



# THE KIWI



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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY  
NEXT MEETING

Will members please note that the next meeting of the Society is Saturday, 19th March at 2.30 p.m. (not 26th March as shown in the Philatelic Society's Year Book published by the B.P.A.). A big feature of this meeting will be a display and talk by Mr. Cyril Harmer who is so well known that further introduction is unnecessary. Mr. Harmer has a most comprehensive collection of all the Pigeon Posts of the Great Barrier Island which, I understand, includes blocks, complete flimsies and many other items in connection with these most interesting issues. As usual the meeting will be at the Kingsley Hotel and the room available from 2.00 p.m., and as this is our last Saturday afternoon meeting until November next, the Committee hope there will be a record attendance.

The subsequent meetings will be as follows:-

Wednesday, 25th May	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 27th July	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 28th September	6.30 p.m.

The actual programmes for these dates will be announced later. The Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday, 26th November and it will be helpful if all members could transfer these dates to their diaries and make every effort to reserve them.

THE NEW HANDBOOK

Probably the most important news just to hand from New Zealand is that Volume III of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand by R.J.G. Collins and C.W. Watts is now being printed. Full details will be found on a later page of this bulletin. I made a preliminary announcement about this in our September issue and stated that I had placed a preliminary order. 32 members indicated (on the questionnaire form sent with that bulletin) that they each wished to have a copy so I immediately airmailed the Royal Philatelic Society, New Zealand to reserve in all 36 copies believing at

least four other members would wish to have these four spares. These copies will be supplied at the special pre-publication price of £3.15.0d. each. I am attaching a remittance slip hereto for each of the 32 members whose orders I have recorded and as the time has come when it is necessary for the Society to remit the requisite £135. to the Royal, New Zealand, will those members please each remit their share (£3.15.0d.) immediately made payable to the New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

As regards others (i.e. the recipients of this bulletin with no remittance slip attached to the front page) should they wish to have one of the four spare copies they should remit the sum of £3.15.0d. to me at once. Obviously it is only fair that these spares must go to the first four new requests which come to hand. Incidentally, the edition of the new volume is limited and any new orders placed will be filled at £4.4.0d. per copy subject to them being available. As with Volumes I and II, each copy will be numbered and I can arrange for those members who are holding either Volume I or II to have the same serial number allocated to them if they would indicate what this is on the form when remitting.

#### OUR "NEW ZEALAND" DAY

It is about here that I should apologize for the rather late appearance of this first issue of "The Kiwi" for 1955, and to those who attended our small exhibition, A.G.M. the talks and display, the auction and the dinner which wound up the proceedings any notes now will be scarcely "news". Furthermore the philatelic press gave quite a few details; however, for the information of those who could not attend it really was a most successful series of events according to the many who have expressed their appreciation. Thanks are due in particular to the following members for their exhibits:-

F. Stacey Hooker	Mrs. E.C.M. Moore	A.A. Hard
G.H. Kay	C.S. Christie	D.V.H. Givan
H. Bartrop	R.D. Williamson	Lt-Col. W.H.S. Burney
A.J. Stephens	A.H. Bussey	N. Turner
Dr. H.J. Selby	G.B. Erskine	

Their sheets ranged from the Chalons to the Q.E.II issues, varieties of every description in the Healds, the pictorials and the commemoratives; there were air covers and pigeon posts and a lot more; quite an impressive first show.

Thanks are also due to Mr. A.D.M. Curnow (from New Zealand House) for his most delightful talk on the N.Z. postal services, to Dr. K.J.L. Scott for his very interesting talk and display of early N.Z. covers and cancellations, to Noel Turner for his services as Hon. Auctioneer (incidentally he has a letter in this

issue on the subject of future auctions) and last, but certainly not least of all, to our several guests for joining our "party". These included - in addition to quite a number of members' personal guests - Miss Eileen Evans (of the B.P.A.), Miss V. Wright and Mr. W.B. Haworth (of the "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly") Mr. K.F. Chapman (of "Stamp Collecting") and Mr. J.A. Fleming (Managing Director, Pim & Co.Ltd., Auckland). To the latter particular thanks are due for his very generous gift to the Society's funds of a cheque for £10.10.0d.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The formal business resulted in the following elections (and re-elections):-

<u>President:</u>	F. Stacey Hooker
<u>Vice President:</u>	C.B. Erskine
<u>Hon. Treasurer &amp; Exchange</u> <u>Packet Secretary:</u>	A.A. Hard
<u>Hon. Secretary:</u>	Mrs. M. Erskine
<u>Committee:</u>	Mrs. E.C.M. Moore                      W.J. Farrow
	Noel Turner                              R.D. Williamson
	W. Hasler Young

The various reports and annual accounts are included elsewhere in this issue.

