

# THE KIWI

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

May your philatelic finds be good ones.

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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY, AT

SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON.

SUBJECT: TRAVELLING POST OFFICES.

Our member Mr. Jimmy Riddell, will be the leader for what promises to be a most interesting discussion on the marine and railway travelling post offices.

Marine post offices were in existence from 1862 to 1936, and examples from railway travelling post offices exist from about 1890 to the present day.

Members are invited to bring along any items that they have, and if possible be prepared to say a few words about them. If you want to ask questions about any items, bring those along too.

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Luncheon is available at the Hotel, either in the Restaurant or in the Grill.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 15th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain was held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, London, on Saturday, 26th November 1966.

There was a good turnout of members in the morning, to view the auction lots and to look at the display sheets which some members had kindly brought along. The President brought along the first five issues of KIWI, and some of the 'old hands' were seen browsing through the list of members in those early days, counting those who were still with us. The number was very gratifying.

After a most enjoyable lunch in the hotel restaurant, the members re-gathered for the A.G.M. The President welcomed those present, and after the customary approval of the minutes of the 14th A.G.M, the President presented his report.

### President's Report:

Volume 1 No. 1. of the KIWI was published in April 1952. A list of members is given on page 6 and of these twenty five remain members to this day. Sixteen members of the lists given in Volume 1 Nos 2 - 5 also remain with us, a total of forty one. We thank them for their continued interest and support, and we wish more of them could be with us to-day in person to enjoy mutual companionship. This year there have been four resignations, one member died, and we have twenty new members. We sincerely hope the new members will gain enjoyment, and that we older members may be able to help them to gain knowledge also in collecting the stamps of New Zealand. To the Officers and Committee who serve us so well; I offer, on your behalf, our grateful thanks.

All our meetings this year have been well attended and enjoyed immensely by those who were present. The accounts given in KIWI have been exceptionally lucid, and the members who prepared them for publication did a grand service for the benefit of members who read KIWI. To those who contribute to KIWI by writing articles and letters our thanks are given also. This brings me to the Editorship. Albert Hard's health unfortunately does not improve. Noel Turner, as you know, took over temporarily to keep the flag flying until to-day. You know also that Major Monk has generously offered his services to take over the Editorship if elected, and I am sure he will be. I hope you have been able to buy and sell many stamps in the Packet. Gerald Pratt gives great service to the Society as Secretary and Packet Secretary, and we thank him heartily. Noel Turner has congratulated the award winners at the British Philatelic Exhibition in his KIWI notes, and I would like to add my congratulations to them. They will now be able to submit entries in International Exhibitions.

## Annual General Meeting (contd)

For various reasons Michael Burberry wishes to resign as Vice-President, and you will be asked to elect another member to that office. We thank Michael for all he has done for us in so many ways. We thank Noel Turner for his services as Auctioneer and for all the unstinting time and energy he expends on our behalf, and to Warrenne Young for all his assistance. To our Overseas members we send fraternal greetings, also to Britons who are absent to-day.

The President's report was followed by the reports and statement of accounts by the Treasurer and the Packet Secretary. Copies of these reports are attached to this copy issue of KIWI.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the President. This, as we all hoped, proved to be a mere formality, and it is with very great pleasure that we welcome Mr. Harry La Coste Bartrop as our President for another year. He will be very ably supported by the new Vice-President Mr. John Evans, who was popularly elected to the post which Michael Burberry has so competently filled for the past three years. Michael did not wish to stand for re-election. The following is a complete list of all the honorary officers appointed for 1967.

