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NEXT MEETING

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SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 1970

SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON.

11.00 to 11.30 a.m.	Exhibition of Members Sheets. Auction Lots on view.
11.30 to 12.30 p.m.	THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
12.30 to 1 p.m.	Further examination of Auction Lots.
1 o'clock	Informal Luncheon in the Hotel Restaurant.
2.00 to 2.30 p.m.	Further look at Auction Lots.
2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.	THE ANNUAL AUCTION.
4.0 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Tea will be served.
4.30 p.m. to 6.0 p.m.	The second part of the Auction.

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This is your DAY, not only have you the above programme to entertain you, it is also, (and this is very important) when you are able to meet and mix with fellow members, some of which travel long distances to be present. You are able to talk over your particular interests and make new friends, all of the same mind as you, "New Zealand Philately". Last year we had a record attendance, this year we hope to beat it.

PHILYMPIA 1970.

Members of our Society whose exhibits won awards are as follows.

For New Zealand Exhibits.

CLASS OF HONOUR - GOLD.

Marcel Stanley - 1863-73 - Specialised.

GOLD

R.C. Agabeg - 1840-72 - Specialised

SILVER-GILT (Vermeil)

Marcel Stanley Essays Proofs and Postal History.

R.P. Odenweller Chalon Heads and Research.

Mrs. H. Gordon Kaye 1834-72 Postal History and Chalon Heads.

LARGE SILVER

J.D. Evans - 1862-71 Davies prints Chalon Heads.

SILVER

John Bishop - Pre-adhesive Postal History.

G. Tombleson - Penny Universal Issues.

E.K. Hossell - Modern New Zealand.

BRONZE

Dr. J.D. Riddell - Maritime Postmarks.

LITERATURE. SILVER

Campbell Paterson Ltd., Specialised N.Z. Catalogue.

Exhibits other than New Zealand.

GOLD

Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Riddell for China.

SILVER

H.L. Bartrop for G.B. Postal History 1661-1840.

Noel Turner was responsible for security during the exhibition, and while the frames were being assembled and dismantled. He gave distinguished service as Securicor organizer. Unfortunately Mrs. Turner was ill with a throat infection which prevented them both from attending the

evening and other social events. We hope she has now regained full health.

I saw Phil Evans, Michael Burberry, and T.H. Hopkins performing valiant service as stewards, and Joan Willis nonchalantly handing out gems of information to all who enquired at her information stand in front of the R.P.S.L. lounge. I forgot to ask her "Why did the penny stamp?" "Because the 3d bit", I believe is the answer!!! Forgive this chestnut please.

Members also performed valiant service setting up and dismantling the exhibits. We thank and congratulate all who exhibited and served.

KIWI MEETING AT PHILLYMPIA

Our meeting on Wednesday 23rd September was very well attended, and members were very pleased indeed to meet so many others previously known only by name.

Cyril and Mrs. Gilders and Dr. Riddell acted as hosts, and the President introduced speakers, new members and guests.

John Bishop brought greetings from the Postal History Society of New Zealand.

Marcel Stanley Chairman of the Council of the Royal P.S. of N.Z., spoke briefly about the new proposed Volume V of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", and the wish to co-operate with our own study circles and research done by members. He then gave a display, followed by displays from Bob Odenweller and G.G. Fisher of the U.S.A., who are thanked for their thoughtful kindness. The noise of escalators made it difficult for speakers to make themselves heard, and this is really the only criticism one can offer.

The special issue of Kiwi was a worthy effort of a great occasion and our thanks are sincerely given to all who contributed, and to those responsible for the production.

H.B.

It is hoped to give full details of our visitors exhibits in the January KIWI.

Editor.

THE EARLY COLONIAL SETTLERS (4)

BY

MRS. GORDON KAYE.

