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This is to be a Members' Meeting and I should like each one of you attending to bring along two or three sheets from your collection. Don't be shy - the pages do not have to look as though they are intended for an International Exhibition. Please bring along those items which we have not seen before - the odd postmark you have often puzzled over - the flaw which has not appeared in the catalogues - all those little oddments which make your collection different from others. We must all have items tucked away which have been put aside for investigation "when we have time" - why not share these treasures. Please do not leave it to someone else - take the plunge and bring something from your collection.

Now, just a word to those Members who live in or near London and have not yet attended a Meeting of the Society - why not make a note in your diary to attend one? You will be surprised at the friendly atmosphere which exists at our Meetings and I'm sure that once you have broken the ice you will make every effort to attend in the future. I have listed below our Meetings for this year, so please make a note in your diary NOW.

Saturday, March 25th - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31st. - 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 26th - 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept 27th - 6.30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 25th - 2.30 p.m.

This is my first message to you in my capacity of Hon. Secretary and before I go any further I should like to pay, on your behalf, a very sincere tribute to the work of Warrenne Young who has been your Secretary for the past three years. Warrenne has, for these three years, combined the post of Secretary with that of Exchange Secretary and you will know as well as I that of both he has made a first class job. I should like to add a personal 'thank you' for the most efficient and considerate way in which Warrenne has handed over the reins of Secretaryship to me. Coupled with this thank you I should like to acknowledge with many thanks the help which has been extended to me by other members of the Committee.

Mrs. Margarete Erskine has now "retired" from the Presidency of our Society and even our newest members will know of the sterling work which Mrs. Erskine has done and is doing for the Society especially during the Exhibition Year. On behalf of us all I should like to express our grateful thanks to Mrs. Erskine and say how glad we are that she has accepted the post of Vice-President.

This year the Society will be going all out for new members and your Committee hopes that each and every one of you will play your part in making our Society known to all who collect or study the stamps and postal history of New Zealand.

Now that Warrenne Young is no longer Hon. Secretary he is able to devote more of his time to the Packet, so inundate him with club booklets - he won't mind. Due to his efforts - and yours of course - last year the very creditable figure of £21.4.6d. was transferred from the Packet Account to the General Account. So spend a couple of hours making up some club booklets and send them in to Warrenne Young at 23, Angel Close, London N.18. You will be helping yourself, the Society and your fellow members - enabling them to buy stamps of their favourite country in the comfort of their own homes.

One more thing before I close my notes: I should like to record the grateful thanks of the Society to those most generous members who gave items to be auctioned at the Annual General Meeting in aid of Society funds. These items realised the magnificent total of £19.1.0d.

Peter Garnett,
Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1960.

Today, as you have heard, we are holding our 9th Annual General Meeting and this morning, as I commenced to draft these few notes, headed "President's Report", a horrible thought came to me. This is the 9th time I have been obliged to get up and say something at our Annual General Meetings.

1952-1957 it was the reading of the formal notice and the Minutes. 1958 and 1959 it was, as this, the "President's Report". As I am quite sure that after nine years you must all be quite sick and tired of hearing from me, I intend to be quite brief. In a few minutes I shall be vacating this seat and passing it on to a very worthy successor, together with this gavel - incidentally a very useful installation by the Society. I recollect that during Mrs. Moore's Presidential term of office, I had to use one of my shoes for this purpose. However, after three years as your President, I am happy to record that I have only hit the table with the gavel - never a member's head - even if some have deserved it.

I do not think I shall be contradicted when I say that our Society has enjoyed another very successful year. In addition to our six by-monthly meetings, we also had that very good extra meeting at the Royal Festival Hall in July last during the London International Stamp Exhibition. Among the members to whom particular thanks are due for entertaining us during the past year I will mention just two: Mr. Harry Bartrop and Mr. Gordon Kaye. Both gave us excellent shows. I would also thank those members who responded to my last appeal for Competition Evening. Those who came to the July meeting will remember how complimentary Miss Harper (our Judge) was, about the material which was entered. While on the subject of thanks, there are two other items in connection with which I am sure thanks are due. First to theseveral members who have contributed to The Kiwi and particularly to our very nice June number, and then a special "thank you" to all those whose contributions last year made it possible for the Society to donate £25 to the funds of the London International Stamp Exhibition.

