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## K I W I D A Y

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th 1966.

SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH ST. LONDON. W.C.2.

### P R O G R A M M E.

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. EXHIBITION of Members Sheets;  
Display of Prize Winning Exhibits;  
Auction Lots on View.
- 11.30 a.m. COMMITTEE MEETING.
- 1 to 2.15 p.m. Informal LUNCHEON in the Restaurant.
- 2.30 p.m. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- 3 p.m. General Display and further viewing  
of Auction Lots.
- 3.30 p.m. AUCTION.
- 5.30 p.m. Close of Meeting.

Formal Notice of, and the Agenda for, the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be found on Page 2.

Every Member of the Society is strongly urged to come to London and join us for this event.

We promise that the journey will be worth while, and assure you of a cordial welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain, will be held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London.W.C.2. on SATURDAY, the 26th NOVEMBER, 1966 at 2.30 p.m. for the ordinary business set out in the Agenda.

October 21st 1966.

G.E.O. Pratt,  
Hon. Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive a report from the President.
3. To receive the financial report from the Hon. Treasurer.
4. To receive a report from the Hon. Packet Secretary.
5. To elect a President.
6. To elect a Vice-President.
7. To elect the following Honorary Officers:-

Secretary	Treasurer
Packet Secretary	Publicity Officer
Bulletin Editor	Auditor
8. To elect a Committee of FIVE Members.
9. To consider the election of an Honorary Member.
10. To consider the Programme for 1967.
11. Presentation of the STACEY HOOKER CUP and KIWI SHIELD.
12. Any Other Business proper to An Annual General Meeting.

RETIRING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

President:	Mr. Harry L. Bartrop
Vice-President:	Mr. Michael Burberry
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Gerald Pratt
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. Nool Turner
Hon. Packet Secretary:	Mr. Gerald Pratt
Hon. Bulletin Editor:	(Nomination in hand)
Hon. Publicity Officer:	Mr. Michael Burberry
Hon. Auditor:	Mr. Gerald B. Erskine
Committee:	Mrs. I.J. Willis
	Messrs. J.D. Evans
	J.D. Riddell
	Royton Heath
	R.D. Williamson.

Nominations are invited. Certain Officers of the Society, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election.

NEW MEMBERS:

E.L. Clark

3, Penywern Road, Earls Court,  
London. S.W.5.

From mid 1967 this  
Member will be at

28, Paice Avenue. Mt. Eden,  
Auckland S.2. New Zealand.

A.P. Berry

24, Irwin Road,  
Guildford, Surrey.

T. Stirling

Invercargill, 49, Kirkintilloch  
Road, Lenzie, Glasgow, Scotland.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

A.A. Orton

67, Cashmere Road, Christchurch,  
2, New Zealand.

D.N. Davidge

39, St. John's Crescent,  
Bristol. 3.

G.A. Cosh

Little Acre, Fontley Road,  
Titchfield, Nr. Fareham, Hants.

M.T. Rowe

St. Louis, Doyle Road, St. Peter  
Port, Guernsey.

RESIGNATION:

F.W. Easton

42, Brodrick Road,  
Eastbourne, Sussex.

I.B. Cook

27, Dickens Street, Moorside,  
Oldham, Lancs.

ROSS - HOKITIKA CANCELLATIONS.

Our Member, Mr. G.K. Molland of 93 Hull Road, Anlaby, Hull, East Yorks, invites correspondence with other Members concerning a cover with a Ross postmark used in conjunction with a figure 4 below V (Fig 11 page 74 of P.S. of N.Z. Vol.3.) Mr. Molland states that this mark also corresponds with Fig 51 of Dr. Scotts mimeograph. The Ross date stamp is the day previous to the Hokitika marking and therefore confirms that the cover originated at Ross, the Hokitika mark recording the later transit through that office. "Volume 3" does not record that both marks were in use at the same time. In expressing thanks to Member Mr. Agabeg for his help with the cover, Mr. Molland now invites other Members to write to him with information and opinions.

(Editors note: Can we see any letters please?) N.T.

## OUR LAST MEETING.

We had a good attendance at the Shaftesbury Hotel, London, on the 28th September, when Mr. E.K. Hossell lead his team in a very fine display of the modern issues of New Zealand.

Mr. John Bradford was the first to take the floor and he showed some sheets from his very fine collection of the current Pictorial issues, notably, pages of the 2d Kaka Beak displaying examples of misplaced perforations, shade variations, missing green (bottom right) and specimens of states A and B of Plate 1. The 3d Kowhai with missing brown was also shown and a remarkable colour shift on the 1/3d Trout.

