



# THE KIWI



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 31st May at 6.15 p.m.  
Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London. W.C. 1.

when Mr. L.C. Smith of Harrison and Son, Stamp Printers, will be giving a film show.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS 1961

- Wednesday, July 26th at 6.15 p.m. - Annual Competition.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27th at 6.15 p.m. - "Stamps I have been unable to Sell" - some of our dealer members will entertain us.
- Saturday, Nov. 25th at 2.15 p.m. - Annual General Meeting.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to see the display given by Mr. L.C. Smith last year, will certainly wish to come along on Wednesday evening, the 31st May, at 6.15 p.m. when Mr. Smith has very kindly agreed to give us a film show - we may possibly also see some more proof sheets of N.Z. - who knows?

When I did a bit of "tub thumping" at our last meeting and suggested that the Society is as active as its individual members make it and that not everyone was pulling his weight, I was possibly taking things a bit too seriously. This is a hobby and not a Trades' Union movement! I am serious though when I say that we can do with a few articles on serious, and not so serious facets of New Zealand philately - your Editor can only do his

job of editing if you send him something to get his teeth into. Similarly, our Packet Secretary has so much spare time these days that he was even able to take his wife out the other evening - I know, because we met them for a very pleasant evening at the Horsham Society - but more of that anon. We must stop him going out at all by flooding him with club booklets. You saw in the last "Kiwi" that the booklets belonging to our late old friend and member, George Camroux, were being withdrawn; this is in more ways than one a serious blow to the Society. George Camroux provided something like 60% of all club packets and unless we can buckle to and send in booklets, the packets will be few and far between. Packet Secretary is still Warrenne Young of 23, Angel Close, London. N.18.

The Society has been very busy this month (April) with visits to other Societies - Normanhurst (Croydon) and Tynemouth at the beginning of the month and Horsham at the latter end. I was fortunately able to attend the Horsham meeting, and, as last time, we were made to feel most welcome and really at home. Our members came from all points of the compass and some very fine material was displayed.

John Evans, of East Sheen, showed some of his very fine collection of Chalon Heads including pelure papers, double perfs, paper creases and some very good examples of the roulettes and trial perfs. Our "second man in" was Mr. F.W. Easton, who made the long journey from Eastbourne to display some of his very extensive collection of New Zealand, starting with some pre-stamp covers (including one of the finest examples of the Auckland Crowned Circle strike that I have seen). Great Barrier Island and Victoria Land, and finishing up with a complete run of Healths. Mr. Easton also very kindly displayed some items from the collection of Mrs. D. Cross, also of Eastbourne, who was prevented by illness from attending. Mrs. Cross' contribution to the evening was a series of very beautiful photographs issued by the New Zealand Tourist Board together with stamps depicting the same views. In several cases it was obvious that the photograph was the basis of the stamp design.

Warrenne Young was next to bat and he showed some exceptionally fine and unusual material - too many items to list here, but I would mention the complete sheet of the 1d. Lake Taupo of the 1898 Pictorial Set, the 2½d. of the same set in a most unusual shade of violet, an impression taken from a watermark dandy-roll and sets of the 1920 Victory set in unissued colours and overprinted "SPECIMEN". Yours truly ended the evening with a selection of items kindly loaned by our President, Harry Bartrop; the Cook Islands stamps showing the starting point of the Maori migration of 1350; the Tasman discovery and Cook re-discovery of New Zealand showing appropriate stamps, together with photographs of Tasman's and Cook's original charts and finally a series of photographs and stamps showing Maori weapons and art. All in all a very good evening out and our

hosts were the most attentive audience it has been my pleasure to meet.

You will see that our meeting for September is entitled "Stamps I have been unable to Sell" - I am sorry that this was shown last month as "Dealers' Evening" as this may have given the impression of being confronted with dealers' stands. The evening and its title were suggested by our valued friend and member, A.L. Michael, who is contacting some of our other dealer members to arrange the show - you can be sure of a most interesting and entertaining evening.

Peter Garnett.  
Hon. Secretary.

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It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the Society the following new members:

Interests.

Allan H. BELL,  
65, BOLLING ROAD,  
ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.

All issues of New Zealand,  
including Postage Dues and  
Officials.

GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN,  
DOMINION LABORATORY,  
GOVERNMENT BOX,  
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

All issues of New Zealand  
to research standard.  
(Specializes in all groups  
from pre-adhesive to present  
of both N.Z. and Dependencies).

ANDREW S. RUSSELL,  
RATHOWEN,  
DUNS, BERWICKSHIRE.

All issues of New Zealand.

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EDITORIAL.

Owing to illness, your Editor was unable to attend the last meeting and he is very much indebted to the Hon. Secretary, Peter Garnett, for supplying the following Notes and Comments of the meeting held at the Kingsley Hotel on March 25th.