The Swainson family had no reason to feel very happy about those two powerful chiefs of the Cook Strait area, Rangihaeata and Te Rauparaha. In July 1842, at their instigation, a native chief of Kaiwarawara named Taringa Kuri, with about 40 of his tribe, located himself on the greater part of the Swainson's land at Hawkshead, Upper Hutt. This land had never before been under the cultivation of natives and Kuri himself admitted that he had no claim to it. Nevertheless, Mr. Swainson's repeated applications to the Chief Police Magistrate, Mr. Murphy, to have them removed were completely ineffective. The matter was later reported by Mr. Murphy to Lieutenant Shortland, the Acting Governor, but owing to the policy of pacification being pursued by the government, the Swainsons were unable to obtain any satisfaction. The subject is recorded in text books on early New Zealand and is progressively referred to in the Swainson letters to their grandparents, such as... 25 May 1846 - " We have only got about two acres more land from the natives this year and they still persist in not removing off the rest of it".

Meanwhile there was disturbing news from the Bay of Islands, where the chief causes of discontent among the Maoris were the imposition of customs duties and the transfer of the capital town from Russell to Auckland, resulting in a loss of trade to them.

18 April 1844 - letter from James & Jane MIDDLETON, AUCKLAND, to William Middleton, Manchester - "Things not very good. Thought they would have to fight for it. Only 80 soldiers here. Muskets handed out to the inhabitants and the women and children put into the Chapel and Barracks. Nothing came of it". On this letter 4d ship letter postage was paid in Auckland and 8d charged on arrival in London. James and Jane Middleton arrived in New Zealand in 1843 and settled in Auckland.

Historically, war broke out in the Bay of Islands in July 1844 and on 11 March 1845 Kororareka (Russell) was sacked by dissident Maoris under the Ngapuhi chief, Hone Heke, aided by his fellow chief Kawiti. Martial law was proclaimed in April and troop reinforcements were sent in from Sydney. Attempts to storm Heke's strongholds at Okaihau in May and Ohaeawai in June were repulsed, but the final engagement against Kawiti's pa at Ruapekapeka was

successful and the end came on 11 January 1846, when the rebel chiefs wrote to the Governor asking for peace.

Soldier's letter written by John Mitchell, a corporal in the 58th Regiment (Rutlandshire), dated from Wahapu (near Russell) where he was on garrison duty on 7 October 1846 -

"Hostilities as far as I can learn is nearly at an end in the part of the Island we are in at present called the North. But I am sorry to say that there is as much going on in the Southward where there is a great many of our brave comrades fell gloriously, in the field, without any disgrace to those at home at their ease. My dear Father, I expect we will be sent round to the aforesaid place the name of which is Port Nickolson..... this is a very long and tedious campaign. We have been in the Country for this last twenty months and no likelihood of being relieved out of it no more than the first day we came to it... We have not laid in a bed since we came to the country, except when wounded... there is no feather bed soldiering with the 58th Regiment Rutlands here. Heroes, I am proud to have it to say that they have the best praise of any Corps in the Island from the General...."

"P.S. News is just arrived that the enemy has taken a circuitous route to attack our Detachment there is two ships of war come to our assistance. Our Det. is only two hundred strong Rank and file. So good bye I must get ready. J.M."

At this time the NEW-ZEALAND date stamp (type 2) was used in the G.P.O. at Auckland, the one penny Soldiers' Letter Privilege rate being prepaid. The letter passed through London on 2 April 1847 being 177 days after writing. It is endorsed by Major Bridge.

I also have a letter from Private William Mitchell, 58th Regt., brother of John. This is dated Auckland 25 March 1849 and bears the red handstamp Paid at Auckland in Crowned Circle. The London arrival date is 14 September 1849, a transit of 173 days. The letter is endorsed by Col. R.H. Wynyard who commanded the 58th Regiment at Ruapekapeka in December 1845 to January 1846, and who became Acting-Governor of New Zealand 1854-55.

The close of the First Maori War is recounted in a letter from the aforementioned James and Jane Middleton at Auckland on 30 November 1846 to Mrs. Barket Hill, Rochdale, a fellow settler who had returned home round the Horn some 72 days earlier.