Mr. Michael Burberry then put on the display stands pages of the 1962 Telegraph Centenary 3d value with the "missing green" - sheets 116416 and 116417 - and a most unusual large piece showing the green colour varying from blue-green to grey-green. Harrison's explanation of this latter item is that the doctor-blade, when it becomes fouled-up with ink, is cleaned with spirit and it is possible that some of the spirit accidentally ran down onto the plate and mixed with the ink there. The grey-green is the dry print and the blue-green has occurred because the yellow content of the ink mixture has separated out - due to the spirit - leaving the heavier blue ink on top.

Mr. Eric Ward's contribution to the display consisted of some well written-up sheets of the Chambon perforations on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 8d values of the present pictorial set and some examples of the inverted watermarks. On another sheet he showed an extremely fine example of double horizontal perforations on the 1965 Christmas stamp. The perforating machine had apparently moved sideways half a perf. and made a further cut, right through the teeth of the existing perforations, giving the effect of small saw teeth. An enlarged photograph of this item was also displayed.

Mr. Ted Hossell, the leader of the evening, then set out his sheets, which covered most issues from the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign and included flaws, re-entries, counter coils, perforation varieties and missing colours. The sheets contained such a comprehensive display of varieties occurring since 1954 that it would be completely impossible to do full justice to them in the limited space at my disposal. I can only hope that Mr. Hossell will be good enough to contribute some articles on the various issues, for the benefit of members who were unable to be with us on the 28th. I can, however, give you an idea of the scope of his display and describe one or two items in some detail.

The Queen Elizabeth definitives were the largest section and all values were represented by blocks large and small showing the majority of the catalogued re-entries and flaws as well as a number of uncatalogued items.

## Our Last Meeting (contd)

There were counter coils and coil joins and even one item (not a coil stamp) where the paper join occurred halfway through the stamp giving part of the design on double thickness paper. Another Q.E. item was part of a sheet of the 9d value with sheet value altered from £6 to £3 with green ball-pen ink. Apparently De La Rue had calculated on having a 12½% wastage, but they found the figure to be higher and had eventually to resort to issuing half sheets!

The current pictorial issue was represented in singles, strips and blocks, by missing colour varieties on all values from ½d to 1/3d together with several flaws, notably the 'NGUT' flaw and re-touch on the 2d and the R 1/1 and R 1/9 flaws and re-touches on the 8d.

Amongst the Commemoratives we again saw a selection of missing colours: the 1963 Railway Centenary in two states: a single with red missing and another with blue missing; the Scout Jamboree with gold missing (and no sign that the stamp had been through the press for the gold print); the "no Red Poaka" (1959 Health); the 1964 Health with missing red; the 1963 Christmas stamp with missing yellow and the 1965 Christmas stamp in large piece (two bottom rows of seven stamps) with gold missing completely from stamp 4 and half of stamp 3 - stamp 4 is opposite the gold "traffic light", which is also missing. But the most interesting item was a 4d Parliamentary single which had been printed on the gummed side. The stamp had been with others in the process of being "soaked-off" and the colour went as well. The stamp, which has been certified by the R.P.S.N.Z. was very kindly sent by Mr. Douglas Edsall of Hamilton, New Zealand, for the Exhibitor's collection.

The evening went far too quickly and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the display given by the team led by Mr. Hossell. The Vote of Thanks proposed by our President was seconded by Mr. W. Pringle from New Zealand and was very warmly approved by all present. Mr. Pringle is a well known Member of the R.P.S.N.Z. and we were delighted to be able to welcome him to one of our meetings.

Peter Garnett.

BOOK REVIEW  
SQUARED CIRCLE CANCELLATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND

By A. J. Robinson.

This is another Postal History publication sponsored by the Postal History Society of New Zealand from whom copies are obtainable at 12/-.

It is dedicated by the author "to the memory of his son JOHN ALFRED ROBINSON 1936-66. His research into the cancellations of New Zealand, into postage stamps of New Zealand, and early assistance in this study was an inspiration"

The book divides Squared Circle Cancellations into three types.

- A. One complete inner circle with three short arc circles and corner triangles.
- B. Two complete inner circles with two arc circles and corner triangles. All had a hyphen between N and Z except a re-cut stamp used at TAURANGA
- C. As (A) but arc circles are longer.

All known issues are listed and are divided as follows:-

Group. 1.

19 datestamps used at Auckland (6) Christchurch (4) Dunedin (5) and Wellington (4) starting in 1882.

Group 2.

Issues in 1888 and 1889 to 30 of the larger post offices to replace the duplex cancelling stamps then in use.

Group. 3.

After a period of issuing coin type date stamps to new post offices, squared circle date stamps were issued as replacements to a number of offices after the turn of the century.

Group. 4.

Between 1903 and 1907 when a number of new offices were opened; squared circle date stamps were issued to 79 of these, all of type C.

"PAID" SQUARED CIRCLES were also used at 8 offices and two types are recorded in use as cancellors, without date, on Maritime Mail.

