in the multiple watermark, but shades of bright green and deep bright green may be found. Inverted watermarks may be found in both the single and the multiple watermark papers. The Clematis flaw to the left of the Fantail's tail also appears on both. On the single watermark paper this flaw is a good property, even if it is used. The second issue produces not only the comparatively scarce double perforations, but also an equally scarce re-entry in the area of the value tablet. There are also a number of plate flaws showing mainly as coloured dashes, with a possible re-cutting on one stamp. In the original single watermark issue copies are known without watermark and also with a letter watermark, these are from the margins of the sheets. The second issue produced one sheet with an uncoloured or albino impression of the design in addition to the normal print, but I have not, as yet, seen this.

Hugh Bramsdon, F.R.P.S.L.

Shortened list of Errors and varieties found in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Fantail. (Condensed from "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" Vol. 11.)

1. Clematis Flaw.
2. Dash of colour near the top of the N of NEW.
3. Diagonal coloured line cut through the frame under the second A of ZEALAND and proceeding upwards through the right-hand side of this letter and into the left-hand side of the N.
4. A coloured dot just above and nearly touching the top of the figure 2.
5. Two short dashes of colour to the left of and near the middle of the fraction bar.
6. A large diagonal dash of colour near the top of the fourth and fifth feathers in the tail, and the solid colour between the the leaves and just above the bird's head extending downwards on to the head.
7. A spot of colour near the middle of the first stroke of the W of NEW.
8. A prominent dash of colour joining the horizontal stroke of the 2 to the bottom of the fraction bar.
9. Dashes of colour in the value panel on the fraction bar and over the figure 2. Under magnification it will be found that these marks represent the remains of two impressions of the figure 1 of the value.
10. Albino impression issued at Ashburton.
11. Double perforations.

Secretary's Notes.

It is intended that each month the last page of "The Kiwi" should be devoted to news of the Society as a whole, - notices of Meetings; lists of new members; personal notes from members etc., etc.,. Will all members please note that items of general interest to the Society that are intended for publication under this heading should be addressed to me, Items and articles of philatelic interest should, of course, be addressed to the Editor.

General Meeting.

A general meeting of the Society will be held at the office of Mr. H.F. Johnson, 44, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. at 6.P.M. on Monday, 21st. April.

As this will be the first meeting of the Society since its inauguration it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. By the very nature of it being a first meeting it will, of necessity, be rather an informal affair. At the last Committee Meeting it was suggested that members who can attend should bring with them two pages for display.

It was further suggested that during the meeting the following points should be discussed:-

1. When, where and how often future meetings should take place.
2. The form that these future meetings should take, and, if possible, a programme of our future activities.
3. The possible formation of Study Circle Groups within the Society, their function, and which issues of New Zealand stamps should be studied first.

Unfortunately our President will not be able to attend this meeting, but a member of our committee, Mr. G.B. Erskine, has very kindly agreed to take the Chair for the evening.

I would be most grateful if members intending to come to this meeting would let me know as soon as possible so that I can make the necessary seating arrangements etc.,

List of Members.

On the last page will be found a list of members as at 24th. March, 1952. All future members will be listed on this page each month, and later I hope to be able to produce a more comprehensive list showing the main interests of each member.

Subscription.

As will be seen from the list overleaf we are now 54 strong, which is not too bad when one considers that we have only officially been in existence for two months. But to make ours a really active Society we obviously want many more members, so if you haven't yet joined, will you please send me your subscription as soon as possible?. The Subscription is 10/6d. a year for ordinary members, and 5/- a year for members under the age of 21. Dealers are eligible for full membership.

Club Packet.

Members will realise that the Club Packet will necessarily take some time to get going. Our Club Packet Secretary, Mr. Albert A. Hard of 42, Irvine Road, Colchester, Essex, has already done all the preliminary spade-work, and I understand that he has made useful contacts for the supply of material for inclusion in these packets, but he is still in need of more and more books. Will members therefore, please send to him (mounted in booklets and priced over the top of each stamp in the normal way) any surplus New Zealand stamps or covers that they wish to dispose of to Mr. Hard. Remember the packets will go only to the members of the Society - all of them keen New Zealand collectors; what may be useless duplicates to you may be just the kind of material one of our members is looking for!

The Postage Stamps of New Zealand Vol. 11.

Readers will have noticed constant reference to this outstanding reference work of the stamps of New Zealand. I have been lucky enough to procure a copy, and I am quite willing to send it to any member on loan. All I ask is that it should be returned to me within 10 days of receiving it.

List of Members as at 24th. March, 1952.

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