President	- Harry L. Bartrop
Vice-President	- John D. Evans
Secretary	- Gerald E.C. Pratt
Treasurer	- Noel Turner
Auditor	- Gerald B. Erskine
Packet Secretary	- Gerald E.C. Pratt
'Kiwi' Editor	- Graham C. Monk
Publicity Officer	- Harry L. Bartrop
Competition Manager	- Warrenne H. Young
Auctioneer	- Noel Turner
Auction Lotting and Accounts	- Warrenne H. Young

### Committee:

James D. Riddell	Peter Collins
Royton Heath	Edward K. Hossell.
Reginald D. Williamson	

After the election of officers was completed, the President suggested to the Meeting that the Society should elect Albert Hard as an Honorary Member of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain, in recognition of his loyal and untiring service in the general interest of the Society. This proposal was approved unanimously by all those present, and it was further agreed to send a cheque for the sum of £5.5.0d to Albert's wife asking her to buy something which he would appreciate.

## Annual General Meeting (contd)

Albert, who was known to you all as the previous KIWI Editor, was one of the Founder Members in 1952, and became the first Packet Secretary and Treasurer.

The complete programme for 1967 was announced, and appears on a separate page further on in this issue.

The President then presented the awards to the winners of the 1966 Annual Competition.

THE STACEY HOOKER CUP - John Evans.

'A Study of the 1/- full face 1855-71.'

THE KIWI SHIELD - Edward Hossell.

'A collection of modern mint with missing colours'

The meeting closed with a very touching presentation by Noel Turner to Mrs. Willis, in recognition of her help in organising refreshments at the Society's meetings. Noel presented her with a small greenstone TIKI. This legendary Maori figure was depicted on the 1/6d stamp in the 1960 pictorial issue.

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### IN MEMORIUM - ALBERT A. HARD.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Albert Hard of Colchester on the 12th of December. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the announcement that he was made an Honorary Member of our Society at the Annual General Meeting in November. Albert Hard was a Founder Member in 1952 and for many years he occupied the dual post of Treasurer and Packet Secretary. This was followed by a lengthy period as Editor of 'KIWI'. His services to the Society have been invaluable, and his knowledge of the stamps of New Zealand was profound. We shall greatly miss his genial personality and his help in our organisation.

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Hard and to Elizabeth Anne.

A floral tribute was sent from the Members of the Society.

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IN MEMORIAM (contd)

We also regret to report the passing of our Member, W.A.N. Craven of Barnes. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Craven in her sad loss, and we are pleased to know that she wishes to continue in Membership.

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"STAMP COLLECTING" NEW ZEALAND NUMBER.

On February 24th "Stamp Collecting" is to produce a number devoted to New Zealand Philately. Already several members have contributed material for this special edition, and if anyone has any original notes, articles or other contributions, here is an opportunity to get into print and make the first step to philatelic fame. Ken Chapman the magazine editor has promised that any suitable material which cannot be fitted into this number will be held over for future use. The length or nature of a contribution is immaterial as long as it is interesting. Short paras. always fill the odd corner, and a really long article can be spread over two (or more) numbers.

Contributions, preferably typed and on one side of the paper only, may be sent to Peter Collins c/o Campbell Paterson Ltd., P.O. Box 17, Oriental Road, Woking, Surrey, who has agreed to forward contributions on behalf of Society members.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Will any of our overseas members who would like a copy of "Stamp Collecting" on February 24th please let me know as soon as possible.

AUCTION RESULTS.

There were a number of additional lots to those published in the last issue of the KIWI. A surprisingly large number of these failed to reach their reserve and were withdrawn. Surely there is a moral here - 'If you want to sell, make sure you get the details into KIWI!'

The full list of "classified" results appears below.

