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OUR NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday, July 25th, at 6.15 p.m.
Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London W.C.1.

when we shall have great pleasure in welcoming Kenneth F. Chapman, Editor of "Stamp Collecting" as our guest.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN 1962.

Wednesday, September 26th at 6.15 p.m.
Saturday, November 24th at 11.0 a.m.

Member Rodney M. Baguley of 48, Albert Road, Grappenhall, Nr. Warrington, Lancs, is a very keen collector and student of the postmarks of New Zealand and would like to contact fellow enthusiasts.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

Broadcaster, Lecturer and Author. A Congress Executive for over ten years. Council member of the B.P.A. and the P.T.S. President of Croydon Philatelic Society 1954-57. Chairman of the Melville Memorial Junior Awards sub-committee. Founder of his school Stamp Society. Founder of the Balham & Tooting Philatelic Society which was later merged with the now defunct Streatham Philatelic Society. Editor of Stamp Collecting.

Such is Kenneth F. Chapman - Ken to many of us - and clearly he is one of the characters of the Stamp World. In the course of his career he must have interviewed many people but in his recent chat with me he found that the tables were turned.

Ken admits that he was born just as King George V got going with his stamp issues (1910). In the founding of the Balham & Tooting Philatelic Society in 1928 he exercised his well known persuasive powers and induced the great F.J.Melville to become President. Always keen on essays at school it was quite natural that his interest in stamps should have led him to philatelic journalism with Albert H. Harris from 1928 to 1933. This was followed by a period in the stamp trade itself both as an employee and on his own account. Later he became P.R.O. to the B.P.A. until 1951 and his career since then can be traced through the first paragraph above.

Ken says that he is surprised that after more than ten years he still finds himself in the editorial chair of "Stamp Collecting" despite the rude things that he says from time to time in print about various people. Ken will be talking to us at our meeting at the end of July and I am sure that we shall be fascinated, instructed and amused.

VISIT TO LEEDS.

We are at present discussing with the Secretary of the Leeds Philatelic Society the possibility of sending one or two of our members to give a New Zealand show at a date in the autumn which has yet to be finally decided. If satisfactory arrangements can be made all our members within reasonable travelling distance of Leeds will be notified as the members of that Society may issue an invitation for these members to pay them a visit.

Noel Turner.

RURAL RUMINATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Congress is an enlightening experience. There is a light-hearted atmosphere at the business sessions, and a friendly sociable atmosphere all the time. I stayed at the Berkeley Hotel on the sea front. Beside me sat Dr. Renton - President of the Wiltshire Federation - and Past President of Devizes, who strongly advised me to visit New Zealand years ago. Diagonally opposite sat the Rev. Richard Gilding from Trowbridge whose report on Congress appears elsewhere in Kiwi. When I told my secretary I was spiritually and physically well guarded, she enquired who sat opposite at our meal table. I told her that Noel Turner sat opposite and she replied "Perhaps it was he who needed to be guarded", and as an afterthought - "from you". Perish the thought, let us change the subject !! Michael Burberry came down to Worthing especially to contribute to our Study Circle on the Thursday evening and he brought with him the findings of the small Kiwi study circle to which Mrs. Moore and Jim Riddell have contributed. These more particularly concern the proofs before printing, and the W.1. and W.2. plates. Come to our meeting at the Kingsley Hotel at 6.15 p.m. on September 26th and see and hear about them in full detail. On the same evening you will be able to see Professor Schnappes' new method of hinging stamps to the album, and other most enlightening and humorous entertainment. At Congress I was glad to see Mrs. Gordon Kaye and many other friends. After Congress I resumed an interrupted holiday at Bournemouth. I spent several mornings browsing through Auction Lots at Bournemouth Stamp Auctions. There was a two volume collection in fully bound Imperial Albums - 6163 stamps - 1840 to 1935 which captivated me. I thought printed fast bound albums had been left behind thirty years ago in my philatelic life, but the beauty and simplicity of rows of line engraved, mostly mint stamps, in all the various colours of those issues gave me a deep feeling of aesthetic satisfaction, and a remembrance of the far off schooldays when we were taught we had an Empire on which the sun never sets. Now I suppose a schoolboy has a stamp depicting an Astronaut who has seen seven sunrises in one day, and if the printers lifted the pressure to make some adjustment, and the pink is missing from the sunrise, his father will be asked £100 for a copy! I think I prefer to be old fashioned and to look through a glass at the artistry and beauty of line engraved stamps. Anyway, I put in a bid, which, if successful, may lead me back to simplicity during business retirement; and following the exhortations of Congress, I may yet lead children in Schools back to a truer assessment of philatelic values. Reverting to letter endings. We have a lady member who gave us a wonderful display of "Ferns of New Zealand". It would be wrong to suggest she should end: "Infernally yours", but as she also has a very fine thematic collection of flowers on stamps, I think "Florabundantly yours" would be very suitable!! What say you ?

