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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY 1969.

AT SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON.

at 2.30 p.m.

MODERNS DAY.

The leader will be Norman Hoggarth who will be very glad to hear from anyone able to support him in providing good coverage of this extensive subject, ranging from K.G.V to Q.E.II, including such worthy issues as the second Pictorials, the Centennials, all the Healths, George VI, numerous commemoratives, Peace and the 1960 Pictorials. Despite the looming demands of Stampex, this promises to be a first rate show.

There is not much time left so please drop a line NOW to Norman Hoggarth, and tell him what you can contribute. The address is 68, Bramley Road, Birstall, LEICESTER.

## KIWI DAY - 30th NOVEMBER 1968.

The 17th A.G.M. of the Society was attended by 56 members and two visitors. The Minutes of the previous A.G.M. having been read and confirmed, the President rendered his review of the year and the state of the Society.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We now have a membership of 281, a net increase of 36 since a year ago; with applications not yet confirmed, we shall be very close to the 300 mark. There is no doubt that the Postage Stamps, Postal History and Postal Stationery of New Zealand are being collected and studied by a greater number of people than ever before.

The problem facing your Officers and Committee, is to give to members maximum enjoyment, assistance, and encouragement, with a well-balanced programme, including meetings catering for the various periods and facets of philately, reporting these in "The Kiwi" for the benefit of those unable to attend and to refresh the memories of those who were present.

The Annual Competition, with the two extra and very attractive awards offered this year, stimulates endeavour. In congratulating the winners, we also thank and commend the members who have displayed their material in the competition and at meetings, to interest, encourage and inform others. We record our hearty thanks to the judges of the 1968 competition - Mrs. Kaye and Mr. Campbell Paterson - for their painstaking approach to a difficult task.

The Exchange Packet and the Annual Auction enable members to buy and sell New Zealand material to their mutual benefit.

Kiwi, the Official Bulletin of the Society, provides a link between members, and offers a channel for the exchange of information.

The individual and combined displays given by our members to other Societies, are to be highly commended; they spread interest in New Zealand philately, promote goodwill and enlist new members.

These activities are made possible only by the sheer hard slogging work of Noel Turner, Warrenne Young, Graham Monk, Eric Barton and your other Officers, Committee members and volunteers who give aid and support in various ways.

We should all be deeply grateful to the members who give so freely of their time and energy to serve the Society; the work of the four members I have named is beyond all praise, and to all who contribute in the work I express thanks on your behalf.

All the 1968 meetings have been well attended, and all the displays have been interesting and stimulating. The efforts of our Lady Members in January, and the Air Mail session in September when Francis Field and his son, John, entertained and instructed us, were particularly appreciated. I thought Michael Burberry's report of the Airmails meeting was extremely good, and I congratulate him. Perhaps I should mention the fact that he also was a pilot.

Finally, a word to our many new members. In welcoming you to this enthusiastic Society, I would urge you not to hesitate to write to express your views and impart your knowledge. We want to know you individually and personally, and this can best be done if you will make the effort to attend at least one meeting next year - you will find it well worth while.

Let us look forward to 1969 with determination to assist each other to enjoy our hobby more and more, and to be good friends one to another.

Harry Bartrop.

#### ACCOUNTS.

The President then called on the Treasurer and the Packet Secretary to submit their reports and accounts, which were adopted with congratulations and thanks to the Officers concerned. Copies of the documents are enclosed with this issue of the Kiwi.

#### ELECTIONS.

Next we came to the election of Officers. This was not a routine "en bloc" affair, because some of the Trojan work horses are beginning to feel that they would like some time to take a look at their own stamps again. Some persuasion had been applied and the status quo was maintained, but this present reporter has a nasty feeling that the Society is cliff-hanging on more than one of the important offices. Elsewhere in this issue of Kiwi you will read a plea for a Secretary. For 1969, however, we have the services of the following:

President	- Harry La Coste Bartrop
Vice-President and Chairman	- John Evans
Deputy Chairman	- Michael Burberry
Secretary and Treasurer	- Noel Turner
Packet Secretary	- Eric Barton
KIWI Editor	- Graham Monk
Assistant Editor	- Phil Evans
Auction Admin. Officer and Competition Officer	- Warrenne Young
Provincial Meetings and Visits Organiser	- Peter Collins.
Auditor	- Gerald Erskine
Committee	- Joan Willis Reginald Williamson James Riddell Gerald Pratt Edward Hossell Royton Heath