A.	£1. 0. 0	33.	12. 0	81.	9. 0	129.	£1. 5. 0
B.	5. 0	34.	10. 0	82.	5. 6	130.	4. 0. 0
C.	8. 0	35.	6. 6	83.	£8. 5. 0	131.	1.10. 0
D.	4. 0	36.	12. 0	84.	5. 0	132.	9. 0
E.	1. 5. 0	37.	W	85.	4. 0	133.	W
F.	1. 0. 0	38.	4. 0	86.	3. 6	134.	5. 0
G.	1. 6	39.	4. 0	87.	4. 0	135.	W
H.	8. 0	40.	£2. 0. 0	88.	3. 9	136.	W
I.	4. 0	41.	2. 6. 0	89.	4. 0	137.	W
J.	4. 6	42.	1. 5. 0	90.	13. 0	138.	W
K.	4. 0	43.	8. 0	91.	13. 0	139.	W
L.	2. 6	44.	7. 6	92.	1.15. 0	140.	2. 0. 0
M.	17. 0	45.	1. 1. 0	93.	15. 0	141.	W
N.	3.10. 0	46.	12. 6	94.	14. 0	142.	15. 0
O.	10. 0	47.	1. 5. 0	95.	11. 0	143.	12. 6
P.	5. 0	48.	W	96.	18. 0	144.	W
1.	W	49.	1. 0. 0	97.	18. 0	145.	W
2.	10. 0	50.	1. 0. 0	98.	1.12. 6	146.	W
3.	19. 0	51.	5. 0	99.	10. 0	147.	10. 0
4.	16. 0	52.	5. 0	100.	1.10. 0	148.	8. 0
5.	W	53.	6. 0	101.	W	149.	W
6.	W	54.	6. 0	102.	6. 6	150.	5. 0
7.	1. 0. 0	55.	2. 5. 0	103.	7. 0	151.	1. 0. 0
8.	16. 0	56.	7. 0	104.	5. 0	152.	12. 6
9.	6. 0	57.	10. 0	105.	8. 0	153.	1. 5. 0
10.	13. 0	58.	9. 0	106.	11. 0	154.	W
11.	18. 0	59.	11. 6	107.	6. 6	155.	1.12. 6
12.	2. 0. 0	60.	1. 5. 0	108.	10. 6		
13.	1.15. 0	61.	1. 1. 0	109.	12. 6		
14.	5. 0	62.	10. 0	110.	10. 0		
15.	10. 6	63.	1. 2. 6	111.	W		
16.	9. 0	64.	4. 0	112.	4. 6		
17.	2. 0. 0	65.	12. 6	113.	4. 0		
18.	10. 0	66.	7. 6	114.	W		
19.	1. 5. 0	67.	13. 0	115.	18. 0. 0		
20.	6. 0	68.	8. 0	116.	1.10. 0		
21.	W	69.	5. 0	117.	5. 0. 0		
22.	4. 6	70.	6. 6	118.	2. 0. 0		
23.	8. 0	71.	W	119.	2. 0. 0		
24.	7. 6	72.	4. 0	120.	1.12. 6		
25.	W	73.	9. 6	121.	4.10. 0		
26.	4. 0	74.	W	122.	1. 5. 0		
27.	10. 0	75.	2. 0. 0	123.	1. 0. 0		
28.	8. 0	76.	W	124.	12. 6.		
29.	10. 0	77.	6. 0	125.	16. 0		
30.	13. 0	78.	5. 0	126.	1.15. 0		
31.	12. 6	79.	9. 0	127.	1. 2. 6		
32.	1. 1. 0	80.	7. 0	128.	26. 0. 0		

( W = Withdrawn)

## EDITOR'S NOTES.

As I christen my start as your new Editor with this issue of KIWI, I should like to say how very pleased I am to have this opportunity of broadening my knowledge and experience by taking over the editorship. I am very much a newcomer to the Society, having become a member only in May of last year. I am a serving member of the forces, entrenched at the moment behind a desk in the Ministry of Defence in London.

My interests in NZ stamps are still fairly general, concentrating on the building of a broad collection from the sideface issues onwards, with emphasis on Health and Commemorative varieties. My knowledge and experience is therefore very limited, and I must rely on you, as members of the Society, to contribute the first class material which has always been the hallmark of past issues of KIWI. There must be many of you who have never set pen to paper. Why not try now. Your editor always needs material, articles especially, but short notes, letters, observations, queries, questions, all help to fill up space and add variety and interest. How about a New Year resolution to make at least one contribution to your Bulletin!

