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REPORT OF THE LAST MEETING - 31st JULY. - MEMBERS EVENING.

The meeting was opened by the President, who after welcoming the members attending for the first time, asked Peter Collins, who had organised the evening's meeting, to introduce his speakers. There were four displays, the last being given by Peter Collins on behalf of one of the speakers who was prevented from attending at the last minute.

Mr. Ralph Peete. Fiscals and Postage Dues.

The first part of the display was a study of the early long type fiscals, and included chemically cleaned examples, forged postmarks, stamp duty office cancellations, genuine postally used copies, registration, and parcel cancellations. There was a used block of ten of the 2/- blue overprinted 'OFFICIAL', and a used pair of the 5/- green overprinted 'OFFICIAL'. An interesting cover showed two 1d blue fiscals of 1882 (small type) with the perforations badly misplaced, cancelled with a very clear Christchurch c.d.s. of 6 Ju 82. This part of the display ended with examples of the various printings and a wide range of colour shades.

The second part of the display was a study of NZ postage dues, commencing with an early cover dated Auckland 7 Aug 1896 showing postage due markings. The display showed a good range of stamps, varieties, double perfs, misplaced perfs, and covers. One cover showed the practice of using postage due stamps to cover the value of the contents. With the introduction of decimal stamps the use of postage due stamps was discontinued, and the display included examples of modern covers using definitives to pay the postage due.

Mr. George Powell. 1d Universal.

Mr. Powell, after apologising for the absence of his wife, put on show a fine display of the 1d Universal which he said was so straightforward that it needed no explanation. The writing-up was well done, and indeed provided all the explanation required, giving the reasons for the various

printings and numerous varieties which abound in this issue. The display included miscellaneous covers and examples of postmarks. The progressive stages of plate wear were very well illustrated.

Mr. Roberts. Moderns.

This display began with plating studies of the 1958 and 1959 Health miniature sheet issues, followed by a detailed study of the 1960 4d flower issue illustrating evidence to support the theory that two different printing cylinders were used for the blue background colour.

The display also included examples of the 1960 coil issues, and examples of coil wrappers; an extremely fine example of the plate crack in Plate 17 of the QE II 2d definitive showing the large flaw below the plate number; and a study of the 2d flower issue with shade varieties and examples of the Chambon perf.

Mr. Tweede. $\frac{1}{2}$ d Mount Cook.

This display was a study of the various printings of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d Mount Cook green, first issued in March 1900. Peter Collins, who presented the display on behalf of Mr. Tweede, outlined the reason for the many shades of green which appeared in these issues. These resulted from the many small printings made at Wellington - irregular ink supplies - difficulty in matching colour.

The study included perf varieties including mixed perfs, watermark variations, plate wear, and a very fine example of an offset printing on Plate 1 R10/2 of the April 1902 Cowan printing.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

For many of us the summer holidays are now over, and as autumn comes in, the stamp collections come out. In your sorting and sifting during the winter evenings ahead, you will undoubtedly come across items that you have not seen before, or cannot identify, or that you cannot find mentioned in the Handbooks or other works of reference. Don't just put them to one side for that rainy day that never seems to come, because there are so many other things to be done first, make a firm resolution that you will try to find out more about it straight away. Put pen to paper. Write to your Editor. Let KIWI help you in your quest for information. Remember, there are over 200 members in the Society, one of them may be able to help you.

Province of Auckland Cancellation. Ron Startup in his publication 'Maori Wars Postal Services' gives the earliest known example of a Province of Auckland datestamp as 14 Sep 1864. This was still listed as the earliest known example in the table published in the March 1967 KIWI. The illustration on p658 of Vol.1 shows a date of 25 MR 1864, but this was believed to have been a sketch and has not therefore previously been accepted as the earliest known example. I have now been shown an example of the Province of Auckland datestamp, Serial 2 dated 30 JU 1864. At the moment I am not convinced that it is genuine, but if it is, then it becomes the earliest known example and also casts doubt on the accepted belief that the Handbook illustration is a sketch. A sketch is usually copied from something, so if a copy was made why change the date?

Rust Marks. My remarks in March KIWI about the use of Milton's for removing rust marks have stirred our NZ member Douglas Edsall to action. Douglas who has been a staunch member of the Society since the very earliest days, writes:- "WARNING". You refer to 'rust' which incidentally is wrongly named, it is a fungus better described as 'foxing', -- and as for treating it with a weak solution of Milton!!!! For goodness sake be very careful. Milton's should never be applied to any stamps as it tends to affect the shade and even the design, even if used very carefully. No Sir! A better and really safe way is to use CHOLOMINE T. It is safe, does not in any way affect the stamps, and I even think it renders them slightly immune from further 'foxing'. I have used it when necessary for many years with absolutely no deterioration to even the best of stamps. (engraved issues.) How to use? Dissolve as much powdered CHOLOMINE T as will go comfortably on a 3d bit (old style small 3d bit), in two tablespoons of water. When dissolved, immerse stamps for about 5 minutes, stroke stamp lightly with camel hair watercolour brush, then wash thoroughly in say 3 lots of water. NEVER USE MILTON'S.

