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## OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 26th, at 6.15 p.m.  
Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London W.C.1.

when we shall have the pleasure of viewing pages from the extremely fine "Penny Universal" collections of Messrs. Burberry and Riddell, and have as a most welcome guest, Professor Schnapps of Holland.

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## OUR LAST MEETING IN 1962

Saturday, November 24th at 11.0 a.m.

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## REMINDERS

Time is rolling on towards the Annual General Meeting on the 24th November - the afternoon session will include a "Members' Show" so please do look out your sheets. The show in January was a great success and I hope to see each one of you arriving with at least half-a-dozen pages for display. The annual auction will also take place during the afternoon so please start putting aside your lots. If you have any items for sale in aid of the funds we shall, as always, be most grateful.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

The show on the 26th September will be given by two of our most enthusiastic "Penny Universal" specialists - Messrs. M.S. Burberry and J.D. Riddell.

These issues are a wonderful field for the enjoyment of all, perforation varieties, papers, shades, and the thousand and one things that are true philately. We shall have a real feast day - the material will delight the eye and arouse waves of envy.

You may have seen some of Mr. Riddell's pages at our Members' Meeting in January, so you will know that you have a treat in store.

Mr. Burberry travelled to Worthing for the Study Circle to give a joint show of these fascinating issues, and I can promise you that his pages are a joy to behold.

In addition to the shows which will be given by our members Burberry and Riddell, we are happy to announce that regardless of expense we have also secured the services of Professor Schnapps. The worthy Professor is the head of the Philatelic Research Division of the Damandblast University of Holland and has agreed to give us the benefit of some of his researches.

There will be something for the expert, for the medium collector and the junior and I can promise our Packet Secretary that one part of his talk will be of great interest to him.

The Professor travels incognito in this country and is known to use an alias. It is also rumoured that under this alias he is a member of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain. The Professor will travel far to give us this fascinating talk and I can assure you that it will be worth your while to travel a long way to hear it. Make it schnappy - make a note of the day and time in your diary.

You will find the day, the time and the place elsewhere in this copy of The KIWI.

## OUR LAST MEETING

"Delightful" is the word to describe the display and talk given by Ken Chapman, Editor of "Stamp Collecting" on the 25th July. It would be impossible to describe in a short article the many interesting items passed around, but from the very beginning the evening went with a swing. From the letters in "The Times" of 1842 to the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree covers we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I had hoped to see a larger attendance to welcome our guest, but July is always an awkward month for Stamp Societies.

The letters in "The Times" were fascinating - surely the beginnings of stamp collecting! - one was from a young lady who had been promised a £3,000 dowry provided she could amass the equivalent face value in used penny stamps - 720,000 of them! - and another from a lady who wished to cover her bedroom furniture with stamps. There was even a news item reporting that an aristocratic lady had been seen in a Post Office moistening stamps on her maid's tongue.

In an 1863 copy of Bellars and Davie's "Standard Guide to Postage Stamps" we found references to the relative scarcity of what are now known as "Classics". In those days the 1d, 2d, 6d, and 1/- N.Z. Chalons were "Rare" or "Not common" (2d value) - times haven't changed!

Then there were some beautifully painted covers from Llandudno during the Penny Red era - obviously some love-sick swain had been writing to a girl he had met on holiday, but the letters were unfortunately missing. The drawings were very well executed and expressed the tenderness felt for the beloved, but his advances were not, apparently, favourably received, as the last cover depicted a most depressing scene. The light-hearted doves now had broken wings, and the sailing ship, formerly riding high, lying dismasted and awash.

The next item raised our spirits once more - the story of Fournier's "Philatelic Clinic for the repair of defective stamps". Fournier boasted in his Journal that "the most damaged stamp after leaving my clinic is absolutely perfect, which no one can detect". Satisfaction was guaranteed! Missing perforations, thinnings, stains - they all passed through the Doctor's "skilled" hands.

Being an Editor has its amusing facets, and Ken treated us to a few examples. Most of them came from the pens of ardent Society Secretaries writing up reports of meetings (!) "Mr. X's most amusing talk was illustrated with appropriated stamps", "The talk was delivered in his own inimical way" and "Miss Y

displayed some wonderful pre-stamp covers which had been sent to her descendants! I thought that the best one came from Ken's own pen. It was an article reprinted in papers up and down the Country, and concerned the British Pictorials which "would be a big boost for the Nation's trade". This was printed in one provincial paper as "a big boose for the Nation's trade".