Once again the Author, not claiming completeness, invites readers to check their own collections and to report all unrecorded markings.

Mr. Robinson is to be congratulated on this masterly production which has produced, in orderly and complete form, a record of the Squared Circle Cancellations. For years collectors have been interested in these markings and have put on one side small collections of these cancellations. We have had to wait a long time for a book such as this to help study.

S.G. 1 to 6.

The Autumn Convention of the B.P.A. was held in Gloucester in October and this reminded me that in my "Acting Editor" file, there was a contribution from John Evans describing the Spring Convention in London. As the N.Z. stamps mentioned have only aged 6 months, the report is now published with apologies to the author for the delay.

Noel Turner.

"..... the talk by Mr. Henry Dumas M.B.E., F.R.P.S.L., on the First Two issues of New Zealand was very interesting. The field covered by Mr. Dumas namely S.G. 1 to 6 inclusive was somewhat narrow for most New Zealand Collectors, but the 16 sheets shown comprised a very unusual display of these rare stamps. I was interested to hear during the talk that most of the stamps formerly belonged to the late Major K.F. Beaumont a philatelist of outstanding knowledge, who a few years back kindly judged one of our Annual Competitions. Apparently Major Beaumont had instructed well known Auctioneers to sell his famous New Zealand Collection of Chalon Heads, and Mr. Dumas hearing of this bought it intact. I had in fact seen this collection as it then was when about six years ago, Major Beaumont displayed it at the first meeting of the "Royal" which I attended with the late Mr. Gordon Kaye. Mr. Dumas told me he had added three items from the "Burrus" collection. This in fact was sold in July 1963.

There were several excellent copies of S.G.1 the London Print including a cover from Auckland to Halifax Yorks dated 10th October 1855 with two examples of the famous 1d value. The estimate of value of this cover in the "Burrus" Catalogue was £600. I do not know how many times this cover had changed hands before July 1963, but in the collection of the late Alfred Lichenstein sold in June 1951 this same cover was valued for that auction at £515. I do not know the prices realised in either auction, but if proof was ever needed the description of Philately which I have often heard namely "A very pleasant hobby with a sound investment background" could hardly be more appropriate to this cover, particularly as according to Campbell Paterson's catalogue 2 copies of S.G. 1 on cover are catalogued at £1200 in its 1966 revision.

Of the 2d value I noticed a strip of 3 of the Colonial Print on Blue Paper S.G. 5, cancelled "1" Auckland and in addition the manuscript (TAU) RANGA 12.11.58. This was valued in the "Burrus" Catalogue at £60. The office at Tauranga was (according to Vol 111 N.Z. Handbook) opened on 15th December 1857 and this manuscript must be one of the earliest known.

Of the 1s value I observed an unused copy and both S.G.3 and S.G. 6 "Half used as 6d" were on view. These were only so used from Dunedin prior to August 1858 when the 6d value was issued to cover the postage rate to England.





Letter from A.R. Burge, The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, Wellington. C.1. N.Z.

Dear Mr. Turner,

Herewith an advance copy of the prospectus of Volume V of The Postage Stamps of New Zealand. I have sent copies by surface mail to all members of the N.Z. Society of G.B., but would appreciate it if you could arrange for a paragraph in the next issue of the "Kiwi" as our list of your members may not be right up to date. Production of the book is well in hand and there should be no delay in publication.

I should also mention that the Society has a number of copies of Volume IV still available at the published price of £6.6.0. plus postage 3/-.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,  
(signed) A.R. Burge  
Co-Editor

EDITORS NOTE.

If you have not received your copy of the Prospectus, please write at once to Mr. Burge. The pre-publication price is £6.6.0. and the edition is limited to 1,000 numbered copies.

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FLAG STATIONS.

It has always been a requirement for letters posted in late-fee boxes on trains standing at flag stations to be marked "Posted at...flag station". The postage stamps on such letters, were at the normal rate, and would then be cancelled either with a special datestamp bearing the words "Loose Letter" as well as the name of the post office, or with an ordinary datestamp, in which case the envelope would be rubber-stamped "Loose Letter".

The number of "flag station" letters posted decreased very considerably during 1964, owing to the changes in the pattern of internal transportation, such as "Rural Deliveries", as well as from the fact that settlers now have better access to nearby towns and post their mail at local post offices.

Since January 18th, 1965, late-fee letter boxes have been withdrawn from all trains in New Zealand, with the exception of the express passenger trains running between Auckland and Wellington and Christchurch and Invercargill.

## Flag Stations (contd)

This action was taken because little use was being made of the facility on other than these routes.

Thus since the Auckland-Wellington and the Christchurch-Invercargill express passenger trains do not stop at flag stations, the latest date on which any person could have posted a flag station letter was shortly before January 18th 1965.

