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N E X T M E E T I N G .

WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1959 - 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.
at The Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury. W.C.1

Mr. A.A. Orten of Christchurch, New Zealand, will be visiting us, and showing a few items that he has with him, owing to the fact that he is returning to N.Z. on the morning after, and that he has reserved his last evening in the U.K. to visit us - his time may be limited - It is therefore asked that all members should bring along one or two sheets, for general discussion, should their use be necessary.

Talking of YOU.

Now that it is obvious that many members DO read the KIWI, I gather from the numerous remarks, both verbal and written concerning "Talking of Birds" (see the July issue) - Much to my surprise, all favourable. I have now come to the conclusion that the Kiwi is extensively read by all, the point of all this being that if only I could impress upon you - what is written is not always just to fill up space, but an effort to keep the Society healthy. So Talking of you, have YOU, sent to the Packet Secretary a Booklet yet, - lately or ever. Also Mr. A. Hard, our hard-working Editor, who is hard up, for hard to come by material - when a little thought on your part will help all. So for Mr. Hard, and on the q.t -- The Quarry that I seek is Quaint, you'll Qualify with 'Quink' and Quill, as to Quantity or Quality, you'll Quickly Quiz, and Quietly Quote, Questions, Quips and Queries; and Quit not until your Quota, el'st Quiver until we are Quits, or else in Quod you go. - I Quaere your Quantum?

(With apologies to the English Language)

The Competition Night was a great success, and thank you for making it worth while returning early from my holiday to receive so many postal entries.

Owing to the number of entries, those for the Shield were displayed and judged, and after viewing by the members, had to be taken down to make room for the Cup entries.

On behalf of the Society I would like to congratulate the winners on their excellent entries, and commiserate with, the near but not quites, many of which must have run extremely good seconds. For the record (one of the winners, previously to the competition stated, "I'm going to enter the comps, just to keep you ----- quiet.) see what I mean - have a 'GO'.

COMPETITION RESULTS.

"The Stacey Hooker CUP".

Dr. H.J. Selby
of Gloucester

"The Kiwi Shield"

H.F. Taylor Esq.
of Thorpe Bay.

We extend a sincere welcome to the following new members, and trust that they will learn from us and also permit us to learn from them.

Thomas R. Hoddell,
128, Lutterworth Road,
Nuneaton,
Warwickshire.

C.N. Hartland,
8, Clifford Street,
Hereford.

Dennis F. Wilkins,
11, Derwent Glose,
Streetly,
Sutton Coldfield,
Warwickshire.

Talking of Auctions.

Time, waits for no man; (and having given you all, months and months of notice that I would be collecting Auction Lots, for our November meeting) I now have to inform you that time is up.

Will you please send me a full description of the lots you intend to put up, (you may send the lots, now if you wish) but the lots may be sent in due course. State your RESERVE PRICE, if any, if no price is mentioned, I shall assume that you place NO RESERVE ON THE LOT.

Publication of the Auction List will be included in the November Kiwi, with the actual RESERVE PRICE quoted - NOT as in former years, with the so-called valuation price.

Descriptions MUST be sent to me before October 28th.

2. W. Hasler Young - Hon. Secretary.

EDITORIAL

The meeting of the New Zealand Society held on 29th July at The Kingsley Hotel, London, was Competition Night. There were ten entries of Modern issues exhibited for the "Stacey Hooker Cup" to be judged by Mr. Deakin of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons. Following these, eight entries in the "Classics" section were exhibited for judging for the "Kiwi Shield".