No doubt some members have ideas as to what they would like to see in future editions of KIWI. Why not write and let me know. Someone within the Society will almost certainly be able to produce it.

### That Overprint Again:

Mr. Smith denies all knowledge of an announcement that Rhodesia is to issue the UDI set overprinted ENGLAND LOSERS.

### Amendment:

Michael Burberry has asked me to point out an error in the November issue of KIWI. On page 4, third paragraph, last sentence, the heavier blue ink is left floating on the top! Delete the word 'heavier', and amend the last part of the sentence to read: '-- leaving the blue ink, which has a lower specific gravity, on top.'

### Future Meetings:

We start the New Year's meetings with Jimmy Riddell leading the way with 'Travelling and Marine Post Offices'. Have a good look through your collections, and through some of that 'stuff' you've thrown to one side, and see what you can find to bring along with you on the 28th January. Articles on this subject appeared in the January and March 1966 editions. I have a further article to hand, correcting and bringing the previous ones up to date. I had intended to include this article this month, but decided that I would wait until the next edition and include it with the write-up of Jimmy's meeting.

## Editor's Notes (contd)

All the relative information will then be in one copy of KIWI.

Make a note of the date of the Annual Competition, and start thinking about your entries. Full details will appear in the next issue.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I am sure you would all like me to express very grateful thanks to Noel Turner for acting as the temporary editor of KIWI for the past four editions. Noel is a very busy man, yet he found the time to step into the breach at very short notice until a replacement editor could be found. You have only to look at your KIWI'S to see what a grand job he has done. Thank you Noel.

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### NEW MEMBERS:

G.H. Wood	3, Dalton Close, Orpington, Kent.
G.W. Ward	25, Fordington Avenue, Winchester, Hants.
The Librarian	Alexander Turnbull Library, Box 8016, Wellington, New Zealand.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

G. Barker	55a, Chestnut Road, London. S.E. 27.
C.J. Brett	73, Greenacre, Wembdon, Bridgwater, Somerset.

### HONORARY MEMBER:

A.A. Hard	42, Irvine Road, Colchester, Essex. (Elected at the A.G.M. 26th November 1966)
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### DECEASED:

A.A. Hard	42, Irvine Road, Colchester, Essex.
W.A.N. Craven	Hamara House, 2, Gypsy Lane, London. S.W. 15. (Mrs. Craven wishes to continue the membership)

With reference to the enquiry which was published in the last issue of KIWI, concerning Ross-Hokitika Cancellations, the following letter has been received from our Member, Mrs. Kaye.

4, Oresta Gardens,  
Ferndown,  
Wimborne,  
Dorset.

31st December, 1966.

Dear Mr. Turner,

ROSS-HOKITIKA CANCELLATIONS.

Referring to your paragraph in the KIWI recently, I find that I have four Ross entires, with details as follows:-

- (1) 6d. stamp pen cancelled by two strokes.  
In manuscript on envelope Ross 8/5/66  
Hokitika MY 8 '66  
London JY 20 '66
- (2) 6d. stamp cancelled in manuscript Ross 8/6/67  
Hokitika - JN '67  
Christchurch 29 JN '67  
London 27 AU '67
- (3) 6d. stamp cancelled seven thick bars  
Manuscript on envelope 28/1/68  
Hokitika 29 JA '68  
London 29 MR '68
- (4) 6d. stamp cancelled by blurred bar cancellation  
Manuscript on envelope "Via Panama"  
Date stamp on reverse Ross SE 27 '68

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My husband's sketch map accompanying these entires indicates the route taken as Ross, Hokitika, Greymouth, Otira, Arthur's Pass, Christchurch.

There is no trace on any of them of  $\frac{V}{4}$ , or of G 6, but the numeral 6 could have been contained in the blurred  $\frac{4}{4}$  bar cancellation. At the time of this correspondence Ross was in the Province of Canterbury (district now called Westland).

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Grace L. Kaye.