The New 28c Fox Glacier Definitive. This is a beauty! Well done NZ. Stamps like this tempt the non collector to put them aside. Soon those non collectors find they are collectors. I know of two acquaintances who started collecting NZ because they were attracted by the early Christmas issues. I have been slightly disappointed with some of the recent issues, and I was beginning to think that NZ'S high standards were slacking off. Then came the 7½c Trout which revived my hopes, and now this superb 28c Fox Glacier. I hope the revival is here to stay.

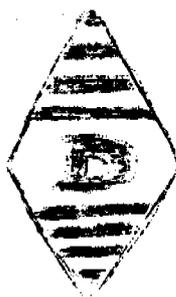
Provincial Meeting. 16th October. Wimbledon.

THE PACKET. Once again our Packet Secretary requests members to abide by the rules. If you are not familiar with them, please make a point of reading them the next time you receive a packet. The two main points are:-

1. Please sign your name in full or use a rubber stamp. Initials are not enough.
2. Please return the advice slip with the proof of posting immediately you have posted the packet.

Books are still urgently required for the*packet. The main demand is for the earlier material up to 1935. It is impractical to handle any book under £4 in value, the exception being covers.

FORGED POSTMARK? At the July meeting Mr. Peete showed a long type fiscal stamp cancelled with the following obliterator.



It was thought at the time that the cancellation was possibly a forgery. If any members have come across a similar marking, or can offer any information please let me know.

THE 1/- BISECT. The July KIWI reported the sale of the bisected 1855 1/- green on blued paper. This item recently fetched £650 in a London sale. Mr. Agabeg writes:-

"For the record, this bisect was on entire, not piece, and is one of the very few 'whole' entires, ie., where the bisect had not been cut out from the envelope and replaced. It was also one of the cleanest of these items I have ever seen. These two reasons must account at least in part for the quite extraordinary price realised."

NEW MEMBERS.

- S.I. Larson /- Eureka, R.D.4. Hamilton,
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- Rear Admiral
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RESIGNATION.

- The Rev. D.S. Yerburgh /- St. John's Vicarage, Churchdown,
Gloucester.

DECEASED

The Rev. F. Cartwright /- The Vicarage, Heath Road South,
Weston, Runcorn, Cheshire.

AMENDMENTS TO NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST.

Please amend your lists to read as follows:-

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J.W. Nicholson /- Telephone altered to 3446.

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(Delete Phone No.)

J. Robb /- Postal Code M25 5QT. Telephone
(061-773 4150)

QUERIES FROM THE MARCH QUIZ.

Those members who attended the March meeting will remember the detailed discussions that took place at the time, regarding the cover bearing a substituted 6d Chalon cancelled with the numeral 18. (For details see the May KIWI p.36.) The following letter from our NZ member Marcel Stanley adds yet another comment on this interesting item.

"From the description given I am of the opinion that where the stamp now is, there was originally a Wellington Crowned Circle which was cut out by someone who considered it the only important item on the cover. The cover remained until someone again decided to better it (?) by filling in the rectangular space and placing a 6d Chalon on it. I have seen two similarly treated covers but with bi-sected 1/-'s on them. Again the lines of the obliterator were added by hand. Both had a large manuscript 6 on the front in red."

On p.37 of the May KIWI an explanation is given for the use of a manuscript 1/- on a cover dated 1861, ie. six years after stamps came into use.

Marcel confirms that the explanation given is correct, and adds that in most cases such as this, the only difference between a pre-stamp cover and a stampless cover is the date.

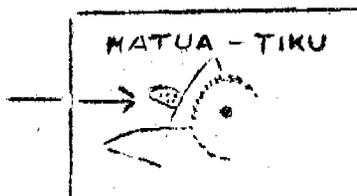
1968 HEALTH.

Noel Turner recently purchased a complete sheet of the 3 cents plus 1 cent 1968 Health Stamps, and has noted that each of these stamps when viewed from the back shows a banana shaped indentation which runs diagonally from corner to corner. The indentation is concave from the back, and when felt on the front of the stamp is noticeable as quite a lump. Can any member suggest how this has been caused? A note direct to Noel would be appreciated if you have any bright ideas.