## OUR LAST MEETING.

It was in 1957 that the Society last had the pleasure of seeing and hearing Campbell Paterson and on that occasion we presented him with an illuminated address as a token of our thanks for his work for the Society. In the intervening years he has been in New Zealand, but we are very happy to see him once more in this country.

On Saturday, 25th March, "C.P." came along to the Kingsley Hotel to talk to us about Stamp Collecting in New Zealand and for an hour or so we were carried away to that country where we met some of the well-known New Zealand philatelists - many of them members of our Society.

Apparently the country is geographically divided into five or six main centres which are, in a philatelic sense, more or less self-contained. There are many small societies within these areas, so it is unusual for a member to travel far to his local club.

C.P. then took us on a tour of the Societies from Whangerei and Auckland to Napier and Masterton and so on down to Clyde, inland from Dunedin. We met Mrs. Pat McCarthy and George Jenkins at Whangerei. At Auckland we heard of Val Macfarlane who made such a wonderful job of organising the Auckland Exhibition and at Waikato we came across Ken McKnaught, that real specialist who plated the "advert backs". It is at Waikato that a Philatelic Weekend is held commencing on Guy Fawkes night at the beginning of the Summer - including an Interclub Competition, "The Ambury Shield", to which Societies can each submit three sheets in about 6 categories.

C.P. then spoke of Ivan Mackersey, a member of the "Full-face Study Group", and that great philatelist, Ray Collins of Christchurch.

When C.P. had completed his tour of New Zealand he passed round some very fine specimens of S.G.1, 2 and 3 and a drawing of the Reefton Provisional strike. We learnt that the provisionals would, if used, probably have a squared circle cancellation. Some specimens of the "O.P.S.O." overprints were also displayed; it seems that the "O.P.S.O." stamp was kept by a senior official of the Post Office department in his drawer, and was impressed on stamps used on mail to post offices overseas. Specimens on cover should be on the official post office envelopes.

We are very happy to learn that "C.P." has joined the team of Stanley Gibbons Limited; his first assignment will be the Stanley Gibbons specialized catalogue of Great Britain, and we wish him all the very best in his new work. C.P.'s own New Zealand catalogue will continue to be published by him from Auckland.

THE 1961 COMPETITIONS FOR THE  
"KIWI SHIELD".

"Classic" Section.

"Classic" - All Early Material up to and including Edward VII issues.

"STACEY HOOKER CUP".

Modern Section

"Modern" - King George V - to date.

The following headings apply to both Competitions:-

Subject: Competitor's own choice (but restricted to the stamps, postal history, covers, etc. of NEW ZEALAND and Dependencies).

No. of Sheets: Any number, Maximum Twelve. (12)

<u>Marking:</u>	(a)	Philatelic Knowledge and Research	30%
	(b)	Arrangement	30%
	(c)	Condition	20%
	(d)	Writing-up	20%

Judge: MAJOR K.M. BEAUMONT of the Royal Philatelic Society has very kindly agreed to judge the Competition.

Date of Competition: Wednesday, 26th July.

Place: Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London. W.C.1.

Please Note: The name and/or address of the entrant should not appear on the entry but on a separate sheet of paper attached.

Closing Date: WEDNESDAY, 26th JULY, 1961 at the KINGSLEY HOTEL. W.C.1.

Entries by post should be sent to -

W. HASLER YOUNG,  
23, ANGEL CLOSE,  
EDMONTON. N.18

as in previous years, to arrive not later than Tuesday, 25th July (FIRST POST).

LIEUT. JAMES COOK.

by Peter Garnett

..... Continuing the Story of Capt. Cook's re-discovery and circumnavigation of New Zealand - from "Hawkesworth's Voyages" published in Dublin in 1775.

In this portion of the narrative the event depicted on the 2/- value of the 1936 Pictorial set took place.....

.... October 1769.

Saturday, 7.