"The natives are peaceable and at Port Nic. too, they have quietened them by hanging one and transporting seven more..... 700 men of the 65th has arrived, 200 left at the Bay, 500 here. All the 58th, 96th and 99th is leaving here tomorrow... This letter will go by the Headee Barque... The Governor is taking all the land from the people who bought land from the natives under the sanction of Fitzroy. Heke is as quiet as if he was dead...."

SPECIAL ISSUE OF KIWI "PHILYMPIA"

This special issue has been distributed to all Members, & to date only 105 members have responded to the appeal for at least 5/- towards the cost. Some members have been very generous and sent me sums over this amount, for which I am most grateful. No doubt a lot of you have overlooked this small matter and as we are £60 short of the actual cost it would be appreciated if you would now give this matter your kind attention. Please remember that the Society is not liable in any way for any payment towards the cost. Please send your donation to me and make your cheque payable to: E.N. Barton, and post to me at 11A Haig Avenue, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset. Thank you.

Should you require further copies these can be obtained from me price 15/- post free.

This special edition was six months work and entailed a lot of hard work.

PACKET

Books are urgently required for the Packet, and if this is to be continued I must have a better response. Since August 11th last I have received only three books. This last week has produced a further eight books and thus a new packet will be on its way shortly. One member wrote and said how pleased he was with the sales, 94%, this shows that if you want to sell material and price it correctly you can get results. So please try and find material that is surplus to your needs and send it to me for inclusion.

There are 200 members wanting to see the Packets, and it is over a year since some have seen one, no fault of mine,

I can only distribute the books I have.

Please remember that all pricing should now be in decimal currency.

E.N. Barton.

NEW MEMBERS. To whom we extend a hearty welcome.

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Barbados, West Indies. |
| D.H. Edmunds | - | "Ackworth" Maltings Drive,
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Phone: 2412. |
| K. Gaff | - | 3, Gerald Street, Whiteleas,
South Shields, Co. Durham. |
| J.M.A. Gregson | - | Osbaston Farm, Monmouth,
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| D.S. Hague | - | 127, Princess Avenue, Palmers
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| Mrs. S.J. Riddell | - | 7, Lowndes Lodge, Cadogan
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| J.W. Skilling | - | R.D. 37 Okato. Taranaki,
New Zealand. |
| C.D. Turner | - | 21, Garden Road,
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CORRECTION.

T.H. Rutherford, Dumboyne. Not as printed Dumgoyne.

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- O. Constantine - 10, Mosquito Lane, Berson,
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- N.L. Mattin - 13, Pine Tree Close, Worlingham,
Beccles, Suffolk.
- Major R.B. Merton - C. Squadron, The Royal Hussars,
(PWO) UNFICYP. B.F.P.O. 667.
- G. Pratt - 44, The Ridgeway, Sutton,
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- A.E. Still (Senior) - 147, West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes,
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- B. Upton - "Broadgate" Hillside Road,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
- A.J. Woolfe - 7, Sunningdale Drive,
Woodborough, Notts.

DECEASED.

It is with regret we record the death of H.F. Blease,
and extend our deepest sympathy to the next of kin.

We understand that John Fender is shortly to enter
hospital. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

G.F. Dolphin of Stratford on Avon has now emigrated
to Canada.

"NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE STAMPS USED OVERSEAS"

R.M. Startup, 16 pages, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", mimeographed, printed and published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand on the occasion of the 1970 Philatelic Convention. Copies available from the Society, P.O. Box 1605, Auckland, New Zealand, for 25 cents (Australasia) 2s6d (sterling) 30 cents (US) posted.

Though many stamp collectors are very careful to distinguish between mint and used stamps in their collections, and like to get fine used stamps wherever possible, only a small proportion pay attention to the actual cancellations on used stamps.

Most collectors assume that stamps of their country are used only in their country, completely overlooking that their stamps are legitimately issued and used in various places overseas. Though this may not be done throughout the year, every year a quick survey will show many possibilities. Take a look at the bases in Antarctica for just one example - you will find stamps of several countries being sold through post offices there, many thousands of miles away from the home country.