## NOTES FROM NOEL TURNER.

### AUCTION (1)

Once again I have to thank the Members of the Society for the excellent support that they gave to our Annual Auction which has resulted in a splendid addition to our Funds. In particular I would like to thank those Members who sent gifts to be sold for the benefit of the Funds - a gesture which your Officers greatly appreciate. The further support given by the entry of Lots for sale on commission and the enthusiastic bidding at the sale were further contributory factors to the general success.

### AUCTION (2)

May I thus early strongly advocate that all Members should send to Warrenne Young every year the fullest possible details of the Lots they propose to enter in sufficient time for those Lots to be included in the November 'KIWI'. Each year we have an increasing number of postal bids on the Lots so publicised and the advantages of early entry should therefore be obvious. Apart from the full details you should quote your own valuation of what you think the Lot should fetch and mention the Reserve, if any.

### VISITORS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

In 1967 our Society will probably have the pleasure of welcoming Marcel Stanley and also Colin McNaught. We look forward with considerable pleasure to the visits of these two well known Members and to the displays that they may be able to give us. If Colin McNaught should read these notes will he please contact me as to which meeting he may be able to visit following his trip to Amsterdam.

### LIBRARY:

I recently acquired a book entitled "The Daughter of the Dawn", not realising at the time that it had a sub-title, "A Realistic Story of Maori Magic". The book is by W.R. Hodder and was published in 1903. The chapter titles contain many names which are obviously of Maori origin and if anyone would like to borrow this book I should be pleased to post it to them.

### CONGRESS:

Congress this year is to be held at Cambridge and there will be A Study Circle evening for philatelists interested in New Zealand. Our President is uncertain as to whether he can be present, and has asked me to issue a general invitation to anyone who will be at Cambridge who would be prepared to lead the Study Group.

### DISPLAYS:

Once again I appeal to all our Members to let me know in good time if they are giving a display, so that all our Members in the district can be notified to enable them to be present.

## Notes from Noel Turner - Displays (contd)

The day, time and place of meeting and the name of the Society is essential, and the earliest possible news should be given as 'KIWI' only appears once in every two months.

### PRIVATE TREATY SALES:

You will observe from the accounts which accompany this 'KIWI' that good commissions were earned last year on sales and purchases arranged through the Society. One of our Members is particularly keen to make a purchase of reasonably complete collections of any of the New Zealand Dependencies. If any Member wishes to sell a collection of this kind please write to me in the first instance giving full particulars of the collection and the price required. We are not depriving the Packet of support, as obviously collections and valuable items cannot be sold except by Private Treaty arrangement.

### VOLUME I:

Many of our Members have never been able to examine Volume I of our Handbook. I am indebted to Peter Garnett for the information that a copy can be examined in the Leeds Reference Library. Peter obtained this information from the Central Library at Hove. Leeds and district Members will, I am sure, take advantage of this information.

### VOLUME 5:

May I repeat that the Society is not on this occasion sending a bulk order for Volume 5, and each Member who requires this book should order direct. Please see the information given in the November 'KIWI'.

OUR PRESIDENT together with Mrs. Bartrop will be in Malta during the month of January, and we all wish them a very happy holiday. Harry has requested that his apologies be given to the Members at our January meeting.

N.T.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 'KIWI'

Based on my experiences as temporary Editor of 'The Kiwi' over the past few months, may I strongly recommend that contributors of articles should make a careful note of the following suggestions which will be of great assistance to our new Editor:-

1. Please write or type on one side of the paper only. If you write on both sides of the paper there is always the danger that the publishers may miss the second half of your contribution.
2. Always write or type double space. This enables you to make your own clear alterations if you so desire and makes it easier for the Editor to sub-edit any words that he may feel need clarification.

Contributions to "The Kiwi" (contd).

