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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain will be held at the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London. W.C.1. on SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1958, at 2.30 p.m. for the ordinary business set out on the Agenda below.

30th October, 1958.

W. Hasler Young,  
Hon. Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive a report from the President.
3. To receive financial report from the Hon. Treasurer.
4. To receive report from Hon. Packet Secretary.
5. To elect a President.
6. To elect a Vice-President.
7. To elect the following Officers:-

Hon. Secretary  
Hon. Treasurer  
Exchange Packet Secretary

Hon. Bulletin Secretary  
Hon. Auditor.

8. To elect a Committee of FIVE members (Retiring members:- Mrs. E.O.M. Moore, Mr. G.B. Erskine, Mr. W.J. Farrow, Mr. D.V.H. Givan and R.D. Williamson, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election. Further nominations to be received.
9. Any other Business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

KINGSLEY HOTEL. W.C.1. SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER 1958

PROGRAMME.

- 11.45 a.m.      Exhibition of Members' sheets.  
12.15 p.m.      Auction lots and BID BOARD on view.  
1.00 p.m.        Lunch (informal in the Restaurant)  
2.30 p.m.        ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
3.15 p.m.        Approx. Presentation of Trophies.  
3.25 p.m.        Display and Talk  
4.15 p.m.        Tea  
4.30 p.m.        Clear Bid Board  
                  Auction.  
5.30 p.m.        Close of meeting

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Apologies are due to all, for the gross error on the nomination forms you received last month. Members will have noticed that the office of Vice-President had been omitted - this, I regret, was a failure to check the typist's proof before publication and posting. Will all concerned please accept my humble apologies.

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Some members will be very disappointed to learn that the Dinner, which the Committee had hoped to hold after the A.G.M. has had to be cancelled owing to the lack of support.

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The Bid Board. (What is it?)

The idea is to have each lot set out on the table with a sheet of paper, on which members write their bids. Obviously the second bid entered must be higher than the first, and so on .. Good Fun .. So let me have any surplus material, whether in packets or on leaves etc. etc. Anything likely to interest fellow members. The more the merrier ... on the day will do (early).

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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we learn, of the passing of Mrs. Hard, the wife of our esteemed Editor, and on behalf of all the members I would like to express our deepest sympathy in his bereavement.

W. Hasler Young  
Hon. Secretary.

AUCTION SALE TO BE HELD AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1958

at the KINGSLEY HOTEL, BLOOMSBURY WAY, W.C.1.

Postal bids are invited. Most of the lots carry no reserve, but as some guidance to members bidding by post the figure in the right hand column is the approximate estimated value of the lot. Lots will be bought in at the lowest possible figure for postal bidders, irrespective of the maximum they have offered.

PLEASE send Postal Bids to Hon. Secretary by 28th November.

<u>LOT</u>		<u>APPROX.</u> <u>Value.</u>
1	S.G. 5. used. Good copy	£5. 0. 0.
2	S.G. 37.? " " "	£6. 0. 0.
3	S.G. 34 " " "	£1.10. 0.
4	S.G. 43 " " "	£2.10. 0.
5	S.G. 86 " " Light Pmk.	£16. 0. 0.
6	S.G. 98 " " "	£3. 0. 0.
7	S.G. 126 " (apparently imperf. vert.)	£2.10. 0.
8	Newspaper stamp Wmk. N.Z. imp 3 sides p.10 bottom	£1. 0. 0.
9	S.G. 74 used. Wide Margins - Light Pmk.	£4. 0. 0.
10	S.G. 483b Block 4	- 12. 6.
11	S.G. 421	£4. 0. 0.
12	Certificate re Victoria Land stamps and 1d. Victoria Land and Exhibition Pmk.	£1.10. 0.
13	K.E.VII Land pair used	£1. 7. 6.
14	S.G. 699a in mint and used blocks	£3. 5. 0.
15	S.G. 590 mint	£1. 0. 0.
16	S.G. 688 mint block of 6 and Flaws R12/3, R13/1	
17	S.G. 688 mint and used pairs and 'Z' flaw	
18	Pigeon Post C.P. V.P. 1 mint (Thinned)	£1. 0. 0.
19	" " C.P. V.P. 2 used on piece	£5. 0. 0.
20	Cover with 2 S.G. 115, one on top of the other	£2.10. 0.
21	Advertisement stamps about 100 mixed	
22	K.G.VI M.14a and M.15b inverted Wmk	
23	K.G.VI. M.13a Plate 1-1 with flaw Blk.4 M.13c Plate 3a-2 Blk 6.	