Speakers after dinner included Miss Evans who proposed "The Society" to which the President responded; Mr. Turner proposed the "Philatelic Press" with a response from Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Hard toasted "The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand" and his well chosen remarks are recorded later in this bulletin. Mr. Erskine proposed "The Guests" and our New Zealand visitor, Mr. Fleming who had only arrived in from the south of France an hour or two earlier, made a very apt reply and one which was very well received as it was at this point he passed his generous donation to the President.

Footnote: Although certain members arrived at the Kingsley Hotel at 10.30 a.m. on that day, it was noticed that some of them were still there at almost mid-night; so regarding a good day, need I say more?

### SPECIMEN STAMPS

The main item on the programme for our January meeting was a very instructive talk and fascinating display by Mr. Marcus Samuel. He showed a most comprehensive collection of New Zealand issues overprinted "Specimen". One sheet was of particular interest as it carried a mono from the late Benjamin Goodfellow. This read as follows:

It has been stated that Reprints of the 1d. orange, 2d. blue and 6d. brown were made shortly after the year 1882 by order of the Secretary of the Postal Department in order to provide presentation sets of the full face issues.

I think it more probable that these three values were from unperforated and un gummed Remainders left in stock in the hands of the printers at the time when the colours of these three values were suddenly changed about the year 1877 and that the remaining six stamps are from balance stocks of old issues left on hand after the 1874 and 1882 issues were made.

Ben Goodfellow  
May, 1935.

Included at the foot of this memo is the following endorsement:

See the notes to "Reprints" on pp 85-87 in the New Zealand Handbook of 1939.

Robson Lowe 1940.

#### RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

At our last Committee meeting we had to deal with some rather bad news in connection with our very enthusiastic and much over-worked Hon. Treasurer and Exchange Packet Secretary, Mr. A.A. Hard. On account of his wife's serious illness, Mr. Hard must, for the time being at least, curtail his activities and relinquish these two important offices which he has filled so ably since the formation of the Society, now in its fourth year. Mr. Hard's resignation from these offices, which is hoped is only temporary, was accepted with regret and under Rule 14 the Committee made the following appointments:-

Hon. Treasurer -

Mr. N. Turner,  
Gladstone House, High Road,  
Wood Green, N.22.

Hon. Exchange Secretary -

Mr. W. Hasler Young,  
23 Angel Close,  
Edmonton, N.18.

Mr. Young will take over and deal with those packets now in the course of being made up by Mr. Hard and all new packets. Will members having new books ready for circulation please send them, therefore, to Mr. Young. Mr. Hard will be able to deal with those packets still in circulation, and obviously will be in close touch with Mr. Young in order to maintain continuity.

On behalf of the Committee and all members of the Society I take this opportunity of recording our great appreciation and thanks to Albert Hard for all his untiring efforts and also our best wishes for Mrs. Hard's early and complete recovery. Examples of Mr. Hard's efficient work will be found in the annual accounts and reports which appear in this issue.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

There are still a large number of members whose subscriptions (due 27th November last) are not yet recorded as paid. Please turn back to the front page; if you have a "Blue Cross" in the right-hand corner, please send me 10s.6d. (to 12 Elliot Road, Hendon, N.W.4.) so that I can record and pass over a big batch to our new Treasurer within the next few days, thus giving him some work to do on issuing receipts. Thank you!

#### NEW AUCTION PROCEDURE

And talking of Noel Turner I must publish his letter on future auction procedure. He wrote to me as follows:-

Here is a proposition that I intend to put forward at the next meeting of the Society concerning the method of bidding to be adopted at future Auctions held by the Society.

(1) That competitive bids shall be received for each Lot, both by post and in the room, and where such competitive bids exceed the reserve price, then the highest bidder shall be the purchaser in the usual way.

(2) Where such postal or room bids do not reach the reserve and additional bids are not forthcoming, then the reserve shall be revealed, and the highest postal or room bidder shall have the option of taking the Lot at the reserve price.

(3) In the event of the highest bidder not taking the Lot at the reserve price, then other members present can offer to do so if they wish.