J.D. Riddell.

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## NOTES FROM NOEL TURNER.

### AUCTION (1)

Elsewhere in this edition you will find details of some of the Lots that will be offered for sale by Auction during the afternoon of November 26th. As in the past, all Members who are unable to attend are invited to make their bids by post for any Lot or Lots, and such bids should be sent as soon as possible to W.H. Young, 23, Angel Close, Edmonton. N.18.

(2) It should be emphasised to Members who send in Lots for sale that they should describe their Lots as fully as possible, as this saves a tremendous amount of work at this end. It is also essential that Members should quote a Reserve against each Lot or specifically state "no Reserve". Some idea of the figure for which you feel your Lot should sell would also be appreciated.

### EDITOR.

Members will know that I have been acting as Editor in respect of the issues of July, September and this issue for November. I am informed that at the Annual General Meeting, Major G.C. Monk of "Spottiswood" Paynesfield Road, Tatsfield, Nr. Westerham, Kent, will kindly offer himself for election as Editor, and I take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Members to him for undertaking the work. I ask you to give our new Editor the same support that I have enjoyed, by submitting articles for publication or writing in with your questions and your answers to other people's problems. In this way our 'Kiwi' can always be "live" and of interest to everyone.

### RECOMMENDED.

A beautifully illustrated pamphlet entitled "The Myths and Legends of the New Zealand Maori" - obtainable from New Zealand House, Haymarket, London.S.W.1. My thanks to David Burton for my copy.

Notes from Noel Turner (contd)

"PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND"

In a recent POSTAL AUCTION catalogue from New Zealand, I noticed that one of the Lots was described as -

"A rather scruffy 'front' bearing four ½d newspaper stamps cancelled with Auckland (?) obliterator and bearing Province of Auckland d/s (No.6,FE775)"

Perhaps our experts on this cancellation will duly note in their records. I am holding letters and further details from John Evans and Robin Startup, and your new Editor will probably include these in an early issue of 'Kiwi'

FUTURE ARTICLES.

I am passing on to the new Editor a number of articles that have been sent to me so that in future editions of 'Kiwi' you may expect to find -

The 4A and 5A Cancellations of Otahuhu and Onehunga.  
by John D. Evans.

The Origin of Health Stamps. By Noel Turner.

Corrections and Additions to "New Zealand Railway Travelling Post Office Cancellations"  
By James Riddell.

The Second Ngahinapouri Post Office. By Douglas Edsall.

First Pictorial - Plate Proofs 1898 - 1908.  
By Michael Burberry.

Chalon Heads, the 3d Value. By John D. Evans.

'Province of Auckland' - the Latest Position.  
By John D. Evans in collaboration with Robin Startup.

B.P.A. CONVENTION AT GLOUCESTER.

Our President, Harry Bartrop gave an excellent display of New Zealand material at Gloucester on October 22nd, and there was further display of an entirely different kind from "Professor Schnapps", a name that hides the identity of another well known Member of our Society. Several Members were present at this Convention, which mustered about 150 people, including David Burton from London and Ted Hossell from Somerset. Reports say that a good time was had by all.

P.S. - See you all on the 26th; Coming to lunch?

N.T.

Notes from Noel Turner (contd)

WINNERS AT THE B.P.E.

At the British Philatelic Exhibition at Seymour Hall early this month the following Members were successful in securing awards: John D. Evans - Silver; E.K. Hossell - Silver, Bronze-Silver and Bronze; Mrs. G.L. Kaye - Silver-Gilt and Bronze-Silver; Jimmy D. Riddell - Silver. Our congratulations to the successful exhibitors, and also to R.C. Agabeg for the remarkable display in the Court of Honour.

DENIAL.

It is now officially denied that there is any intention of having a restricted issue of the Battle of Hastings G.B. stamps overprinted ENGLAND LOSERS.

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NOEL TURNER,  
Acting Editor.

A U C T I O N .

To be held after the Annual General Meeting.

Bidding by Post in a Stamp Auction is very little different from normal bidding. Simply select the Lots on which you wish to bid and list the maximum amount you are prepared to pay for each. We will endeavour to purchase the Lots for you at as low a figure as possible and will go to the limit of your bid only when necessary to purchase the Lot.

Please bid early. Besides assisting us this has the great advantage that if two bids of the same amount are received for a particular lot, then the first to reach us takes precedence.

Descriptions of each lot are given as clearly and fully as possible. The purchaser of the postal bids will be required to bear ALL Postal Charges etc:.

Right Hand Valuation Column is the approximate rough estimated value of the Lot - NOT the reserve price (if any)

Last Postal Bids to reach -

W. HASLER YOUNG, 23, ANGEL CLOSE, EDMONTON. N.18. by  
FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER 1966.

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