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24	K.G.VI. 3d. on 1d Prow: Plate Blks of 6 - 113, 115, 117, 118.	
25	1936-42 Pictorials 4d. L.7b. Blk 6. showing three states of 'i' of Mitre (thick, double and elongated). 5d. L.8F. Plate 2 Blk with re-entries.	
26	Cook Islands S.G. 76 to 80 mint S.G.105, 106, 107, 108, 110 & 111 S.G.128, 129, 130 used. S.G.137 mint. Niue S.G. 82 and 92 used.	15. 0.
27	Cook Islands S.G.150 to 159 mint in pairs	15. 0.
28	Niue S.G.113 to 122 mint in pairs	15. 0.
29	Government Life $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1/- mint in pairs S.G. 1045 to 1051	4. 0.
30	Otago mint in blks of 6. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6d)	5. 0.
31	1940 Centennial $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1/- mint	15. 0.
32	K.G. VI. mint. $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 1/-, 2/- officials. Definitives 603a, 604a, 680 blks of 4 605a, 605b, 681 to 687 and 689	10. 0.
33	Canterbury. 3d, 6d and 1/- Plate Blocks	6. 0.
34	Royal Visit. 3d. and 4d. Plate Blks mint and F.D.C.	3. 0.
35	Q.E. Coronation F.D.C's Niue, Cook Islands, W. Samoa and Tokelan	4. 0.
36	Q.E. Coronation N.Z. 3d. and 1/6 Plate Blks and 8d. with sheet number	10. 0.
37	Health Blocks MINT. Plate. 1954 and 1955 Q.E. Plate Blk 6. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. small numbers and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. souvenir cover	5. 0.
38	Healths. 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945 to 1951 MINT. 1945 to 1951 USED. 1942 Mint	7. 0.
39	Healths. 1935, 1937 used - 1936, 1939 Mint. 1936 Anzac Mint	7. 0.
40	Approximately 500 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Green Surface printed Geo.V	

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Value

41	Approximately 100 1½d. Black and 200 1½d. Brown	Geo. V.	
42	" 500 2d. Yellow	Geo. V.	
43	" 500 2d. Yellow	Geo. V	
44	" 100 3d. Brown	Geo. V	
45	" 2,000 Low Value N.Z. on paper		
46	" 250 N.Z. Mixture. values 1d. to 1/- on paper.		
47	1936. F.D.C. Chamber of Commerce. (SET)		
48	Approximately 250 N.Z. (on paper). Values 4d. and over and Comms ONLY.		
49	1957 Health Miniature Sheets on 2 F.D.C.		
50	Ross Dependency 3d, 4d, 8d, 1/6 Antarctic Cover (Scott Base Meeting)		
51	L.13e - 'Cook' Flaw in pair with normal MINT		£1. 7. 6.
52	L.13e 'Cook' Flaw. MINT		£1. 2. 6.
53	L.13e ditto		£1. 2. 6.
54	L. 7b Blk 6. showing 'Long-thick' and double I in Mitre and L 8f Plate 2 Blk 4. with re-entries		16. 0.
55	M.14a and 15b both Mint and inverted Wmk		£1. 2. 6.
56	M.13a Plate 1-1. Blk 4. with Flaw M.13c Plate 3A-2 Blk 6.		14. 0.
57	M.18a Plate Blks, 6 No's 113, 115, 117, 118		15. 0.

## THE JUDGE COMMENTS

Frankly, I was disappointed at the small number of entries both for the Cup and the Shield. There should be no difficulty in finding twelve pages from a specialised Collection with the only restriction a dividing line between the two competitions. If it is just the "I've nothing good enough" feeling, then forget it. I think you will find that the majority of Judges completely disregard catalogue value and concentrate on philatelic value. The result is that a study of a common stamp has just as much chance of winning, as a beautifully written-up lot of Chalon heads. There is only one proviso and that is, they both must "tell a story".

That was my greatest difficulty in judging for the Cup. All entries told a story. I had to make up my mind which of them told the best tale. To begin with I felt that No. 2 "The First Fifty Years" tried to tell too much in the short space allowed. Personally I would rather have seen twelve pages of the surface printed stamps without the early issues and the late ones. I very much liked No. 3 - the collection of the 1/2d. Newspaper stamp. This showed what could be done to make an ugly stamp interesting and the owner must have spent years picking his copies they were so very well centred for this stamp. No. 4 was a beautifully written up collection of T.P.O. markings. This too told its tale simply and well.