Rustically yours,
HARRY BARTROP.

Members will know that we are affiliated to Congress and I feel that they would like to hear of the impressions of a philatelist who was attending for the first time and who subsequently became a member of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain. This is what he wrote:-

IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITOR TO CONGRESS 1962.

As a junior philatelist, junior in experience but not in age, I came looking forward to increasing my knowledge of Stamps, but obviously this is not the chief aim of the Congress and probably rightly so.

The first paper concerned the Philately of Others, that of the rising generation. The discussion sparked off by Mr. Tom's paper was extremely practical and one wondered how experienced collectors, most of whom are already busy people, can manage to get time for juniors. Yet, obviously, something must be and will be done either individually in respect of one or two youngsters or collectively through the local society.

The second paper THE CONSERVATION OF POSTAL HISTORY MATERIAL was completely beyond me and too technical for anyone who has not reached the advanced stage which I believe follows naturally from an experience and study of 'adhesives' first and I imagine suits the wealthy retired philatelist rather than the ordinary man-in-the-street.

The third paper WHY NOT A BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM by Mrs. E.J. Loader, considered to be a pipe dream by so many, did contain many down-to-earth facts which were interesting to the novice in that it did reveal the whereabouts of stamps which could be seen if one was fortunate enough to be in certain localities. The paper was excellently presented with great skill and charm, a fact that was emphasised in the subsequent discussion (the natural reactions of chivalrous hearts?).

The 'piece de resistance' of the Congress for me (and note I was unable to attend the banquet) was the New Zealand Study Group. This was what I was looking for, but even this would have been beyond me if I had not had the privilege of reviewing the sheets presented by Mr. Bartrop the following morning when he gave up considerable time in answering my many questions. For I am one of those unfortunate people who cannot do two things perfectly at once, namely to study the sheets as they are passed round and take in what the speaker is saying. This may be possible for some as I noticed one student had two cigarettes going at the same time so much was he enthralled in the subject, the presentation of which was excellent.

The film show on Malaya stamps, photogravure printing and the story of the letter post was not only entertaining but instructive and justified the Committee's hope that the ladies would enjoy it also. One of these had been seen before, but the second viewing was extremely worthwhile.

The Chairman at the first business session expressed the hope that this Congress would be remembered as a 'Friendship Congress'. His hope, reinforced by the Mayor's generous and friendly reception was realised. It is obvious that here lies one of the reasons for the novice attending the Conference. It is in the friendships and conversations that one listens and learns and realises from nostalgic references to past congresses by the 'old hands' how valuable it must have been for all members to have been victualled and lodged under one roof. This was not possible at Worthing but the members of the local society are to be congratulated on the very efficient manner in which the Congress was organised and handled. If it had not been for the kind personal services of the late Mrs. R.C. Emery I think that it is extremely unlikely that I should have come to Worthing.

I hope to be able to go to Scarborough next year.

From Member Horace Baker, of
22, Rothesay Bay Road, Brown's Bay, Auckland, N.Z.

EARLY OTAGO HISTORY.
SITE OF CHIEF POST OFFICE, DUNEDIN.

A remark by the Mayor of Dunedin to the effect that the site of the Dunedin Post Office was part of the Otago Block originally sold to the Government for a song, brings to mind the fact that the transaction took place on July 31st 1844. It was on the beach of Port Chalmers (then known as Koputai). Representative Maoris to the number of 150 sold the block to Colonel Wakefield for £2,400 paid in cash.

The Block consisted of 400,000 acres. The Deed was first signed by Tuawhaki, then by Kareta, Tairaoa and 22 others. This time no blankets, no pipes, no tomahawks, formed any part of the payment of the quid pro quo; it consisted of bank notes, gold and silver.

Colonel Wakefield went among the crowd freely distributing half-crowns, shillings and even sixpences among the native women and children. All were satisfied and in high good humour.

THE HALFPENNY NEWSPAPER STAMPS CONTINUED.

The following information is taken from Volume 1 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" by permission of The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, with grateful thanks to them.