From thanks to congratulations: I should like on your behalf to congratulate two of our members, Mr. Noel Turner and Mr. A.L. Michael on their election to the Chairmanship and the Vice-Chairmanship, respectively, of the British Philatelic Association. Remembering that the first of these offices was one which my husband held for some years, perhaps condolences may be more appropriate than congratulations.

Among the visitors to this country from New Zealand during the year, I must mention a most enjoyable day which my husband and I spent with Mr. & Mrs. John Ash of Wellington. Mr. Ash is the New Zealand Government stamp printer, and it was a very great pity that his short stay in London and rather tight

itinerary did not permit him to get to one of our meetings - he was really disappointed about this.

In opening, I did say I was going to be brief, so Ladies and Gentlemen, here are my final words and a final thank you - it is to you all for your great support during my eight years or more of office, and in this I obviously include the officers and Committee who have each done more than their share of the work. For me, this last three years has been a great honour and a very happy episode.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31ST, 1960.

In presenting the Financial Statement for the year ending October 31st, 1960, there are a number of matters to which I wish to draw attention.

It will be observed that on the Credit side of the Society's Account there is no item, this year, representing profit made in the conduct of our Packet. It has become increasingly difficult to close the Packet Account, calculate the profit and make a Bank Transfer before 3 o'clock, all on the same day. With the permission of the Members, the Packet Superintendent and I propose that in each year the transfer shall be made in November and become our first item of income in the New Year instead of the last in the old. Reference to the Packet Statement will show the amount due for transfer on this occasion.

In a recent circular to the Members I stated that the Society is "somewhat short of funds" and as a result I have received donations of Stamps for sale and these are being submitted to Auction later to-day. My thanks are due to the generous donors. An examination of our Accounts would tend to show that my statement as to the shortage of funds would appear to be unduly pessimistic but there are a number of facts that have a material bearing upon the position.

During the past two years or three years we have removed the names of some thirty-six Members from our List. They have either resigned, failed to pay their subscriptions over a lengthy period, have passed away or been removed from our List for other reasons. It is true that we have added twenty-four new Members in the past twelve to fifteen months, but this was exceptional and the result of special conditions that are not likely to be repeated. Hence the very satisfactory figure shown at "Subscriptions received". Many of these new Members paid two years' subscription, so that we shall not be receiving anything from them in the financial year now starting.

Reference must be made to the passing of our Member Mr. G. Camroux. He was one of our most enthusiastic subscribers to the Packet and contributed nearly 50% of all the Stamps in circulation. As a Member he is sadly missed and our Packet Income is likely to suffer severely.

Finally, I must draw attention to the fact that our unusually heavy subscription total was almost wholly absorbed in the cost of hiring rooms for our Meetings and the cost of the "Kiwi" production and distribution. If we are to avoid raising our Subscriptions in the future, we must raise the money needed to pay all our other expenses, from Packet Income and Auction Commissions. I close this Report with that thought and ask our Members to give full support to both these efforts.

Noel Turner.
Hon. Treasurer.

EDITORIAL.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Kingsley Hotel on 26th November 1960 with the President, Mrs. Margarete Erskine presiding.

After welcoming members and visitors the business on the Agenda was dealt with.

- (1) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on November 28th 1959 were read and approved.
- (2) The President's Report on the past year's activities, a copy of which is included elsewhere in the Kiwi. Mrs. Erskine announced that Mr. Gordon Kaye was unwell and regretted being unable to attend the meeting, he had, however, asked Mrs. Kaye to come to the meeting and take home to him a personal report of the proceedings. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him at meetings.
- (3) The Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner, presented his report and Balance Sheet, a copy of which is produced elsewhere.
- (4) The Packet Secretary, Mr. Hasler Young, reported upon the past year's transactions and a copy of the Exchange Packet Account will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Kiwi.
- (5) On the Committee's recommendation Mr. Harry Bartrop was proposed for the Presidency during the coming year. He was unanimously elected with acclamation.