While the judging was in progress Mr. and Mrs. Orten of New Zealand arrived at the meeting and, after being introduced by the President to the members present Mr. Orten gave a short talk and displayed some of the stamps he had brought with him. The items displayed consisted of a miscellany of the early issues with unusual interest and, amongst those noted were the following:- a selection of "full faces" with "accidental imperf", mostly with very large margins which left no doubt as to their genuineness; a 1/- Richardson print serrated 18 accompanied with an R.P.S. certificate; some 1898 Pictorials with pronounced offsets; a Maori war cover dated JA-30-1864 cancelled "Queens Redoubt" on 1d. "Full Face" also a "Headquarters" and "Queens Redoubt" cancellation on a 1d. and 2d. "Full Face; various "full faces" serrated; S.G.113 doubly printed; a Newspaper ½d. with irregular compound perfs on star watermarked paper, believed to be the only known copy, perf. 10 x 12½, horizontal row omitted and corrected 12½, 10 x 12½ not known on the above; a plate proof of the 4d of 1898 in red, never used for the issued stamps as it was replaced with the 4d. redrawn design transposed from the 1d. value; mixed perfs. on second side face issues, 12½ line to correct 12 x 11½ comb. perf; a 1d. of 1864 on N.Z. watermarked paper perforated 13 ex Judge Hamilton collection; 1d. brown, 2d. Orange and 6d. blue of 1871 imperforate due to breakdown of perforating machine. The above was as many items as it was possible to jot down from the most interesting items exhibited.

The judge had now completed his task and the following awards were made:-

"Modern" Section. Award of "Stacey Hooker Cup" to Dr. H.J. Selby for a very fine entry consisting of re-entries on the 1935-38 issues. The runner-up was Mrs. E.C.M. Moore.

"Classic" Section. Award of the "Kiwi Shield" to Mr. H.F. Taylor for his entry of outstanding items of the "Full Faces" issue. The runner-up was Mr. Gordon Kaye with a similar entry of "Full Faces" but, said the Judge, the writing up was not so good.

Admitted that the Judge had a difficult task in judging the 18 entries in the short time at his disposal but, I must disagree with his decision to award the Shield in the "Classic" section to the fabulous exhibit of "Full Faces". If we are to encourage the not so wealthy member to exhibit, then the

financial value of the exhibit should not take precedence over the aesthetic value.

The exhibit consisted mainly of certificates accompanied with photographs which occupied three-quarters of the album page and, in some cases there was only one stamp, a pair or a strip to a page. These were, no doubt, very desirable items but, how does one award points for philatelic knowledge, arrangement and writing up consisting of 80% of marks when these conditions are not possible on pages containing only one stamp, a pair or a strip. The maximum points of 20% for condition would no doubt be awarded, but only a small percentage for the other items could be justified. The stamps or covers neatly arranged and written up is what matters and, certificates accompanied with photos should not be exhibited. If one wants to denote that an item has been awarded a certificate then the certificate number quoted would suffice as is done in international exhibitions.

A hearty Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Erskine to Mr. Deakin for coming along at short notice to perform a difficult task, and to Mr. Orten for enabling us to view some unusual and interesting items from his New Zealand collection which we may not have the pleasure of seeing for a very long time. Mr. Noel Turner said he had very great pleasure in seconding the proposal, which was received with acclamation.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 30th September - 6.30 p.m.

Albert A. Hard
Hon. Editor - "Kiwi".

It is gratifying to see so many replies to queries that were put forward in the July issue of the Kiwi, both from at home and New Zealand. The letters received are as follows:-

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N.R. Dawe,
"Waverley",
Boscoppa Rd,
St. Austell,
Cornwall. U.K.

10.7.59.

Dear Mr. Hard,

Re the query in the July issue of "Kiwi" of the registered envelope, complete with label but with 1/6d. to pay.

The N.Z. postal administration is probably run on similar lines to our own.

In this country, if a letter is posted, with or without stamps, and bears the word "registration" or is crossed with blue lines, it is compulsorily registered, and the appropriate fee collected at the other end.

Until quite recently, double the deficiency was collected, but now it is only the 1/- registration fee, but still double the postage if no stamps have been affixed.

Yours sincerely,

N.R. Dawe.

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37, Windermere Court,
Wembley, Middx.

9.7.59.

Dear Mr. Hard,

I was interested in the query that has arisen regarding the "surcharged" registered cover shown by Mr. Chasmer in May and about which I have just read in "Kiwi". I recently was shown a surcharged registered cover, (Nyasaland, I think) and naturally doubted that postage due stamps would normally be found in such a case - in any event the cover looked "philatelic".