Stamps can also be used outside the country of origin either deliberately or accidentally - on ships on the high seas, in postal agencies, in military or naval postal services, and on international reply cards. In fact, insofar as New Zealand is concerned, it should be possible to piece together a fairly comprehensive collection of definitive issues used outside of New Zealand, and including in this both commemorative and health stamps!

This booklet was prepared as the basis for a talk and display at the 1970 Philatelic Convention, to provide a fairly thorough coverage of the subject. Though New Zealand is the only country discussed, the principles apply equally to many other countries.

E. N. B.

PROGRESSIVE FLAWS (contd) - Clarification and Confirmation

I had only just received my 'KIWI' in this country village when a letter arrived from Mr. J.M. Shelton of Wembley. He makes interesting points. Paraphrasing. The printers are trying to suggest an explanation of the whole story by an example of what could have happened if the foreign matter came from the plate. They omit to say it could have been anywhere on the plate before finding its way to the 'make-ready'. State 1. We are only interested in the stamps which are all punctured from the back. It is possible the early piercing did not affect the plate, only piercing the paper, which would account, with a moving flaw, for variation in the background markings found on 1/- FA R7/2 at any rate.

State 2. This would be the period when the fragment, firmly embedded, did affect the plate. When it had been pounded flat or removed/dislodged from the 'make-ready' the flaw development would cease and remain static, except for any plate wear that might affect the appearance.

State 3. The retouch.

We are indebted to Mr. Shelton, who has no material of this kind, for his rapid and useful response. This was the only letter received, so I must return to New Zealand. The Peter Oldham, Ltd., 'Newsletter' has continued publishing comments from Les Marx and Stuart Larsen. Mr. Arthur Dexter writes shortly and it appears he is sceptical and does not have enough of the examples quoted to be definite. (My translation). A letter from Les Marx brings us up to date. A gathering was held at the Waikato P.S. at which Stuart Larsen showed colour slide enlargements of the back and front of various stages from the list given in my last report. These were 'Blown up' onto the screen and showed the puncturing and flaws in great detail. Dr. Ken McNaught was present and told the audience that any doubts he may have had were completely dispelled and he agreed with all that Les Marx had written. It is most pleasing to hear this from such an authority as Ken. He has recently agreed to become co-editor of Part VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand which, although being published basically to cover the Pictorial Definitives, will, amongst other things, contain a revision of the Part IV findings on the Queen's Head Definitives in view of later discoveries.

It appears now is the time to call a halt whilst collectors are searching for examples of damage from the back. I shall be delighted to receive any news on the subject. It will be particularly interesting to hear if collectors over a broad front whose stamps include issues recess printed by De La Rue can find similar examples opening a new field in their particular country.

E.K. Hossell.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL.....

Not the sort of article you might expect to find in 'KIWI' but blame Eric Barton. I mentioned a little problem I faced recently when administering an estate and he thought it might be a reasonable contribution, so..... But first I must excuse myself if you know all about it, as I feel sure the matter must have been mentioned before I became a member of the Society.

A few years ago, in a little known case before Mr. Justice Stamp (some coincidence!), an argument arose as to whether a collection of stamps was a personal chattel under the Administration of Estates Act 1925, or an investment. You see the point? Many collections, though being a hobby, intrinsically have a first class investment value, and although hitherto it had invariably been considered that stamp collections were personal chattels, this term means things of personal use, such as household effects, furniture, ornaments etc. A stamp collection can hardly come in that category. The situation arose that certain chattels were specifically bequeathed, the remainder went elsewhere, and the investments to other beneficiaries. There was no mention of the collection in the will. Hence, a dispute, a lengthy litigation, and unavoidable costs.

Although I would like to assume that all members of the Society must have made their Wills, experience tells me that this is probably not so - it is shocking how many people die intestate. Administration of an intestate estate is invariably more difficult, more prolonged, more troublesome, and therefore more expensive and often most exasperating to the beneficiaries and the personal representative.