The above proposals depart from the normal procedure, where reserve prices are not revealed, but as your Hon. Auctioneer and with some experience of these matters, I am confident that the adoption of the new rules will greatly increase the number of Lots sold to the benefit of both Vendors, Purchasers and the Society. It will also have the effect of overcoming

a difficulty which now exists, viz., that a prospective purchaser whose highest competitive bid does not reach the reserve does not secure the Lot because of the absence of other bidding. By the new rule he can still become the Purchaser at the reserve figure if he so desires.

These proposals were discussed at length at our last members' meeting and agreed unanimously. They were confirmed later by the Committee, it being understood that their adoption did not in any way alter the existing Auction Rules but merely authorized future Hon. Auctioneers on procedure.

### NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

Following the invitation from the organizers of this year's Exhibition at the Central Hall, several members helped to make up the composite exhibit for the New Zealand Society. Obviously we were greatly handicapped by having frame space for only 18 sheets in which to show 100 years of New Zealand adhesives (plus some earlier postal history material). Many thanks to those members who loaned their material which I know was greatly appreciated by visitors to the Exhibition, by several of the philatelic papers - they said so - and also by the High Commissioner for New Zealand (the Hon. T. Clifton Webb) and Mrs. Webb, who were received at the Central Hall on behalf of the Society by Mr. Stacey Hooker and Mr. Erskine. After being conducted round the Exhibition they were entertained to tea; Mrs. Webb is most interested in philately and in view of this the Committee has invited her to be an Honorary Member of the Society during her three years stay in London. We hope to enjoy her company at several of our meetings.

### NEW MEMBERS

C.T. Thompson, Esq.,  
42 Bagshot Green,  
Bagshot, Surrey.

Geo. VI onwards.

Mrs. D. Cross,  
8 Marine Parade,  
Eastbourne, Sussex.

All Issues  
(Air covers and  
Health varieties).

K. McNaught, Esq.,  
627 Grey Street,  
Hamilton, N.Z.

All Issues.

T.H. Wayman, Esq.,  
Elms View,  
21a Muswell Road,  
Muswell Hill, N.10.

All Issues to 1947.

A.E.J. West, Esq.,  
22 Monro Gardens,  
Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

All Issues  
(1936 Pictorials)

D.S. Yerburch, Esq.,  
6 Victoria Road,  
Chesterton, Cambridge.

All Issues, not  
Dependencies.

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN

M.H. Ballard, Esq.,  
37 St. Kenya Avenue,  
Hove 3, Sussex.

All Issues (Geo.VI)

Now back in England, Mr. Ballard has rejoined the Society, thereby cancelling the resignation recorded in the September bulletin.

RESIGNATION

A. Bruce Auckland of Midlothian.

NEW ADDRESS

Lt.Col. W.H.S. Burney, 18 Kepplestone, Eastbourne, Sussex.

CONGRESS - 1955 - NORWICH

As the Society has affiliated to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain it was necessary to appoint, as a delegate, someone who would be attending this year's Congress at Norwich (17th-21st May). As I shall be there with Mr. Erskine (who is one of the delegates for the British Philatelic Association) the Committee has asked me to be this year's representative of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

We shall be staying at the Royal Hotel and look forward to meeting many of those Society members who have not been able to attend our Kingsley Hotel gatherings.

N.Z. POSTMARKS

Members may now know of a very interesting publication called the "Jayrich Bulletin". It is produced in New Zealand by J.R. Richards, P.O. Box 693, Christchurch and costs 10s. for 10 issues. There have been 25 issues so far, all of them containing much useful information about the postmarks and pre-stamp material of New Zealand. It is understood that some, if not all, the back numbers are still obtainable.

Margarete Erskine (Mrs.)  
Hon. Secretary

THE "STACEY HOOKER CUP" & "KIWI SHIELD"

The Committee has decided that these two new trophies, which were on view at our November meeting, are to be competed for annually commencing this year. There will be two separate competitions each year, completely different in character, and the rules for each will be quite simple; the Committee will decide the subjects annually. Here are the details for 1955:-

CUP

Subject: Competitors' own choice (but obviously restricted to the stamps, cancellations, postal history, etc., of New Zealand and Dependencies).

Number of sheets: Any number up to 12.

Marking: (a) Research; (b) Condition and Layout; (c) Mounting and Write-up; (d) Philatelic Knowledge.

Up to 25% of the marks will be awarded for each of these four points respectively.

SHIELD

Subject: Up to 2,000 words on anything connected or allied to the stamps, cancellations, postal history, etc., of New Zealand and Dependencies. (Such literary efforts, if the competitor thinks it is justified, may be line illustrated, i.e., pen and ink sketches, but not with photographs, actual stamps or cancellations, or covers). The Committee reserves the right to publish in "The Kiwi" any or all entries entered for this competition.