- (6) Mr. Bartrop then proposed that Mrs. Erskine should be elected Vice-President especially as he lived some distance from London and might not always be able to attend meetings to take the Chair. Unanimous approval.
- (7) Election of Secretary. Mr. Young had notified the Committee earlier in the year that he wished to relinquish the office of Secretary, owing to pressure of other work, while retaining the office of Exchange Packet Secretary. The Committee realised it was no easy task to find a successor and they were very pleased when they approached Mr. Peter Garnett of Hove and he agreed to accept the office. Elected Secretary unanimously.
- (8) Election of Committee. It was announced that Mr. Farrow, a member of the Committee, had a stroke and would have to stand down owing to illness. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him at our meetings again. Mrs. Willis was elected in his place. The election of officers completed there followed the presentation of the Annual Competition Awards, the Stacey Hooker Cup and certificate to Mr. Hinvest and the Shield and Certificate to Mr. Bartrop.

This completed the business of the Annual General Meeting and the President introduced Mr. Smith, General Manager of Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd, Stamp Printers, to give a talk and display on the photogravure method of printing postage stamps. This proved to be a very erudite exposition of the principles involved in producing the finished article, from the submission of prints of ideas from the Postal Authorities to the Contracting Firms, the preparation of essays from artist's drawings by the Contracting Firms, the submitting of essays to the Postal Authorities and the production of single plate proofs by the Printers. Some essays are purely speculative and never mature.

The method of printing in three or four colour preparation of a negative for each colour, preparation of the multipositive from the master negative by means of the step-and-repeat camera, which contains at least as many stamps accurately positioned as will be required to be printed on the sheet, the preparation of the printing cylinder, etc. was fully explained. As the talk was on the printing of New Zealand stamps in particular, the display accompanying it consisted of essays, proof sheets printed in the separate colours that make up the final colour printing upon the current watermarked paper, perforated and unperforated, booklet sheets, etc. in fact a veritable specialist's paradise.

The Smith was given a great ovation for his entertaining manner in putting over his talk and display and it is hoped to meet him at a later date to give a talk and film display.

After a break for tea there followed an auction of approximately 100 lots, ably conducted by Mr. Noel Turner.

The Meeting closed at about 6.0 p.m.

In the July issue of the Kiwi we published a provisional list of New Zealand Postal Rates during this century, by Gerald Pratt of Sutton, Surrey. The response has been very disappointing, no replies have been received, or errors corrected, or blanks filled in.

A second version of the principal airmail rates is given below and Mr. Pratt would welcome further information, particularly the starting date of the 1/3d rate.

PRINCIPAL AIRMAIL RATES.
(All per 1/2 oz.)

DATE	INLAND		AUST.	U.K.			REMARKS
	FEE	TOTAL		Letter	2nd Class	A.L.C.	
1/ 3/31				9			Air U.K. - Karachi.
12/34	3	5					
1/ 6/32	3	4		8			
11/34	3	4		1/6			Air U.K. - Aust.
6/37	1	2					
26/ 7/38	1	2		1 1/2			All-up Scheme.
1/10/39	1	3		1/6			
4/40	1	3	5				
???				1/3			
26/ 4/44						6	
1/ 3/52	2	4	6	1/3		6	
1/ 1/53	1	4	6	1/6	? 10	8	
1/11/56	1	4	6	1/9	9	8	P.C. to U.K. 1/-

DID YOU KNOW ? by Peter Garnett.

1835 First printing press was set up at PAIHIA.

1835 The declaration of independence by Maoris of New Zealand -
to be called the United Tribes of New Zealand.

1835 Conquest of Chatham Islands by NGATI-AWA.

- 1835 Whaling Station established at IKORAKI Bay, AKAROA by
George Hemplemen.
- 1835 Wool exported to Hobart - first from New Zealand.
- 1839 June 15. New Zealand Company receive applications from
intending emigrants.
- 1839 June. Issue of Letters Patent authorising the Government
of New South Wales to include within the limits of that
Colony any territory that might be acquired by Her Majesty
in New Zealand.
- 1839 September 16. Sailing of first body of New Zealand
Company's emigrants from London.
- 1840 January 30. Captain Hobson, R.N. hoisted Union Jack at
Bay of Islands and read the Commission which extended the
boundaries of New South Wales so as to embrace and com-
prehend the Islands of New Zealand; also his own Commission
as Lieutenant-Governor over territory that might be
acquired in Sovereignty.
- 1840 March 2. First horses arrive at Wellington.
- 1840 April 18. "New Zealand Gazette" first published in New
Zealand by Samuel Revans at Wellington.
- 1840 August 16. French vessel "Compte de Paris" with fifty-
seven emigrants arrived at AKAROA to establish French
settlement.
- 1840 September 18. Hoisting of British Flag at Auckland by
Lieutenant-Governor Hobson. He set up residence at
Auckland.
- 1840 November 28. Wellington (previously Brittainia) named after
the Duke of Wellington.
- 1841 January 22. First anniversary of Wellington settlement.
During 1840 119 vessels arrived and 112 vessels left
Port Nicholson; population 2500; houses 200; 18,000 acres
rural land occupied.
- 1841 May 3. New Zealand proclaimed to be independent of New
South Wales.
- 1841 October. Selection of site for settlement at Nelson.
- 1842 February 1. Foundation of Nelson settlement.
- 1842 May 29. Arrival of Bishop Selwyn in New Zealand.