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PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

The President invited Mrs. E.T. Mitchell to present the Trophies won in the 1968 competition. Mrs. Mitchell had travelled from Penzance to attend Kiwi Day. As previously reported, the winners were:

KIWI SHIELD	- E.K. Hossell for his study of the Queen Elizabeth I/- definitive.
PAUA-SHELL CIGARETTE BOX	- J. Bradford for his study of the King George V 4d value.
STACEY HOOKER CUP	- M.S. Burberry for his study of Great Barrier Island Pigeongram Mails.
PAUA-SHELL BOOK ENDS	- J.C. Stonehouse for his study of the Maori War Cancellations.

## 1969 PROGRAMME.

The Vice President announced the Committee's recommendations, which were unanimously adopted.

- Saturday, January 25th. - Moderns.
- Saturday, March 29th. - Competition and Quiz.
- Wednesday, May 28th. - Displays by members.
- Wednesday, July 30th. - 1871-3 Chalon Heads.
- Saturday, September 27th. - Ladies' Day.
- Saturday, November 29th. - A.G.M. and Auction.

The NZSGB visit to the North Herts Stamp Club at Baldock Town Hall, is to take place on Saturday, 31st May.

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### KIWI DAY DISPLAYS.

The opportunity was welcomed by members present, of a second and more leisurely look at the prize-winning exhibits, supplemented by some of Eric Barton's modern varieties and missing-colour specimens; a complete sheet, shown by Ted Hossell, from Plate 20 of the Q.E.II 2½d overprint on 3d showing by means of a transparent overlay the positions of the wide and narrow settings; a study of the Q.E.II 1/- value; and some sheets of interesting miscellaneous NZ and Australian covers.

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### THE AUCTION.

The hammer was wielded by Noel Turner as usual, with Warrenne Young, having already done the lotting and cataloguing, acting as Clerk. As the list of Prices Realised will show, "the room" was very lively and "the book" did not fare at all well. Many lots were on offer which were submitted too late for inclusion in the catalogue.

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And so ended another interesting, enjoyable and sociable KIWI DAY. Last thought: no wonder members will travel hundreds of miles to attend a meeting like this.

Phil Evans.

## EDITOR'S NOTES.

A VERY HAPPY PHILATELIC NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

I have been successfully persuaded into continuing as your Editor for another year (SUCKER!) with the help of an Assistant Editor. I am very pleased to have the volunteer services of Phil Evans as my deputy, and I am sure that you will all give him as much help as you have given me in the past. Phil has undertaken to be responsible for Reports of Meetings, and for publishing details of future meetings - in other words, for the first two or three pages of KIWI. This will take quite a load off my shoulders during the coming year, as I find it increasingly more difficult to attend meetings. Thank you Phil.

'Rust' Marks. In the September KIWI I published an item by Douglas Edsall regarding the use of CHOLOMINE T for removing those horrid stains that have a habit of attacking NZ stamps. Mr. A.A. Orton points out that the safe solution is not CHOLOMINE T but CHLORAMINE T. If a chemist makes it up a 5% aqueous solution is required. It deteriorates when exposed to light, and should therefore be kept in a dark place.

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### NEW ISSUES.

- 10th Dec 1968 - 25c and 2. Replaced current defs.  
11th Feb 1969 - 7c International Labour Organisation  
50th Anniversary.

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### NEW MEMBERS.

- G.C. Hamilton - 2, Gables Court, Kingfield,  
Woking, Surrey.  
D. Harkness - 41, Pereira Road, Harborne,  
Birmingham 17. (Tel.No.  
021-427-1431)  
The Rev. D.O. Noble - The Rectory, 16, William St.  
Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire,  
Scotland.  
R.P.Odenweller - 17, Hammond Road, Glen Cove,  
New York 11542, USA.