3. Our publishers made the point that they are not philatelists, and for this reason they request that all technical terms should be clearly written so that they are not in any doubt when preparing the stencils. WMK is obviously 'watermark' if you are a philatelist, but is not necessarily so obvious to the printers, and must therefore be made clear. In the last issue we had the word "fiscal" used instead of the word "bisect" in John Evans' article. My apologies to John, but I must confess that the printers could be forgiven!
4. Place names in New Zealand should always be printed in full in capitals. The spelling is frequently very odd and our publishers would appreciate capital letters throughout, although they will, when reproducing, use a capital letter only at the beginning of such place names.

Finally, may I appeal to all our Members to keep Graham Monk as well supplied with articles as you did me. His job is not an easy one, but you can be of help to him if you will carefully follow the above suggestions.

Noel Turner.

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THE 'DWARF'

Gibbons Stamp Monthly (January 1967) contains an article on The Tapling Collection by James Mackay. Part of the write-up on New Zealand Chalon Heads contains the following:-

'One of the curiosities of the Tapling Collection is an example of the ld vermilion of the Davies printing of 1862 defectively printed in such a way as to compress it into two thirds of the normal height. The mystery of this 'dwarf' stamp is deepened by the New South Wales postmark. I believe that at least one other example of this deformity exists, and I would be very grateful for additional information about it.'

(Reproduced by kind permission of Russell Bennett the Editor of Gibbons Stamp monthly.)

Well members, can you help?

Editor.

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CHALON HEADS.

THE 3d. VALUE.

Extract from a letter to the Editor from Marcel Stanley, P.O. Box 9, Wellington New Zealand.

Dear Editor,

In the May 1965 issue of 'The Kiwi' John Evans has a most interesting article on the threepenny value of the Chalon Heads.

Among other things he states that the 3d value perf. 12½ in brown-lilac has not been substantiated as existing. This is not so.

The 3d stamps in brown-lilac were printed as stated in December 1862 and issued from early in 1863 mainly imperf, Rouletted etc, and perf. 13. At the time of the introduction of the government comb perforating machine gauging 12½ in 1864 there were still stocks of these brown-lilac stamps and some sheets were thus perforated. Copies of these are quite rare and the perforations on these invariably show the characteristics of the early comb perforations, as indeed copies from my own collection show.

I believe all subsequent printings of the 3d value in lilac and mauve were perforated with line machines, and with this in mind the first thing I look for when I am submitted a "brown-lilac perf 12½" is to see if it has been perforated with a comb perf gauging 12½ if not then the chances are it is a colour changeling - intentional or unintentional - from usually, a mauve stamp. Under relatively high magnification it is also not difficult to sort out the genuine brown-lilacs from the later printings.

Mr. Stanley's letter was sent by the Editor to John Evans, for comment. John has very kindly submitted the following reply.

In my article I was referring to the following statement in Vol 11 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand. At page 277 it reads as follows:

"Dr. Button suggests that the brown-lilac shade of the 3d printed on the star paper in 1862 is an instance of the colour having been affected by the use of a gum which has fermented and which not only stained the paper but also attacked the pigment. He therefore questions the bona-fide of the scarce variety in the brown-lilac shade and perforated 12½. Mr. Goodfellow however was of the opinion that the printing made in 1865, like that of 1862, was made with a brown-lilac pigment. This is a problem that will require further investigation."

In my article I also stated that Certificates of Genuineness of SG 116 are known, and some research into Sale Catalogues of a well known firm of auctioneers reveals the following:

## Chalon Heads (contd)

1. In the famous Charles Williams collection sold in November 1947 - two used examples each with Royal Certificate each valued at £30.
2. In a collection sold on the 6th September 1950, including that of F.C. Krichauff Esq of Adelaide - one used example without certificate valued at £14.
3. In a sale on the 1st November 1950, "by order of a Gentleman" - one used copy without certificate valued at £14.
4. In a sale on the 27th June 1951 offered by a Fellow of the Royal, London - the same used copy as in 3 above, valued at £12.10.0. Perhaps the purchaser on the 1st November 1950 had doubts about his acquisition.
5. In a sale on the 14th September 1955 - a used copy without certificate valued at £7.
6. In a sale on the 17th September 1958 - a used copy with part 1867 Napier duplex CDS, with RPS Certificate stating that it is SG 116 but not recognised as a separate printing, valued at £12. This is not the same stamp as the one copy illustrated in the Charles Williams Catalogue referred to in 1. above.
7. A used copy from the same sale as in 6 above, with no certificate, valued at £10. This copy and that in 6 above may have come from a collection of Dr. L.G. Jacob (whom we used to see at our meetings), which was sold in the sale on 17th September 1958.
8. In the excellent C.W. Meredith collection sold on the 16th March 1960 - a used copy with RPS Certificate, valued at £15.