- 1842 July 5th. Post Office and Court House, Wellington, burnt.
- 1842 September 10. Death of Governor Hobson. Buried at Auckland. Lieutenant Shortland, R.N., Colonial Secretary, became acting Governor until the arrival of Captain Fitzroy.
- 1842 October. W.M. Smith, Principal Surveyor of New Zealand Company spent five days in Otago Harbour, inspecting with a view to settlement.
- 1843 June. Massacre by RANGIHAEATA of Captain Wakefield, R.N., Agent at Nelson of New Zealand Company, and others, who had surrendered.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

CHRISTCHURCH 1961.

Once again from 21st to 26th August 1961, the combined Philatelic Societies of Christchurch will stage a New Zealand National Philatelic Exhibition. During the past three years an energetic committee has been steadily working and organising the foundations of its success. Both Exhibitors and visitors can confidently expect a most comprehensive and entertaining display of world wide interest.

The Exhibition will be held in the Canterbury University Hall which will give excellent accommodation and lighting for the displays as well as ready access from the city.

Philatelic Exhibitions have been held in New Zealand over many years and a system of judging has been evolved which has proved to be eminently satisfactory. Panels of judges do the initial work after which their reports are carefully considered by a Jury to obviate anomalies. The judges may enter exhibits in classes which they will not judge. Members of the Jury, who must have a wide knowledge of philately, do not compete. The Exhibition schedule has been compiled in such a way as to provide classes for all types of collections.

During this week the Christchurch Philatelic Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a one day Congress will be held and it is also expected that the Federation of New Zealand Philatelic Societies will hold its annual meeting.

Everyone interested in philately should note this date and make preparations to spend a few worth while days in Christchurch.

H. Turner Fennings.
Chairman of the Organising
Committee.

The Postal Address of the Secretary and Officers of the 1961 New Zealand National Philatelic Exhibition is P.O.Box 2336, Christchurch, C.1, New Zealand. Hon.Secretary, J.P.Malcolm.

Further information regarding the Exhibition can be had from Mr.Frederick Walker, June Cottage, North Street, Petworth, Sussex.

COPY OF LETTER FROM M.S.BURBERRY, 21-24 BURY ST, ST.JAME'S
LONDON.S.W.1.

Dear Editor of the KIWI,

13th January 1961.

In Volume I of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, it states that the Pigeongram issue overprinted for use in Marotiri Island was overprinted on a special printing of the last three stamps, in four rows, to make a sheet of 12; the total printing being 20 sheets making 240 stamps in all.

The original sheets - without the overprint - were printed in four rows from six stereos - i.e. in sheets of 24. Each stereo is identifiable, it is thus comparatively simple - if you can get hold of the stamps - to position them.

With regard to the Marotiri overprint, I have seen examples from all six stereos, the overprint on each stamp having its own peculiarities.

As far as the left-hand part of the sheet, the half supposed not to have been used, I have seen:-

Stamps No.1 - 3 copies.

Stamps No.2 - 4 copies.

Stamps No.3 - 3 copies.

thus I can say definitely that at least one sheet of 24 stamps was tried out first; though in all probability all were thus printed, so that if the number printed is correct at 240, the printing was 10 sheets of 24 and not 20 of 12.

Before proceeding with any further searches, I would be glad if anyone can tell me whether I am merely publicising the death of Queen Anne or not. If I am, where can I find the relative articles on this subject. Everyone tells me that there has been much research since Volume I came out, but when I point out that there were no corrections in Volume II, all I get is a very wise "Ahhh!! Is that so !"

Albert A.Hard,
Hon.Editor KIWI.