- J.G. Rowlands - 14, Penrhyn Avenue, East  
Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants.
- E. Shackleton - 137, Nightingale Lane, London,  
S.W.12.
- E.S. Smith - 18, Church Street, Gainsborough,  
Lincs.
- E. Weaver - 27, Smalls Mead, Crawley, Sussex.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- Mr. & Mrs. J. Bowstead - 59, Conchar Road, Wylde Green,  
Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.
- D.N. Davidge - 53, Langford Road, Lostock  
Gralam, Northwich, Cheshire.
- P.A. Dean - 'Eastmond', 9, Lavant Road,  
Chichester, Sussex.
- Major R.B. Merton - Wytchwood, Old Bisley Road,  
Frimley, Surrey, Tel.  
Camberley 25608.
- J.G. Stonehouse - 'Karori', 1, Lewes Close,  
Ipswich, Suffolk. Tel.  
Ipswich 74565.
- T.E. Grassie - 139, Prince Albert Road,  
Southsea, Hants.

RESIGNATION.

- P.R.F. Britnell - Bridge End, Glen Auldyn,  
Ramsey, I of M.

DECEASED.

- L.W.J. Harding - 73, Longford Ave, Bedfont,  
Feltham, Middlesex.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT.

### The London International Stamp Exhibition 1970.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. R.A.G. Lee, R.D.P., has issued an appeal for donations to meet a Budget of around £100,000, so that this Exhibition can be planned with confidence; with intent that it will be the 'best ever'. In 1960, we, as a Society, made a joint contribution from Members which earned the gratitude of the organizers, and which was worthy of our status as a leading Society. Most of us know, that in this country an International Exhibition is held every ten years, at which all visitors can see leading collections from many countries, and learn a lot about philately. I, therefore, appeal to all our members to make a contribution, and to avoid adding to our Secretary/Treasurer's burden of work, you may send your contribution to me by Postal Order or Cheque, with a stamped addressed envelope if you want a receipt. Otherwise, the names of contributors will appear in Kiwi but not the amounts donated. Any contributor of £5 or more will receive a Season Ticket and receive all Publications, and an acknowledgement will be made in one of these future Publications, by the organizers. They will also be entitled to use the Members' Lounge. My address is Mr. H.L. Bartrop, 39, Cricklade Road, Highworth, Nr. Swindon, Wilts.

### The Society Packet.

Mr. Eric Barton, "Carliol", Waynefleete Tower Avenue, Esher, Surrey, is our Packet Secretary. If you will send to him a 5d stamp he will post to you free of charge two or three booklets, which will enable you to offer your unwanted duplicate stamps or covers to other members. If you price these reasonably, a large proportion of them will be bought. Poor Eric is frantic because new members are looking forward eagerly to being able to enlarge their collections, and older members are clamouring for more stamps. Booklets are, therefore, needed from every member. My own experience is that George V, pictorial and commemorative stamps, and all varieties which are in any way unusual, sell particularly well, and more than half of the stamps I mount sell on the first circuit. You have some duplicates! Please send them now, and use the cash you will receive to buy stamps you need.

Harry Bartrop.



## NOTES FROM NOEL.

### NEW PACKET RULES.

Every Member who takes the Packet will shortly receive a new set of rules. It is essential that these are read with great care as there are important changes. Failure by Members to comply with the rules can result in the loss of our Insurance Cover, and this would be a major disaster to the Society. There has been a substantial rise in the postal and other charges associated with the Packet, and in the past these have been charged to Vendors in addition to the Commission on Sales. The new rules provide for a small increase in the Commission, but this is offset as it is not proposed that the separate postal and other expenses should be payable by Vendors. Please read the new rules fully and carefully and retain for future reference.

### ANOTHER NEW TROPHY!

Eric Barton, our Packet Secretary, has very kindly offered to donate a new Trophy for our Competition. This will be competed for every year, and will be awarded to the best entry, in either of our two sections, that has been submitted by any Member who has joined the Society since the date of the previous Competition. The nature of the Trophy is not yet decided, but we hope that it will prove to be a great encouragement to all new Members to enter the Competition, the general rules for which will be unaltered. If you have joined the Society since March of last year, please attach a small ticket to the front of your sheets, "joined the Society....."  
date

### SITUATION VACANT

At the Committee Meeting that will be held immediately before our next Annual General Meeting, there will be considered the amount of Honorarium to be paid to the new Secretary of the Society. The new Secretary has not yet been appointed, and applications are invited from any Member living in the London or Home Counties area. If you feel that you could undertake this work, will you please write to me as soon as you read this announcement. You will not be committing yourself, and I will submit for your consideration a draft of all the work that is involved as Secretary to the Society. It is essential that I relinquish this part of my activities for the Society, not later than the March Meeting of this year, and the Officers will welcome the early appointment of a new Secretary. The sooner he/she is appointed and takes up duties, the larger will be the Honorarium payable at the end of the year!