In the evening I went on shore, accompanied by Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander, with the pinnace and yawl, and a party of men. We landed abreast of the ship, on the east side of the river, which was here about forty yards broad; but seeing some natives on the west side, who I wished to speak with, and finding the river not fordable, I ordered the yawl in to carry us over, and left the pinnace at the entrance. When we came near the place where the people were assembled, they all ran away; however, we landed, and leaving four small boys to take care of the yawl, we walked up to some huts which were about two or three hundred yards from the water-side. When we had got some distance, four men, armed with long lances, rushed out of the woods, and running up to attack the boat, would certainly have cut her off, if the people in the pinnace had not discovered them, and called to the boys to drop down the stream: the boys instantly obeyed; but being closely pursued by the Indians, the cockswain of the pinnace, who had charge of the boats, fired a musquet over their heads; at this they stopped and looked round them, but in a few minutes renewed the pursuit brandishing their lances in a threatening manner; the cockswain then fired a second musquet over their heads, but of this they took no notice; and one of them lifting up his spear to dart on at the boat, another piece was fired, which shot him dead. When he fell, the other three stood motionless for some minutes, as if petrified with astonishment; as soon as they recovered they went back, dragging after them the dead body, which, however, they soon left, that it might not encumber their flight. At the report of the first musquet we drew together having straggled to a little distance from each other, and made the best of our way back to the boat, and, crossing the river, we soon saw the Indian lying dead upon the ground. Upon examining the body we found that he had been shot through the heart. He was a man of middle size and stature, his complexion was brown but not very dark, and one side of his face was tattowed in spiral lines of a very regular figure; he was covered with a fine cloth, of a manufacture altogether new to us, and it was tied on exactly according to the representation in Valentyn's account of Abel Tasman's Voyage.

LIEUT. JAMES COOK (contd).

hereafter given; his hair also was tied in a knot on the top of his head, but had no feather in it. We returned immediately to the ship, where we could hear the people on shore talking with great earnestness, and in a loud tone, probably about what had happened, and what should be done.

Mond. 9.

In the morning, we saw several of the natives where they had been seen the night before, and some walking with a quick pace towards the place where we had landed, most of them unarmed, but three or four with long pikes in their hands. As I was desirous to establish an intercourse with them, I ordered three boats to be manned with seamen and marines, and proceeded towards the shore, accompanied by Mr. Banks, Dr. Solander, the other gentlemen and Tupia; about fifty of them seemed to wait for our landing, on the opposite side of the river, which we thought a sign of fear, and seated themselves upon the ground.

(to be continued).

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The following article appeared in "Stamp Collecting" on April 21st 1961.

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IN DEFENCE OF HEALTH STAMPS.

(An editorial reprinted from the "Newsletter" of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand).

An acquaintance of ours came in to sup and spend the evening with us recently. He is a very knowledgeable sort of chap and we were quite enjoying a discussion of world affairs. Suddenly he switched the conversation and, picking up an album from the table, said: "I see you are a stamp collector" and, rapidly flicking over the pages, added: "But these are all Health stamps. Don't you collect real stamps, too?"

Perhaps you can imagine our utter chagrin, but it did set off a train of thought and we wondered if there might not be other misguided souls who held the same shattering views.

Unfortunately, there are others, even at an "official" level, for in America health stamps are more generally referred to as "semi-postals", and in a more recent overseas exhibition the highest ranking they could get was under that of "thematics".

## IN DEFENCE OF HEALTH STAMPS (contd).

Now, to our way of thinking, the Americans are quite wrong to call them semi-postals for even they, in their big-hearted way, don't let the mail go through at half price just because Health stamps are used.

Health stamps are full postage stamps and when used, pay the full freight rate on the article concerned. The mere fact that they bear an additional charge should tend to brand them as something even more than a postage stamp and certainly not something less, as "semi-postal" infers.

Those who include Health stamps only under the heading of thematics, the "Rock'n Roll" species of philately, are probably the highbrow classic types who would shudder at their own inclusion in the thematics group.

No! We are afraid that we must insist that Health stamps - at least, the New Zealand variety - are postage stamps in their own right and deserve all the loving care and attention which is bestowed upon them by collectors and students of philately alike.

If we listed all the most desirable features of philately, pretty well all of them would be found in the 32 issues of Health stamps which cover 57 values. The Health issue also include the unique feature (of N.Z. philately - Editor) of miniature sheets although many consider this an unnecessary addition.

Up to and including the 1959 issue it is recorded that no fewer than 183, 834, 633 Health stamps were sold by the Post Office, and it is, perhaps, not unreasonable to suppose that in this huge number of stamps every conceivable facet of philately will have been represented.

Perhaps the "Red Boy" and "Blue Boy" of 1931 were the first to put Health Stamps on the map and, even today, the "Blue Boy" is probably the best-known stamp in New Zealand issues. Other Health stamps which caused a flutter in philatelic dovecotes were the imperforate of 1943, the "missing head" of 1955, the re-touches of 1958 and the "white-legged poaka" of 1959, and to a lesser degree, perhaps, the "four-legged poakas" and "tetes" of the same issue. For those who take an interest in the watermarks there is the single example of a reversed watermark in the 1932 issue. It seems strange that only one stamp of that 183 million odd that have been sold should turn up with a reversed watermark

Yes! Health stamps are indeed real stamps and a part of New Zealand's official issues and we have written the above in defence of that fact. However, we still hold to the conviction that there should be no need for special issues of Health stamps in a country like New Zealand.

Hon. Editor "Kiwi"  
ALBERT A. HARD.