But it was No. 1 which seemed to me to be the best. One of the knottiest problems facing the collector of New Zealand is the complicated 1d. "Universal". The owner of this entry set out very clearly the differences for which to look. My only quarrel with it was that I could not spend a couple of hours studying it. I felt that had this been possible I might really have learnt a lot about this thorny subject.

So I awarded the Cup to No. 1.

The entries for the Shield were in themselves disappointing I felt. Entry A tried to cover too much ground and while Entry B showed that the owner had studied his stamps with minute care it did not lead him anywhere. There was no evidence to show that the flaws and broken letters so clearly noted, were in fact permanent varieties. If two examples of each one had been shown I would have awarded the Shield to this entry without hesitation, but, as presented, the collection simply showed defective impressions of certain letters of the overprint, which may have arisen through poor inking, foreign bodies or careless "backing".

In these circumstances, I had to award the Shield to entry A.

An article on New Zealand T.P.O's appeared recently in "Stamp Collecting" by J.D. Riddell of Couthylaw, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire; will members who have read the article please send him data on route indices and, dates of first and last use of any of the postmarks, so as to improve the correctness of statements on the subject, provided they differ from those given.

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Our member Royton Heath, 78, Kingsway, Petts Wood, Kent, is making a study of the 1d. Universal Booklet Plates. Will members who are able to assist with information please contact him direct.

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### THE STORY OF A FAKE.

The story begins with the sale at auction about 20 years ago of four sets of proof sheets (240 stamps) of the ½d, 1d and 2d. of 1900 issue, which as regards their colours correspond to those of the 1898 issue (S.G. 294, 297 and 303. They were offered in lots containing one sheet of each value, and I obtained one set, marked in manuscript in the bottom right-hand corner - "Plate No. 4" for the ½d - "No. 3 Plate" for the 1d. and "No. 4 Plate" for the 2d, so that these were obviously one sheet from each plate of each value. The sheets which I obtained I broke up, keeping the right-hand, lower quarter of the sheet for myself with the Plate No. marked. Most of these were sold in New Zealand.

The story moves on to April 1941, when two pairs, purporting to be S.G. 246a and 251a were included in an auction catalogue with illustrations. They were both cancelled with what appeared to be genuine postmarks of the time - Dunedin, 8, No. 99. I sent in a bid and duly received them, only to find they were fakes. To start with the faker had been too grasping, having taken two of the above mentioned proofs of the 2d, which are smaller in size, and not of the same shade as the original. The ½d, however, is much more dangerous as it is very similar to the genuine one, and really needs a magnifying glass to discover: however, there is one difference that is noticeable by the naked eye - there is a leaf over the H of Halfpenny, which in the 1898 stamp protrudes into the uncoloured space beneath, while in the 1900 one it stops short of it, and the whole space is uncoloured. I naturally returned the stamps to the auctioneer, and my account was considered discharged.

A short time later, a minor (!) block and a pair imperf. between horizontally (the other pair was vertically) were offered at auction, and later still a mint pair similar to the first. I don't know what happened to these, but it is well for members of the Society to guard against these fakes.

Incidentally, it may interest members to know that these

stamps (the proofs) brought me my first (and only!) visitors from Scotland Yard: the N.Z. Authorities had asked them to enquire into the origin of the proofs, as they considered them to be illegally acquired - at least that is my supposition. I was quite able to satisfy them on the point.

(Rev.) W.H. Iremonger,  
Bristol.

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### LIFE INSURANCE STAMPS.

The reason that New Zealand has an issue of what are termed Life Insurance stamps, is because the New Zealand Government Life Insurance Department had a row with the Post Office and dug its toes in and refused to give way.

The Insurance Department was established away back in 1869 and, following the custom of those days in vogue amongst all such departments, used to frank its letters and pay an annual fee to the post office. This fee was calculated on a periodical count. The row started when the Insurance Department refused to accept the count and even when the matter was referred to an arbitrator, still refused. It then suggested issuing distinctive stamps of its own and although this was against all precedent it won the day and has been using them ever since.

In the early issues the letters "V.R." (Victoria Regina) were incorporated in the design, but later these were omitted. They provide interesting material for the specialist and a side collection of them would make an interesting addition to the ordinary simplified one. They can be grouped into two main classes of 1891 and 1905.

A.A. Hard  
Hon. Editor 'Kiwi'