The importance of the watermark as a protective device was appreciated by the New Zealand authorities and instructions were given that a special stock of paper should be obtained with individual watermarks so arranged as to fit the small size of the newspaper stamp. The special paper had 240 reproductions of the watermark arranged in 20 horizontal rows of 12 enclosed in a simple lined frame. The watermark comprised an irregularly shaped six pointed star with two points at the top, two at the bottom and one each side. A watermarked marginal inscription of the words NEWSPAPER POSTAGE in single lined capitals 8 m.m. in height appeared on the top selvedge of the sheet only. Between the two words there was a single lined cross 7 x 9 m.m. and a similar cross was placed centrally in the lower margin. The paper varied from medium to thin, and the thinner paper generally had a rather greasy appearance. The date of issue with the star watermark was January 1875, and printings continued for a period of seventeen years. It is not surprising that there were variations in shade during a period of seventeen years, but a small printing in a warm true rose colour must have been very limited because copies are rare in this colour. Examples of damaged electros causing varieties are:- The left hand stroke missing in N of NEW ZEALAND, the top of the Z, and the right hand side of D in Zealand broken. Other examples are bent or broken frame lines. Damaged electros were soon replaced by spare ones, so that flaws did not persist for very long. The nearly 12, and 12½ line perforating machines were used, the latter most frequently. One sheet was printed twice.

In 1892 it was decided to print these stamps on the De La Rue paper with NZ and star watermark in four panes of 60, so the electros were arranged in four groups. These ½d. stamps were smaller in size than the stamps for which this paper was made, so that it was very difficult to ensure even an approximately correct registration of watermarks when printing. When badly out of register a horizontal row of stamps would shew the inscription "NEW ZEALAND" in double lined capitals, which was normally in the space between the panes. New electrotypes were manufactured in 1894 and these were assembled in one compact plate containing 20 rows of 12, consequently one horizontal row of stamps coincided in position with the inscription NEW ZEALAND across the middle of the sheet. Of the 12 stamps in the row, three were without watermark as they were printed before the N, after the D, and between W & Z. These should not be confused with the watermarked early

printings on N.Z. paper because the colours have such a marked difference in shade. Only the 12½ line machine was used to perforate the stamps on N.Z. star paper. Impressions from damaged electros are again found, such as the frame around the portrait appearing single lined, large coloured flaws on the portrait or background, and several uncoloured flaws.

The total printings of the ½d. Newspaper stamp from 1872 to 1881 comprised 21,023,840 copies. The records for subsequent years was lost when the Government Printing Office was burnt.

Footnote: I remember reading somewhere that the star of Islam has five rays or points, and the Christian star traditionally has six points. Can you say without looking how many points there are in the stars of the Southern Cross on the Kingsford Smith commemorative stamps; and on the Southern Cross depicted on the Postal Fiscal stamps? Why is the five pointed star of Islam so frequently used as a watermark? See the star of Islam on the stamps of Turkey, and the five pointed star and crescent moon watermark on the stamps of ? The clue is that the answer will come to your mind suddenly. Now look at the six pointed star watermarks of Queensland. The first one is the best I think. The star watermarked paper used for the Chalon Head stamps of New Zealand has also a six pointed star.

We now invite enquiries for information about any other early issue.

H.L. Bartrop.

NEW MEMBERS.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new members, and wish them many happy hours with their New Zealand stamps:

John C. Steward,
29, Dwellings Lane,
Quinton,
BIRMINGHAM 32.

Speciality - Postmarks
of New Zealand.

Bernard E. Lynch,
101, Constantine Road,
Hampstead,
LONDON N.W.3.

Collects all issues of
New Zealand.

Leslie J. Dalby,
10, Sidestrand Road,
NEWBURY, Berks.

- ditto -

Meeting of 30th May 1962 at the Kingsley Hotel, London; the President Harry Bartrop was in the Chair. There were apologies for absences from the following:- Mrs. Willis, Messrs. Easton, John Evans, Freeman, Hughes and Williamson.

Major K.M. Beaumont who was displaying some of the unusual items from his famous collection was introduced by the President.

The following items were on display, in all about 90 pages:-

- 1855 Perkins Bacon plate proofs 1d, 2d. and 1/- in blocks of 4.
- 1855 ditto. prints 1d. soldiers letters, 2d. strip of 3 and 1/-, including bi-sect.
- 19/3/62. 2d. on Cover "Goldfields Otago" - year before first recorded date.
- 2d. Richardson with manuscript cancellations including Tauranga with wellknown Postmasters initials.
- 1859/62 Richardson prints rouletted 7 at Auckland, 1d. 6d. (2) 1/- (2).
- ditto. ditto. pin-perf 9/10 at Nelson.
- ditto. ditto. 1d. serrated 18/19 or 16 at Nelson Auckland P.mk.
- ditto. ditto. 1/- serrated or Y roulette at Nelson (2 copies) Royal Certificates.
- ditto. ditto. 2d. pair pale blue Perf. 13 at Dunedin, very rare.
- 1862 Watermark Star Imperf 2d. with manuscript cancellations, Drury, Howick, Waimate.
- ditto. ditto. 6d. with manuscript cancellations, Tarairae (2) Waimate, R.C.H.
- ditto. square roulette 14 at Auckland 3d. and 6d.
- ditto. ditto. serrated 16 at Nelson 1d, 2d. pair imperf. between and 6d.
- ditto. ditto. serrated or Y roulette at Nelson 1d. 2d. and 6d.