A more awkward slip occurred in "Stamp Collecting" itself, and gave rise to the very rare "Not" edition. It occurred in an article explaining the standing of "Stamp Collecting" in the Sperati forgeries controversy. The last sentence should have read "..... this does not mean that we welcome forgeries" but some 8,000 copies had been printed before it was noticed that the "not" was missing! So, 8,000 copies exist with a small sticker affixed, showing the correct wording.

There was one rather nice New Zealand item that I had not seen before - a cover bearing the "Kelburn School Children's Post Office" postmark, first used on May 8th 1952. On the same page was an article from "Stamp Collecting" dated 29th July 1952. Apparently the Post Office was opened to instruct the children in the workings of the Postal Department.

Some later sheets bore examples of the postal stationery issued to commemorate the Jubilee of the Penny Post. Not only did we see a first day cover from the South Kensington Museum (2/7/1890), but some very fine caricatures of these embellished covers and post cards. The Jubilee celebrations coincided with a move by Post Office employees to better their conditions of employment, and the caricatures put their case most beautifully.

The final item in what had been a most interesting evening was an example of the labels used in the "lick and stick" machine used at the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree. The machine had been designed to attach the Jamboree stamps - three values at once - to the special first day covers, and the labels had been used in the machine trials.

It was a jolly good evening and Ken was thanked most warmly for visiting us. We hope that he will come again.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I have just received from our Hamilton N.Z. member - Ken McNaught, F.R.P.S.N.Z. - an article on the Newspaper stamps and I hope members will look through their copies for the varieties mentioned. He has also sent to me for display at our September meeting two hitherto unrecorded retouches to Plate I of the Penny Universal issue.

From our Orpington member - Mr. R.E. Heath - comes a query from Mr. Robinson of Auckland for information which may be of general interest.

Query:- Is the 4d. Orange S.G.121 an orange shade of S.G.120 or do they mean stamps with a trace of rose in the colour ?

Answer:- The colour of S.G.119 so closely resembled the colour of S.G.110 - 112 that it was decided to change the colour from deep rose to yellow. Some rose coloured ink remained in the engraved lines of the plate when the colour change was made, so that the new yellow ink when first the plate was prepared for printing the 4d. value in yellow, mingled with the red ink to give parts of the first sheets printed an orange tint.

Under a magnifying glass traces of red ink can be seen on the printed surface, and I believe this is the test used by Expert Committees when certifying a copy of S.G.121 as genuine orange-yellow. Do not confuse S.G.139 with S.G.121. The latter is on star watermarked paper.

Harry Bartrop.

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## THE HEALTH STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND.

Quite a number of our members have expressed an interest in these issues and one of them has requested that we publish all we know as to the "Where, when, how and why" these issues came into existence.

We have the permission of the publishers of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" to quote from all the volumes and in the November issue of the KIWI full particulars will be given by means of abstracts from the various volumes.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST.

It is hoped that with this copy of the KIWI we shall be able to distribute the up-to-date membership list. If such distribution is not possible the list will be sent to you under separate cover as soon as possible.

We shall be glad to have the co-operation of all members in the following matters:-

- (1) Please check that your own name and address is precisely correct as shown on the list. If not, please write at once to Warrenne H. Young of 23 Angel Close, Edmonton, N18, who has been appointed to keep a permanent central list of members.
- (2) Will you please be sure to notify Mr. Young as above immediately there is any change in your address. The list has been printed on quarto size sheets and on one side of the paper only. From time to time changes of address, cessers of membership and the names and addresses of new members will be published in the KIWI. Please note all these alterations on the back of the quarto sheet to which they apply.
- (3) When your officers find that there are substantial alterations on any sheet a new sheet will be published to replace the old one with all the corrections included.
- (4) Members are invited to send in up-to-date details of their special interests. If you specialise in any group or groups of the New Zealand stamps please give us the information which will be published in the KIWI and members can then add this information to the backs of the membership sheets.
- (5) It will be observed that in addition to the alphabetical list we have included an area analysis. The county in which you live will show your name in this analysis with the names of others in the same county and by reference to these names in the main list you will be able to trace where there are other Society members with whom you may be able to establish contact.