The present SG value used is £40.

It is significant that almost certainly no copy of SG 116 has been offered for sale since March 1960, as I am fairly confident that I have kept the Sale Catalogues of all the auctioneers of important New Zealand material for nearly 20 years. There was no copy in the famous Burrus collection sold on the 23rd July 1963, nor in the more varied Currie collection sold on the 2nd March 1960. Of the nine copies sold, four have RPS Certificates, and by the illustrations in the catalogues I do not doubt that these four copies are different stamps. It may well be that the other auctioneers have offered copies of SG 116 for sale, but I have no detail.

One wonders whether any further investigation, as called for in the Vol II extract reproduced above has ever been carried out.

The approach of Mr. Marcus Stanley in the extract from his letter above, is very interesting to me and will be to Mrs. Gordon Kaye whose late husband was, I understand, of the opinion that SG 116 does exist.

Chalon Heads (contd)

For my part, as my 1965 article states, it is safer to assume against this in the case of the ordinary collector. Why not be stimulated into looking over your collection of 3d values perf 12½, and be tempted into submitting a copy, after examining it as advised in Mr. Stanley's letter. Who knows, you may get the very pleasant surprise of an RPS Certificate!

John Evans.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 1967.

- Saturday. 28th January. Travelling and Marine Post Offices.  
Leader: James Riddell.
- Saturday. 1st April. Annual Competition.  
Mr. Alcock of Cheltenham is being invited to judge the Competition.  
Quiz - whilst judging is taking place.
- Wednesday 24th May. Pacific Island Study.  
The Pacific Island Study Circle are being invited to lead the meeting.
- Wednesday 26th July. President's Evening.  
The President will lead the evening with Ancients and Moderns odds and ends.
- Wednesday 27th September. Miscellaneous and Sidelines.  
Leader: Gerald Pratt.
- Saturday 25th November. Annual General Meeting and Auction.

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THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Is your Collection insured?

## THE SECOND NGAHINEPOURI POST OFFICE.

BY

DOUGLAS EDSALL.

A description of the district might help to visualise the conditions at the time the Post Office was opened. A Post Office had been opened at Alexandra in 1863, as it was then a fairly populous place having a large detachment of soldiers, and a redoubt, where the church of today now stands. In 1863 Alexandra was the capital, or country town, of the Waikato province. It had been laid out on survey, into many streets and building sections. It had, at that time, several 'pubs'; today it has but one. When the main trunk railway touched Ohaupo, its importance waned. Ohaupo had the largest stockyards and sheep and cattle sales in the province, and it gradually replaced Alexandra as the country town. Later Hamilton, with its tremendous farming potentialities, and rail and road service to Auckland, took all the trade, and today is the largest inland city and the capital of Waikato.

But let us return to our subject, the Ngahinepouri post office. At the conclusion of the Maori wars, soldiers were repatriated on the land, 50 acres for other ranks, 300 acres for officers. Much of Ngahinepouri was surveyed into these sections. When I returned from the 1914-18 War I was repatriated on a piece of land there that had originally been allotted to a Maori war sergeant. Very few of these 'soldier sections' were ever taken up, as it was almost impossible for a man to make a living off 50 acres of land covered with trees and scrub. Many soldiers abandoned their sections or sold them cheaply to incoming settlers for as little as ten shillings an acre. Some of the Alexandra town sections which were abandoned became so infested with weeds, that a special Bill was put through Parliament some years ago, authorising the sale by auction of these sections to adjoining farmers. In about 1874 a Mr. Vickers bought out the 300 acres allotted to a Captain Peacock. Vickers came from Auckland via the Waipa river, as there were no roads in the district in those days. His son and grandson still farm the property which he bought. In 1874, the river steamer was the only means of communication outside the district. Goods and mail etc. were landed at Vickers landing, and when I settled there in 1920, the river steamer to Auckland still plied its river trade, but with increased road facilities and the main trunk railway a few miles away at Ohaupo, the service was stopped round about 1922.