NOEL TURNER.

NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Cook Bicentennial Stamp Exhibition. The Taranaki Philatelic Society are to stage a National Stamp Exhibition to coincide with the release of the Cook Bicentenary Commemorative issue. The Exhibition will be held from the 6th-11th October 1969 in New Plymouth, and will be called TARAPEX 69.

Quantities Sold - 1967. The number of stamps sold of the 1967 special issues is officially stated to be as follows:-

From  
Health - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c - 2,257,429. 4c - 1,907,269. Min. sheets :  
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c - 105,199, 4c - 151,580.

Christmas - 24,531,864.

Royal Society - 4c - 1,211,628. 8c - 1,060,138.

1968 Health. These have now been withdrawn from sale, and Robin Startup reports that sales are £8,000 down on those for 1967 which was also a low figure compared with previous years. The sporting designs are evidently not very popular.

FDC's. First Day cancellers will in future include in the impression the name of the issue being released.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Trout Reprint. A reprint of the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Trout appeared in November. It is a darker green than the original, has upright watermark instead of sideways watermark, and the perforation hole that was omitted from the top right hand side of the original print has now been included. Plate nos. remain unchanged. One sheet has been reported imperf.

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THE 4A and 5A CANCELLATIONS OF OTAHUHU AND ONEHUNGA.

Following on from the article by John Evans in the September KIWI, and my further notes in the November KIWI, I have now had two letters from members in New Zealand. These are printed in full below.

"On the period of use of the 4/ONEHUNGA/A cancellation I can add nothing to Mr. Evans' note.

My own earliest cancellation here is on a Full Face Queen, Davies print, 6d brown, imperf. (in use from 1862.) My latest is on a 2d orange-vermilion perf 10 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  (1871), and Mr. Evans' material extends from 1862 to 1873.

In the case of 5/OTAHUHU/A, however, I have evidence which considerably extends the period of use.

My earliest cancellation is on a F.F.Q., Davies print, 1d imperf. (1862); and the latest is a local cover which on the face shows the obliterator applied to the 2d. value of the first side face series, while on the reverse is the OTAHUHU date stamp of Nov. 30th. 1876. This adds some years to the latest date given by Mr. Evans and as much as 11 years to that of Dr. Scott.

As regards the Auckland District Office obliterators A/41 and A/42 within an oval of horizontal bars I have one copy of A/41 and several of A/42.

The A/41 OTAHUHU is on a 1d. second side face perf 12 x 11½ (1882) while those of A/42 (Onehunga) are all on 2d. first side face stamps perf. 12 x 11½ (1878) except one which is P.12½ (1874).

With respect to the double cancellations of Onehunga I have two on 1d. and 2d. second side face stamps, one perf. 10 (1890) the other perf. 10 x 11 (1896); and a third on a 2½d. pictorial, London print, of 1898. All three are type 17 as illustrated in Vol.III page 44.

In the case of Onehunga the sequence of cancellations was 4/ONEHUNGA/A, then the double cancellations with letters ON date stamps of the "squared-circle" type and the type A/42 shown on page 114 of Vol III were also in use in the 1890's.

There is no reason to suppose that one cancellation was withdrawn when a new one was issued. Not infrequently in the earlier period of the New Zealand Post Office the new cancellation was simply treated as an additional cancellation, and the old one remained in use, either fully or in some subservient role. In fact one of the two No.5 11-barred oval obliterators introduced with the first postage stamps in 1855, and assigned to Bluff, was still in occasional use in 1946, and was then only recalled to head office when a philatelic inquiry drew the attention of the authorities to its continued existence and use.

The periods of use of the several Onehunga cancellations could therefore quite easily overlap, and similarly for those of Otahuhu; although the only example of this nature which I have in my own material is the continued use of the "ON" combination cancellation for Onehunga into the period when date stamps were normally being used alone.

I have no knowledge of the existence, or otherwise, of Auckland district date stamps for Onehunga and Otahuhu of the

type of A/41 and A/42 but reading A/4 and A/5.

The A/42 cancellation is framed with an oval of seven horizontal bars and is exactly as illustrated in Vol.III, page 47, No.28. The A/41 cancellation is similar.