- Pelure paper perf 13 - 1d. imperf. at bottom, 2d. 6d. (2)
and 1/-
- 1863 Davies prints 2d. Imperf. and Perf. 13 at Dunedin (with wear of plate to right of Queen's neck)
- 1864 Watermark NZ Perf. 13 at Dunedin 2d. including strips unused, and 1/-.
- " ditto. Perf. 12½ at Auckland 6d. and 1/- very rare.
- 1864/73 Perf. 12½ 1d. including imperf. Double perf. and Charge mark.
- ditto. ditto. 1d. "8" Cancellations of Hokitika various types.
- ditto. ditto. Cover with "N.P.2" "Clifton" pre-cancelled. Cancellations 1d. 2d. and 6d.
- ditto. ditto. Manuscript Cancellations to Newfoundland "13" and "10" via U.S.A, Montreal and Harbour Grace.
- ditto. ditto. 2d. Plate II before and after retouches.
- ditto. ditto. 4d. Varieties. "Coromandel", Imperf. vertically and orange yellow shade.
- 1866/71 Imperf. 3d. Lilac and deep mauve, 2 unused.
- 1871/72 Two covers to Locarno, with very rare cancellations from Hokitika.
- ditto. Imperf. 1d. 2d. and 6d. single line perf. head under repair.
- 1872/74 Die Proofs 1d. 2d. 3d. and 1/-
- ditto. Imperf. 1d. 2d. 3d. 6d. 1/-
- 2/1/74 Rare perforations 1d. and 2d. perf. 11¾ and nearly 12.
- 1882/98 Rare perforations 1d. with advt. 3d. 6d. and 1/- compound, mixed perf. 12½ x 10.
- Dec. 1901 ½d. Mount Cook "Basted Mills" Mixed Perfs. Joined Sheet.
- Jan. 1902 ditto. Cowan - Perf. 11 x 14 & 14 x 11.

- Nov.1901 Pirie paper 1d. perf. 14 x 11 and 11 x 14 and mixed.
- Apl.1902 (Cowan) 1d.perf 11, 14 x 11 and 11 x 14.
- 1902 1d Reserve Plate. Plate proofs and perf.14.
- 1905/06 1d Slot machine issues. Dot plate and Reserve plate
July 1905 Reserve plate, very rare.
- 1906 1d Waterlow & Royle Plates.
- ditto. 1d Waterlow Trial Plates 1 and 2. Mixed perfs 11 and
14.
- ditto. 1d Royle Trial plates 1 and 2. Mixed perfs.etc.and 14.
- 1906 1d Royal Trial Plates 1 and 2. Double perfs.
- 1907 Royle Replacement Plates 3 and 4. Marginal blocks.
- 1900 1½d Varieties. Proofs, Imperf. etc.
- 1902/1907 4d Varieties. Perf.11, 11 x 14 and mixed.
- ditto. 6d Perf 14, 11 x 14, 14 x 11, mixed and imperf.
- 1919/20 1d Perkins Bacon experiments on surfaced papers.
- June 1924 1d Imperf. and unsurfaced Jones paper, half of one
sheet.
- July 1925 1d Imitation art paper, Litho work.
- Nov.1909 6d Varieties, 14 line, 14 x 14½ and 14 x 13½.
- July 1915 Colour prints. Imperf. and perf.
- April 1925 ½d Imitation art paper.
- 1916/35 4d Varieties 14 x 13½, 14 x 14½, block ½d. imperf. and
re-entry. Esparto Paper.
- 1922/35 5d Varieties ditto. ditto.
- 1915/35 6d Varieties 14 x 13½, 14 x 14½ sideways work.
- ditto. 1/- Varieties, Imperf.pair, 14 x 13½, 14 x 14½.
- 1935/42 2d Varieties.
- ditto. 2½d Varieties.

COMING SHORTLY -

THE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list of our Society is maintained by four of your officers - the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor and the Packet Secretary. Each has his own list and by means of the duplicated notes that we each of us pass to the others any news we have of changes of address, new members, resignations and similar detail is duly recorded. After the passing of ten years it is not surprising that a number of discrepancies have crept in.