The moral is clear. Make a Will if you have not done so already. If you have made a Will, and not mentioned your collection AND your estate does not go to one person, make a new Will or a codicil. Remember to mention what specifically you want to happen to your collection. Failure to do so could lead to a dispute between your beneficiaries and therefore expensive litigation. If this article worries you at all, I'm sorry. Write to me if you must (my fee in that case would be a pre-1940 FDC) and I will be happy to help. But don't delay. After the dots in my heading I might well put the words "..... there could be trouble" but a Will is better than no Will (not always, it depends on the Will, but what do you have advisers for?)

Sleep well!

Jim Rowlands.

WELPEX '72

The Wellington (New Zealand) Philatelic Society will be staging a National Philatelic Exhibition from May 14th to May 21st 1972, to be known under the title of WELPEX '72.

This event will take place at the Wellington Town Hall, and active preparation of the prospectus is in hand.

All interested members should contact the U.K. Commissioner who will be pleased to furnish full particulars.

Enquiries should be addressed to:-

J.M.A. Gregson,
Craig-y-Dorth Cottage,
Mitchel Troy Common,
Monmouth. NP5 4JQ.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

King George VI. 1d on $\frac{1}{2}$ d green. 1941.
C.P. M3a.
S.G. 624.

The black obliterator for the original issue measures 4 x 4 mm.

I have now found a copy of this obliterator that measures 4x5 mm.

As this is not mentioned in either C.P. or S.G. catalogues, I should like to know if any other member has found this second type of obliterator, or if anyone could throw any light on this variety. It appears to be a true measurement and does not show any sign of stretching.

Information please to:-

Mr. J.E. Young,
15, Spaldwick Road,
Stow Longa,
Hunts. PE 18 OTL.

PHILYMPIA MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23rd 1970.

There were 64 members and 22 visitors present when our President, H. La Coste Bartrop introduced the visiting Speakers.

J.J. Bishop of New Zealand opened with a short talk on the proposed exchange of information, knowledge, research and in fact, all matters that would further the interest of New Zealand Philately, between The Royal Society of New Zealand and our own New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

He pointed out the manner in which this might benefit both Societies, in more ways than one, and he expressed the hope that we should be in the position to see our way clear in bringing this about in the not too distant future.

Then followed in this order, Marcel C. Stanley, New Zealand, R.F. Odenweller, U.S.A. and G.G. Fisher U.S.A. who entertained the gathering with most unusual material.

There is no write-up on the displays by these members, as each of them has promised to furnish the Secretary with a summary, in their own words, of the material shown. These summaries will be published as received, it is hoped very soon.

After the displays had received the attention deserved from all present, the rest of the time available was given over to free and easy merger between members and visitors, a most happy ending to a memorable meeting.

May I just say "Thank you" to all those that made the effort to be present to greet those Speakers who had carried gems of their collections from so far afield for our pleasure. It will always be a thrill to recall that one was there at this historic meeting.

Cyril A. Gilders.

NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE

MINISTERIAL PRESS STATEMENT

The stamp programme for the first six months of 1971 was announced today by the Postmaster-General (Hon. Allan McCready). During this period four commemorative issues, featuring important events of both international and national interest will be released, and the programme also includes two further stages of the new definitive stamp issue.

Details of the programme are:-

- 20th January. Definitive Stamps - Maori artifacts designs. 15c, 18c and 20c.
- 10th February. 50th Anniversary of the Country Women's Institutes and Rotary International in New Zealand - 2 stamps.
- 3rd March. One Ton Cup Yachting - 2 stamps. The One Ton Cup was won for New Zealand in 1968 by the yacht Rainbow II racing against international competition in European waters. The issue will be released when the next race is being held in New Zealand.
- 14th April. Definitive Stamps - National Parks designs 25c, 28c, 30c and 50c.
- 12th May. Centenary Issue, commemorating the centenaries of Auckland City, Invercargill and Palmerston North. 3 stamps.
- 9th June. 25th Anniversary of U.N.I.C.E.F. and the 10th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty (2 stamps).

Mr. McCready added, that further details of all issues will be announced at a later date.

E.N. BARTON,
Hon. "KIWI" Editor.