The date stamp of 1876 of Otahuhu, impressed on the back of the cover referred to above, is similar to that of Onehunga as illustrated in Vol.III, page 112, No.8, except that no dot can be seen between the words NEW and ZEALAND."

A.A. ORTON.

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"John Evans article in the September "The KIWI" is very interesting indeed and, as this is a line I have investigated my comments may be of interest. Both Onehunga and Otahuhu were pre-1863 Maori War offices, Onehunga being 8 miles southwest from Auckland on the north shores of Manukau harbour, and 4 miles northwest from Otahuhu. Otahuhu is 9 miles south from Auckland on the isthmus between Manukau harbour and Tamaki inlet - the narrowest part of New Zealand.

When the Waikato wars were planned a large camp was formed just to the south of Otahuhu but page 336 Vol. 3 is a little misleading in inferring that the Headquarters post office was located here. In fact the Headquarters of the Field Force was initially at Albert Barracks, Auckland, and when the advance into the Waikato got underway in July 1863 the Headquarters were moved forward to Queens Redoubt (near present day Pokeno) and then accompanied the field force up the Waikato and Waipa rivers. From what covers I have been fortunate enough to see (but not to acquire) Headquarters A.P.O. used only an obliterator, and outward mail being routed back to Auckland was datestamped at either Queens Redoubt (with a NEW ZEALAND c.d.s.) or at Auckland.

During the 1863-1864 war, and later occupation of the Waikato, Onehunga developed into a port for supplying the Waikato by sea then up the Waikato river, while Otahuhu became a transit camp for troops moving to and from the front. The increase in mails being handled at both these offices probably led to their receipt of postal datestamps and obl iterators. If a list of existing post offices in Auckland in 1862 is taken, and a southern overland mail service route followed, and each office, given a number, we find

- 1 Auckland
- 2 St. John's College
- 3 Panmure
- 4 Onehunga
- 5 Otahuhu
- 6 Drury
- 7 Howick

which would account for the 4A and 5A obliterators. Significantly page 45 Vol.3 states that 6 was used by Drury and 7 by Howick though I have not seen these myself.

Turning to the actual postal markings used at Onehunga and Otahuhu I can supplement Mr. Evans' interesting notes somewhat:

Onehunga. I have a tracing of the datestamp dated DEC 23 1868, a copy of 4A oblierator on SG 34 1d stamp, and A42 oblierator on 2d 1st Sideface and also on 2d 2nd Sideface.

Otahuhu. I have a tracing of manuscript cancellation August 12 1861, a copy of the datestamp NOV 22 1862 on cover (inwards cover), and 5A oblierator on 1d FFQ SG 111, and 6d FFQ SG 122."

R.M. STARTUP.

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From the evidence supplied by Mr. Orton, the latest date of use of the 5/OTAHUHU/A cancellation can now be amended to 30 NOV 1876. Can anyone supply any further information regarding either of these two cancellations?

EDITOR.

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1946 PEACE ISSUE - 3d "TRIBUTE TO R.N.Z.A.F."

In the November issue, there was a query about the pairing of frame and centre plates, member P.L. Evans declaring the belief that Frame plate 42856 had not been printed in pair with Centre plate 42796. Three members hastened to prove him wrong.

A.B. Johnstone, Edinburgh, has two marginal blocks, Rows 2-3 No. 1-2, both with the Tailfin retouch in R3/2 (centre plate 42796). One block shows the lines to the right of the badge in R2/1 and the transfer register mark (the sideways T) at the left in R2/2, proving plate 42856. The other block has neither of these and so is frame 42798.

Mr. Johnstone points out that these details were evidenced in the display which won for him the Stacey Hooker Cup in 1963 and were detailed in his article in "Stamp Collecting" Vol.101 No.12 dated November 22nd 1963.

Mr. Royton E. Heath, Petts Wood, has a half sheet, R1-15, No. 5-8 which contains many details to identify the plates. In the frame there is the well-known doubling of the right side of R 9/6 and many instances of doubling of the olive branch in the top left corner.

In the centre plate there are R9/8 all four planes showing some doubling; R10/8 doubling in planes at right and in sky; R12/8 flaw under tail of top right plane; R13/8 doubling in both planes at left; and R14/8 doubling in lines of sky.

Mr. Heath says "There are many other flaws etc. too numerous to detail here ....."