The N.Z. cover, however, may perhaps be quite legitimate. I think I am correct in saying that in G.B. it is mandatory to register any letter containing banknotes or coin, and that the P.M.G. has power to order any such

unregistered letter to be treated as if registered. It would therefore receive a label and the deficient fee (? double) would be collected from the addressee. If a similar rule applies in N.Z. this might well account for the apparent anomaly. A further point which might help to confirm the matter - I read that the cover was cancelled with a slogan postmark. If this was from a machine canceller then this is fairly certainly proof that the letter did not start out registered but as ordinary mail.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. Shelton.

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3, Queensway Close,
Penwortham,
Preston, Lancs.

14.7.59.

Dear Mr. Hard,

Thank you for July KIWI. On reading the Editorial, I was most interested in the discussion on the registered cover, Rotorua to Auckland. May I offer an explanation. I think it could have happened like this.

I'm assuming the cover was an official one easily recognised a registered cover. It could have been put in a pillar box by mistake, or perhaps the G.P.O. at Rotorua was closed, when collected by the person concerned was then treated as a registered cover for which the registration fees had not been paid by the sender, this made the charge double for the addressee, hence the two 9d. stamps on the cover.

Trusting this may help in your discussion.

Yours sincerely,

John Ashcroft.

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P.O. Box 316,
Christchurch,
New Zealand

25th August, 1959.

Dear Mr. Hard,

I notice in "The Kiwi" for July just to hand your reference to various N.Z. stamps including stamp duty type on pieces and cancelled with Dunedin coin date-stamp. I have seen during the last two years quite a number of pieces with odd N.Z. stamps cancelled with a forged date-stamp impression, of the type of No. 3 shown on page 541 of "Postage Stamps of New Zealand" Vol. 3. Sometimes part of the date and sometimes the time shows in the forged impression but a feature of this forgery is that the impression is roughly struck so that the time and the part of the date is indistinct. You describe the date-stamp on your pieces as having the dates indistinct and it therefore occurs to me that your pieces may be similar to those shown me here.

Yours faithfully,

R.J.G. Collins.

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Remuera,
Auckland.

25.8.59.

Dear Mr. Hard,

It is late days now but just in case no one has answered your query about the peculiar registered letter from Rotorua (page 3 July Kiwi) -

This would almost certainly be a case of compulsory registration.

It must have been posted unregistered and then registered by the Rotorua P.O. - probably had coin or something obviously valuable in it. Rotorua would put the label on, leaving it for the office of destination to affix the 1/6 when they got the money from the addressee.

Best wishes to all your members.

Yours sincerely,

Campbell Paterson

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D. Edsall,
2, R.D., Ohaupo,
Waikato,
New Zealand.

Dear Mr. Evans,

It was good of you to reply to my query re
"Province of Auckland" cancellation.

The reason for these enquiries is, that Mr. Startup
is endeavouring to find out at what offices this cancellation
was used, it is known as a Maori war military cancellation.

There appears to have been seven of these cancells
used at various military Post Offices. They are identified
by a number at the top of the cancell; numbers 1 to 7 have
been recorded, the identifying number and date is what is
wanted. The only way he might get a clue as to the office
of origin is by getting "entires" for, with the date stamp on
P.O.A. cancell and the back stamp receiving date we might be
able to determine the distance from Auckland where it was used,
or distance from P.O.A. office to receiving office.

There seems to be quite a lot of covers to Mrs. Laver
in existence. I have three and know of at least ten others.
Col. Laver was a Quartermaster General to General Cameron's
forces and, he must have been a very thoughtful husband to
have written so regularly to his wife who was at the Barracks
at Auckland during the Maori war. Unfortunately, no covers
seem to have letters enclosed, which would give a valuable
clue as to office of origin. Nearly all military post office
records were destroyed in a fire some years ago, before
interest was taken in postal history so we work largely in the
dark.

It is thought that Col. Laver was not O.C. Stores
except in the Waikato war.

It is a scarce cancel and except for Col. Laver's
letters, I know of no other "entires" with this postmark
although of course they must exist. Troops did not write
many letters in those days ?

My Laver covers took two and three days respectively
to reach Auckland, so presumably posted from Ngaruawahia where,
it is known, there was a large accumulation of stores.

Should you at any future date see any P.O.A. entires
I would take it a favour if you would note number on cancel
(mine are both 1) and date on cancel and on back stamp, also
any stamp that has a number other than 1 to 7.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Edsall.

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