Marking: (a) Research; (b) General (N.Z.) Interest; (c) Philatelic Knowledge.

Up to 33 1-3% of the marks will be awarded to each of these three points respectively. It should be noted in the Shield competition that neatness of writing (or typing) or quality of the art work in the sketches (if any), will not be taken into consideration and, providing the entry is understandable, neither will (possible) occasional grammatical slips. "It's the information we're after". Furthermore, illustrations (or lack of) will not affect the marking.

Judges: A separate judge (or panel of judges) will be appointed for each competition.

Closing Date: The last day for receiving entries for either competition will be Wednesday, 20th July, 1955.



OUR TOAST TO THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND  
(Proposed by Mr. A.A. Hard at our Dinner following the A.G.M.)

Just over 66 years ago a group of 9 enthusiasts met in the Oriental Hotel, Wellington and founded the Philatelic Society of New Zealand. From this small beginning has grown the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand with a membership of over 500.

It is interesting to note that, at the very first meeting they decided to start a library fund by charging the members resident in Wellington 1s. per month. By that thirst for knowledge the Society have themselves nobly contributed to the Philatelic Libraries of the world.

In 1913 they published the "History of New Zealand Stamps", dedicated to the Hon. R.H. Rhodes, Postmaster General of N.Z.

In 1938 came the publication of the first volume of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand". The most encouraging factor was the attitude of the Postal Authorities in making official records available and, in particular Mr. C.W. Watts a Fellow of the Society, now Principal of the Stamps Division, was encouraged to co-operate.

This led to the publication in 1950 of Vol. II which was dedicated to Mr. H.T.M. Fathers for his services to the Society and to philately in general.

In 1953 the Society published "The Penny Universal of N.Z." by G.R. Lee. Both this and the previous volume were edited by Mr. R.J.G. Collins, a Fellow of the Society, who has given a lifetime of study to the stamps of New Zealand and Mr. C.W. Watts, already mentioned.

Next year, to mark the Centenary of the issue of the first New Zealand postage stamp the Society will publish the third volume of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand".

I now have the pleasure to give you the Toast, "The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand coupled with it the name of its President - The Hon. Sir R. Heaton Rhodes, K.C.V.O., K.B.E."

QUERY ON PERFS.

Undoubtedly all collectors of New Zealand issues know that some time in 1915 the Government Printer at Wellington decided to use two different sets of perfs on the one sheet, the top four rows being 14 x 13½ and the bottom six rows 14 x 14½ with the result that vertical pairs from the fourth and fifth rows se tennant provide the two distinct perforations, (comb). In the Edward VII heads these interesting varieties occur in the later printings of the 3d, 5d, and 6d, values and both shades of the 8d. The practice was continued

with all the values of the recess printed George V issue and with one exception these were all issued in 1915 and 1916. The exception is the 7½d. value red-brown which was not issued until October, 1920.

It seems evident that this value was prepared and held for some four years before being issued.

Volume I of the Handbook has little to say on this two perf procedure but does mention that in September, 1914 a new perforating head was sent from London to Wellington. It is certainly not generally known whether two perforating machines were used or the head changed over after four rows of the sheets had been perforated. Campbell Paterson goes a little further referring to the practice of perforating the sheets in two operations, and does indicate that two machines were used.

It is rather curious that although these varieties have been in existence for nearly 40 years no-body seems to have asked or answered the main question, "Why was it done?" Do you know?

### THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND (VOLUME III)

This postal history of New Zealand, with special reference to postal cancellations and markings is the final volume of the trilogy planned by the N.Z. Royal in 1937.

The two former volumes covered the story of the postage stamps of New Zealand from 1855-1949 - a period of 94 years.

In Volume III the story is told of the establishment of the postal service in New Zealand from the earliest settlement to the present day. As with the two previous volumes the Society has had the active co-operation of the Post and Telegraph Department and much material has been made available from Departmental records which would not otherwise have seen the light of day. Furthermore, most of the material has been checked with official documents.

The Society's editors, Messrs. R.J.G. Collins and C.W. Watts, who are now well-known for their work on Vols. I and II, are responsible for its editorial production.

The new volume will be uniform in format with the previous volumes published by the Society and will contain approximately 500 pages, of which approximately 140 will be of illustrations, 260 pages of letterpress and 100 pages containing the names of post offices past and present and changes of designations, etc.

A special feature will be the illustrations showing all types of postal cancellations - including manuscript ones - slogans and postal markings.