Mr. Peter Davey, Cornwall, has four separate blocks showing the pairing. In block R2-3 No.1-2 the frame shows transfer register mark at left in R2/2, ditto at right in R2/1 and R3/2, the lines to right of the badge in R2/1 and marks under the badge in R3/1. The centre, in addition to the R3/2 tailfin retouch, shows doublings in R2/1 at the propellor of the lower left plane and in R3/1 at the front of the top left plane, and a transfer mark at extreme right in R3/1.

In the R6-9 No. 7-8 block, the frame has a slight doubling at the bottom right corner of R7/7, and olive branch marks in R7/7, R8/7, R8/8 and R9/7. The centre shows doublings of tail of top right plane in R6/7, and the undersides of the planes at right in R9/8.

In block R7-8, No. 5-6 there are olive branch marks in R8/5 and R8/6. The centre of R7/5 is without the doubling of the fronts of the left hand planes, which is characteristic of the other plate 42883.

In the imprint block R14-15 No. 4-5, Mr. Davey has detected frame plate marks around the olive branch in R14/4 and R14/5. The centre shows doubling of the fronts of the planes at left in R14/4.

Mr. Davey says he has studied the odd marks found in and around the olive branch at top left, and has found these in 38 positions in plate 42856, and a few, as yet not identified, in the other plate 42798.

With this weighty mass of evidence, the plate pairing is proved beyond all doubt. At Kiwi Day, the Editor expressed his appreciation to the three members concerned and called upon Phil Evans to hand over the "challenge fee". The Treasurer recommended that more such challenges should be issued, remarking, aside but very audibly, that the funds could do with lots more "easy ten bobs".

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## PEACE ISSUE STUDY CIRCLE

A suggestion was made, outside the A.G.M., that a study circle for the Peace issue might be formed. Obviously a major part of the work would have to be by postal circulation, but a few members getting together round a table could prepare a foundation to which postal members could add, finally compiling a study of value to all.

A room for evening meetings can be made available in the West End (near Baker Street station). Members who would be interested to participate in such an exercise are invited to write to Mr. P.L. Evans, 73, Blenheim Road, North Harrow, Middx., saying whether they wish (a) to attend a meeting or (b) to join in the postal circulation.

If sufficient interest is shown, the Committee will be asked to give formal approval to the formation of a Study Circle.

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### 1½d BOER WAR.

Recently while sorting through some used copies of this stamp we found what appears to be an unrecorded re-entry. This re-entry is found in the top left corner where the vertical frame lines on both sides of the value panel and the vertical lines of shading behind the word NEW are all doubled. At the same time the leaves or petals forming a background behind 1½d also show evidence of doubling. None of the doubling appears to extend further than a quarter of the way down the stamp. The particular stamp on which this re-entry occurs is the original issue perf 11 in the chestnut shade, and the date of use was 1905.

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### 'FLYSPECKS'.

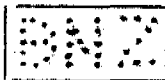
Marcel Stanley, that doyen of New Zealand collectors, has commented "Flyspecks is philately", meaning that by a close examination of stamps, a story can be revealed showing a sequence of flaw and retouch, the bringing into use of a new cylinder, and the interpretation of little signs that piece together into philatelic history, making the production and printing of these little bits of paper come to life. A little detective work and vigilance bring great pleasure into stamp collecting, but the reward can only be achieved by patient application. A moment's relaxation, and a rarity may slip through the net forever.

(Extract from an item on 1960 Pictorials in the NEW Zealand Bulletin published by Campbell Paterson Ltd.)

OVERSEAS PERFINS INCORPORATING THE LETTERS "NZ"

by  
R. SAMUEL

1. GREAT BRITAIN



Pf. 54



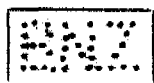
Pf. 55

BNZ. The Bank of New Zealand, at London, perforated its stamps with the initials "BNZ". Two perfins have been recorded:

Pf. 54. This perfin has large letters and there are no stops after these letters. It is known used from August 1891 until July 1893.

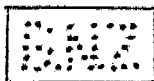
Pf. 55. The letters are smaller and there are stops after the letters "B" and "N". This perfin had a long life and is known used from January 1894 until July 1938 (on a philatelic cover in conjunction with three British "Poached Egg" slot machine labels.) Double perfins have been recorded.

It is clear that this perfin was damaged on several occasions, and a study of dated copies reveals an interesting series of "missing hole" varieties and subsequent repairs. Although the following listing is believed to be far from complete, it is given here as a basis for future study.