1960 Pictorial. 5d Daisy.

Mr. J. Haden of Bromley, Kent, writes:-

"I have in my possession a mint pair of the 5d Daisy of the 1960 Pictorial definitives. There appears to be what looks like a re-touch on the left hand stamp under the word MATUA, just to the left of the upper leaf."



Peter Collins of C.P. Ltd has given valuable help in trying to identify this item, but has been unable to trace its position. He suggests that the flaw was due to faulty inking in some way, but adds that it certainly looks like a re-touch.

If any member can help in identifying this stamp, I am sure that Mr. Haden would be pleased to hear from them.

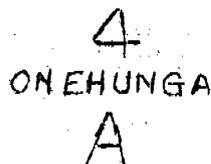
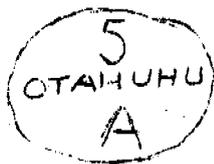
NEW ISSUES.

- 7th May - 23rd Anniversary of VE Day.
30th July - 28c definitive. Fox Glacier.
7th August - Health. 3½c and 4c.
19th September - 75th Anniversary of Universal Suffrage in N.Z. 3c.
19th September - 20th Anniversary of Adoption by UN of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 10c.
1st October - Christmas. 2½c. 'Adoration of the Shepherds' by van Honthorst.

The 4A and 5A Cancellation of OTAHUHU and ONEHUNGA.

By John D. Evans.

There seems always to have been something akin to a mystique about these Cancellations, and these notes are an attempt to collate at least some and possibly a good deal of information about them. According to the Pamphlet of Dr. K.J.L. Scott "Notes on the Early Cancellations of New Zealand" published a few years ago, both places, Otahuhu and Onehunga, are within five miles of Auckland City G.P.O. and 'the numerals refer no doubt to some local list'. These cancellations are as under.



In the second Maori war which began on 4th May 1863, a large camp was established at Otahuhu which served as a main headquarters, and there a Post Office was opened on 18th March 1864, and the special oval 'Headquarters' Cancellation was used, NZ Handbook Vol III p336. I believe there are one or two examples of this cancellation being used in conjunction with 5A.

Dr. Scott states that the Otahuhu Cancellation is seen from 1863 to 1865 and "probably later" and that the Onehunga Cancellation has not been seen on cover by him earlier than 1867, but occurs on stamps of the 1862 Printing, i.e. Davies Prints imperf. Vol III p44 gives no information on the dates of use of either Cancellation - the offices at Otahuhu and Onehunga were however opened according to Vol. III Appendix IX on 28th March 1849 and 23rd December 1848 respectively.

The Auckland District Offices which used obliterations from early in 1863 had the letter A above the Number within an oval of horizontal bars, and in the List on p45 and 46 of Vol III one sees A4 and A42 allotted to Onehunga, and A5 and A41 to Otahuhu. A42 is illustrated but I have never seen it. Dr. Scott says that these Auckland Series are not very common and proving covers are rare, but that he has A41 and A42.

The Cancellations with initials (double cancellations) which appeared in about 1879 shows Onehunga as "ON" within 8 bars and a circular date stamp which is not uncommon, and it looks as if this superseded 4A. What happened by 1879 to the Otahuhu Cancellation I do not know, presumably it used A41 or possibly a circular postal datestamp referred to below.

I have the following examples, and, in fact, four of each Cancellation.

4A ONEHUNGA: 1862 1/- green (olive toning) imperf SG44 clearly an early example by the shade of the stamp, to 1873 ½d. Newspaper Stamp wmk NZ Perf 10 SG 143. The 1862 example confirms Dr. Scott's Pamphlet which gives no information about the latest known example.

5A OTAHUHU: 1862 6d, Red Brown imperf SG 43 probably 1863 by the shade of the stamp, to 1871 2d. Orange wmk Large Star Perf 10x12½ SG 128. The 1862 example confirms Dr. Scott's Pamphlet and the probable use later than 1865 is also confirmed. One might even say much later in these far off days.

Circular Postal Datestamps were introduced in 1862 and I have a cover showing the one used at Onehunga (Example 8 on Vol. III p112 dated 3rd September 1870. I have no example of such Datestamp for Otahuhu.

Neither 4A nor 5A is very common and members interested may wish to write to me or preferably to our Editor, to give more information when these Cancellations ceased to be used.

RENUMBERING OF BACK KIWI'S

The numbering of KIWI got into a frightful muddle a few years back, and although an amendment list was published in the September 1963 KIWI it was not comprehensive. I have had several enquiries recently regarding the renumbering, and I therefore publish the following list of amendments, hoping that it will assist other members attempting to sort out their old KIWI'S.

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