Two of your officers, assisted by the charming lady friend of one of them, spent several hours at Congress checking and cross checking all four lists. Much tea (yes - tea!) was consumed and we were a little envious of those other delegates who were "around the town" enjoying what the Congress committee had arranged by way of entertainment.

However, the job is now completed and we hope to send out the new membership list with the next issue of Kiwi. It will appear in the form of a complete alphabetical list, and, in addition an area list so that you will be able to quickly trace whether there are other members living in the same or the adjoining county.

Consideration was given to the noting of each member's special interests but it was found that this would greatly increase the costs and take several extra weeks to prepare. It is also possible that such information would be very much out of date but when the list is presented we will tell you how we propose to overcome this difficulty.

Noel Turner.

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1935/42 2/0d Varieties including 13½ x 14 unused, rare.

ditto. 3/- Varieties Feb.1936 single and pair experimental printing by De La Rue, very rare.

Major Beaumont answered various questions put by members which led to a very interesting discourse.

A vote of thanks was given by Mr.J.D. Riddell and seconded by Dr.L.G. Jacob was received with great acclamation.

LIEUT. JAMES COOK.

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

October 1769

Thursday 12

At noon, Cape Table bore N.20E. distant about four leagues, and a small island, which was the southermost land in sight, bore S.70 W. at the distance of about three miles. This island, which the natives call TEAHOWRAY, I names the ISLAND OF PORTLAND, from its very great resemblance to Portland in the English Channel; it lies about a mile from a point on the main, but there appears to be a ridge of rocks, extending nearly, if not quite, from one to the other. N.57 E. two miles from the south point of Portland, lies a sunken rock, upon which the sea breaks with great violence. We passed between this rock and the land, having from seventeen to twenty fathom.

In sailing along the shore, we saw the natives assembled in great numbers, as well upon Portland Island as the main. We could also distinguish several spots of ground that were cultivated: some seemed to be fresh turned up, and lay in furrows like ploughed land, and some had plants upon them in different stages of their growth. We also saw, in two places, high rails upon the ridges of hills, like what we had seen upon the peninsula at the north-east head of Poverty Bay; as they were ranged in lines only, and not so as to inclose an area, we could not guess at their use, and therefore supposed they might be the work of superstition.

About noon, another canoe appeared, in which were four men; she came within a quarter of a mile of us, where the people on board seemed to perform divers ceremonies. One of them, who was in the bow, sometimes seemed to ask and offer peace, and sometimes to threaten war, brandishing a weapon that he held in his hand; sometimes also he danced, and sometimes he sung. Tupia talked much to him, but could not persuade him to come to the ship.

Between one and two o'clock, we discovered land to the westward of Portland, extending to the southward as far as we could see; and as the ship was rounding the south end of the island, she suddenly fell into shoal water and broken ground; we had indeed always seven fathom or more, but the soundings were never twice the same, jumping at once from seven fathom to eleven; in a short time, however, we got clear of all danger, and had again deep water under us.

At this time the island lay within a mile of us, making in white cliffs, and a long spit of low land running from it towards the main. On the sides of these cliffs sat great numbers of people, looking at us with a fixed attention; and, it is probable, that they perceived some appearance of hurry and confusion on board, and some irregularity in the working of the ship, while we were getting clear of the shallow water and broken ground, from which they might infer that we were alarmed or in distress; we thought that they wished to take advantage of our situation, for five canoes were put off with the utmost expedition, full of men, and well armed; they came so near, and shewed so hostile a disposition, by shouting, brandishing their lances, and using threatening gestures, that we in some pain for our small boat, which was still employed in sounding; a musket was therefore fired over them, but finding it did them no harm, they seemed rather to be provoked than intimidated, and I therefore fired a four pounder, charged with grape-shot, wide of them. This had a better effect. Upon the report of the piece, they all rose up and shouted; but instead of continuing the chase, drew all together, and after a short consultation, went quietly away.

Having got round Portland, we hauled in for the land N.W. having a gentle breeze at N.E. which about five o'clock died away, and obliged us to anchor. We had one and twenty fathom, with a fine sandy bottom: the south point of Portland S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. distant about two leagues; and a low point on the main bore N. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. In the same direction with this low point, there runs a deep bay, behind the land of which Cape Table is the extremity, so as to make this land a peninsula, leaving only a low narrow neck between that and the main. Of this peninsula, which the natives call TERAKAKO, Cape Table is the North point and Portland the South.

..... to be continued.

Albert A. Hard

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