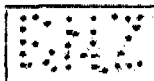
Perfin complete

Earliest date, January 1894.



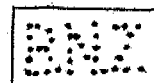
Broken "B"

Earliest date, November (?) 1897.



Broken "B" and "N"

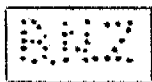
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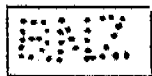
Perfin complete

Earliest date, July 1898.

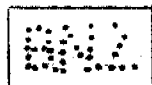




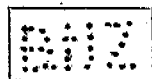
Broken "N" (one hole missing) Earliest date, April(?) 1900



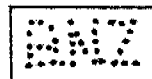
Perfin complete Earliest date, June (?) 1902



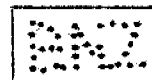
Broken "Z" Earliest date, October 1904



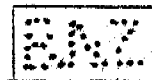
Broken "N" (two holes missing and no stop after "N") Earliest date, May 1905



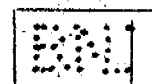
Perfin complete Earliest date, ? (on stamps of the George V issue with shaded background)



Broken "N" (one hole missing upper right) Earliest date, ? (on stamps of the George V issue with shaded background.)



Broken "N" (two holes missing upper right) Earliest date, June 1914



Perfin complete (?) Earliest date, July 1938  
(Note: As only portion of the letter "Z" falls on this stamp, it is not known whether this letter is complete or broken)

Footnote:

In the above list, the variety with perfin complete, found on stamps of the George V issue with shaded background, may have occurred after the variety with two holes missing at upper right of the letter "N", rather than before the preceding variety with one hole missing in this position.



Pf.56



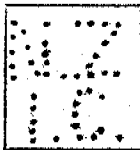
Pf.57

NZL The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company Limited, at London, used stamps perforated with the initials "NZL". Two similar perfins are known:

Pf.56 This perfin is 15½mm in length and 5mm in height. The letter "N" is wider than that for Pf.57 (below), and the crossbar of this letter consists of four holes. It is known used from September 1886 until October 1890.

Pf.57 This perfin is 14mm in length and 5½mm in height. The letter "N" is comparatively narrow and the diagonal bar of this letter consists of three holes only. It is known used from May 1895 until October 1921. A double perfin has been recorded.

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2. AUSTRALIA (AND AUSTRALIAN STATES)



Pf.58



Pf.59



Pf.60

NZIC The New Zealand Insurance Company Limited used stamps perforated "NZIC" at its office at Brisbane, and also at the Toowoomba and Maryborough offices nearby. Three distinct perfins are known:

Pf.58 The letters "N" and "I" are five holes in height, the letter "C" is made up of nine holes, and there are stops after each letter. This perfin has been recorded used from December 1893 until May 1923.

Pf.59 The letters "N" and "I" stand five holes in height, the letter "C" is made up of eight holes, and there are no stops after the letters. A few copies of this perfin are known used at Brisbane in May 1901.

Pf.60 The letters "N" and "I" are four holes in height, the letter "C" consists of seven holes, and there are no stops after the letters.

## ANNUAL AUCTION.

Our Annual Auction was a great success, and has made a substantial contribution to the Funds of the Society. Our thanks are due to all those who gave the gifts which were sold for the benefit of the Society Funds, and also to the donors of the large Christmas Cake that was successfully raffled. We do appreciate the gifts, which on this occasion included a Christmas Pudding from Mrs. Mitchell of Penzance, a Ruler made from many New Zealand woods, the gift of David Burton of Hornsey, and also a box of chocolates as an added prize in the raffle, the donor of which wishes to remain anonymous. The stamps that were given to us sold for good prices, and we also would wish to thank all those Members who supported us by entering their material for sale on commission terms.

We regret the delay that occurred on this occasion in the sending of the statements and cheques to the various vendors. Unfortunately, Warrenne Young has been ill for a lengthy period, including a stay in hospital, but he is now on the road to recovery and has asked that this special apology should be made on his behalf.

As usual, many Lots were not notified in time to be described in the November "Kiwi". I am certain that postal bidders would have been very interested in the extra Lots, and once again I appeal that before the next Auction, full information should be sent to Warrenne Young in time for inclusion in the catalogue.

NOEL TURNER.

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Honorary KIWI Editor.