We do not claim that our membership list is perfect in any way but we have tried to deal with this problem in a fashion which will enable you to keep this list up-to-date and ultimately with a record of members who are interested in the same material as yourself.

½d. NEWSPAPER POSTAGE. 1873 - 95.

K. J. MCNAUGHT, F.R.P.S.N.Z.

For the past 30 years I have been setting aside any copies of the ½d. Newspaper Stamp with flaws. Recently I have carefully examined this material, with the object of determining how many plates were made for the printing of these stamps. My findings are briefly summarised as follows:-

Both in Vol.I (p.96) and in Vol.II (p.289) it is stressed that the plate of 1873 was made up of separate cliches (or single electros) and in Vol I p.98 it is stated that flaws did not persist long as damaged electros were replaced by spare ones. Contrary to this latter statement, I have found numerous regular flaws which persisted over a range of several years. One prominent flaw (white spot left of left 2) shows a date range between 1879 and 1887 and the first of the flaws described in Vol.I as having a short life shows a date range from 1880 to 1887. On the other hand I have found two copies only of each of two major flaws, compared with up to 9 copies each of some of the other flaws assembled. This may have no significance as later-dated copies may yet turn up, but it does leave the possibility open that some major flaws may have been corrected by substitution. As these constitute key evidence which can either confirm or deny the substitution theory, I will describe these two varieties:

(1) Row 1 No.1. Two large breaks above LA and AN of ZEALAND - one copy (P12½) dated May 78 (or 79), the other (P.12) in a colour typical of prints of 1880 - 2.

(2) No.12 in a row. Large white flaw projecting vertically from the bottom frame into the design below NEW of NEWSPAPER (P.12 only - 2 copies, one dated 1883 (?)).

Readers are particularly requested to advise if they have dated copies of these 2 flaws.

To sum up, the evidence clearly indicates that, if substitution was practised, it was not extensively used. (Note: The 30 spare electros prepared in 1872 and the 30 in 1880 could have been used for Newspaper wrappers which were first issued in 1878). The evidence even raises the possibility that the first plate was made up of electrotype blocks of at least 60 units and not just separate electros.

Plate 2. After 1887 the various flaws mentioned are no longer found and several new flaws appear, indicating that a new plate was prepared about this time. The spacings between

stamps were changed in Plate 2.

All flaws found in Plate 2 stamps on star paper (1888 - 1892 dates) are found also in all prints on the N.Z. and star paper. Consequently only one plate (or one group of 240 electros) was used for printings from 1888 to 1895. It is possible that plate 2 was a compact electrototype plate of 240 units, cut into 4 blocks of 60 units in 1892 to introduce gutter spacings and reassembled, as in the first state, in 1894.

From my studies of used stamps I have not yet found any with gutter margins to confirm the statement in Vol.I p.98, that the electros were arranged in 4 groups in 1892 for the first printings on the N.Z. and star paper. No doubt this statement is correct, but nevertheless I will appreciate an opportunity to inspect any relevant material - mint or used - with gutter margins.

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MEETING AT LEEDS

SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER 1962.

We are pleased to report that the Leeds Philatelic Society are holding a New Zealand meeting on Saturday - 27th October - at The Department of Geology, Leeds University, at 2.15 p.m. for 2.45 p.m.

Our members - M.S. Burberry of Bromley, Kent, and J.G. Evans of Ilkley, Yorks - have agreed to give talks on various sections and aspects of New Zealand stamps and the Leeds Society issued an invitation to all members of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain who can attend to turn up at the meeting and hear the show. If any member wishes to take along interesting New Zealand material we are sure that this will be welcomed.

Previous meetings of a similar kind have been held in the past in various parts of the country and have proved a great success.

If you live within reasonable access of Leeds we strongly recommend that you book the date and we are assured that you will be very heartily welcomed.

ROBSON LOWE ENCYCLOPAEDIA - VOL. IV.

I wonder how many members have managed to beg, borrow or steal a copy.

For those only interested in the stamps it may look like a permanent edition of Gibbons' Catalogue but to me its main interest lies in its excellent summary of postal rates and priced listings of postal stationery. These are not dealt with so adequately by anyone else.