The early settlers had a tough time, - no export of meat, and not much wool.

## The Second Ngahinepouri Post Office (contd)

They made their money mainly by growing oats, chaffing it, and sending it to Auckland by river boat for the Auckland horses. Mr. Vickers was the first settler to take up land in the district, and since he was the only one, no post office was needed. With the arrival of other settlers, the Reids, Livingstones, Sores, Rice's, Finlaysons, and Mr. Lang who later became speaker of the House of Representatives, a post office became necessary. It was established in Mr. Vicker's house on the 1st September 1876, and Vickers was appointed postmaster at £2 a year! The name Ngahinepouri was changed to Tuhikaramea on the 1st August 1880. I have never found any of the Ngahinepouri cancels, but the later Tuhikaramea in circle and date are not so hard to come by.

Another post office was opened in 1912, about a mile away on the main Pirongia (nee Alexandra) road at the creamery, thus, for a period of about five years, there were two post offices functioning within a mile of each other. A Miss Sing, a settlers daughter, was postmistress at this new Ngahinepouri office which closed on the 11th January 1917. The creamery was demolished, and a church now stands on its site. The Tuhikaramea office had closed the day before. The Ohaupo post office, opened on the 1st July 1871 with a Mr. Lewis as postmaster, had by 1917 a good road to the adjoining districts. The Rural Mail service, per horse and gig, superseded the business of both the district post offices, and is still giving satisfactory service today. The 'mail contract' was competed for, usually by Ohaupo tradesmen, as they could then combine the delivery of mail with meat and groceries.

Alexandra changed its name to its original Maori name Pirongia in 1896, perhaps to avoid confusion with another similarly named town. Shortly after the arrival of the English and Scots settlers some families came from Bavaria. The Krippners, the Karls, and the Turnwalds, became excellent farmers and citizens of New Zealand, and families of these names, descendants of those original settlers, still farm there today.

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Q.E. PROVISIONAL 2½d on 3d S.G. 804a C.P. N42b.

A variation in the "wide" setting of this surcharge has been reported.

The measurement from the lowest of the bars obliterating 3d to the top of the 1 of ½ varies by as much as 2mm, the extremes in measurement being 18mm and 20mm.

Another "variety" which has been noted is that the distance between the three obliterating bars is variable.

In neither case have blocks been seen to establish the position or regularity of these varieties. It is strange that so little seems to have been recorded of stamps that appeared five years ago. Surcharges, once popular subjects of philatelic study, seem to have been sadly neglected, at least by New Zealand collectors, in recent years. It seems that this particular stamp could be very rewarding to anyone having access to large numbers in blocks.

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The following is an extract from a letter to the editor from Mr. J.H. Glover, who has in his possession a 5/- Mount Cook, P.11, upright watermark, and correctly identified as C.P.E 2ld, but:-

"Faintly printed on the stamp is

H. TURNBULL

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This is quite faint and obviously done by a rubber stamp of the well-known office variety. The postmark is quite a work of art, being just not quite decipherable except for the year, which comes through good and clear as '98.

At first sight we have a postally used 1898 issue of the 5/-. The H. Turnbull could be missed by the short-sighted.

C.P. E 2ld was of course, issued in 1903. This stamp was presumably used fiscally by the said Turnbull, cleaned and the postmark forged. The biggest mystery to me is why the forger didn't put a postmark on consistent with the issue date."

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