The pricings of the postal stationery will not conform to everyone's ideas, but comparison with similar items of the same period does give a useful yardstick when assessing individual items.

Nothing comparable has been published recently by anyone else to my knowledge, and this part of the Encyclopaedia will prove very useful as a general guide.

I was however surprised to see no price marked for Type 4 of the QV Postcard 1d. Red. This is the one with squares at the corners of the ornamental border, and has the same design as the Reply-Paid Postcard. The interpretation of an unpriced item is that its existence is known but that no used example had been seen by the authors. I had thought this item less rare than very many others which are priced in the Encyclopaedia.

The descriptions used for the four types of this QV 1d. Red Postcard could be simplified.

The four types can be identified by the lines enclosing the ornamental border.

Type 1. Thick outer and thin inner lines.

Type 2. Thick outer and inner lines.

Type 3. Thick outer and two thin inner lines.

Type 4. As Type 1 but with square ornament at corners  
(Not seen on Types 1 - 2 - 3.)

The authors list, among stamped lettercards, the 2d. Yellow stamp (King George V Head) on a blue card issued in 1921. After the rate was reduced on 1 February 1923 from 2d. to 1½d. this was overprinted 1½D. in figures as a provisional, and is so listed.

On 1 October 1923 the rate was further reduced to one penny

so the original 2d. K.G.V. Head was cancelled with five horizontal bars and a new impression of the 1d. Map was added. This too is listed.

I have however, and this is not listed, a lettercard showing the 1d. Map addition and this Five Bar cancellation on a 2d. K.G.V Head which had already been overprinted 1½D. a few months earlier.

A small change is needed in the useful list of postage rates printed at the beginning of the section on New Zealand. The introduction in 1895 of a penny rate per 4 ounces to U.K. and foreign countries must, I think, refer to Newspapers and the like, but not to ordinary letters.

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Incidentally, does anyone ever read the Kiwi? I have written many letters seeking information or corrections but have never received a single reply. I cannot believe that all I have put down is either the correct, or the full story.

Gerald Pratt.

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### A U C T I O N .

The time has arrived for you to prepare your Auction Lots. Will members wishing to sell, please send me a complete and full description of each Lot, plus two valuations:

- 1st. A fair market value.
- 2nd. Reserve.

All particulars must be in my hands by 25th October, so that the details of the lots can be published in the November issue of the KIWI. The lots themselves can be sent later so as to reach me before 21st November 1962. Remember that Postal Bidders rely on the published catalogue, without the necessary detail they cannot buy, and you do not sell.

As on previous occasions lots will be gratefully received, for sale, on behalf of the Society Funds.

W. Hasler Young.

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell of 42 Daniel Place, Penzance, would like to contact all members who have interest in The North Island Cancellations (Queen Victoria issues). Will all those who have, those who want, those who know, please write to her with the aim of study, purchase or exchange.

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

While we lay at anchor, two more canoes came off to us, one armed, and the other a small fishing-boat, with only four men in her. They came so near that they entered into conversation with Tupia. They answered all the questions that he asked them with great civility, but could not be persuaded to come on board; they came near enough, however, to receive several presents that were thrown to them from the ship, with which they seemed much pleased, and went away. During the night many fires were kept on shore, probably to show us that the inhabitants were too much on their guard to be surprized.

Friday 13.

About five o'clock in the morning of the 13th, a breeze springing up northerly, we weighed, and steered in for the land. The shore here forms a large bay, of which Portland is the North-east point, and the bay that runs behind Cape Table an arm. This arm I had a great inclination to examine, because there appeared to be safe anchorage in it; but not being sure of that, and the wind being right on end, I was unwilling to spare the time. Four and twenty fathom was the greatest depth with Portland, but the ground was everywhere clear. The land near the shore is of a moderate height, with white cliffs and sandy beaches; within it rises into mountains; and, upon the whole, the surface is hilly, for the most part covered with wood, and to appearance pleasant and fertile. In the morning nine canoes came after the ship, but whether with peaceable or hostile intentions we could not tell, for we soon left them behind us.

In the evening we stood in for a place that had the appearance of an opening, but found no harbour; we therefore stood out again, and were soon followed by a large canoe, with eighteen or twenty men all armed, who, though they could not reach us, shouted defiance, and brandished their weapons, with many gestures of menace and insult.

..... to be continued.

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