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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR

WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY JANUARY 30th 1971 at 2. p.m.

AT THE

SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON.

SUBJECT: - 1st PICTORIALS and the
1d UNIVERSALS

By. MICHAEL BURBERRY.

A TREAT IS IN STORE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN
ATTEND.

RESUME OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 28th NOVEMBER 1970.

The A.G.M was held on the morning of "KIWI DAY" this year - 48 members attending. The President expressed a warm welcome to new members, and those making their first appearance at a NZSGB meeting.

After confirmation of the Minutes of the 1969 A.G.M., the President, Mr. Harry Bartrop, gave his annual Review of the Society's work and progress during the year.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner, in submitting his Report and Accounts, drew attention to the fact that only the number of entrance fees from new members, coupled with the income from the Packet and the Auction had kept the finances in a fit state to meet the continually increasing costs. The Accounts and Report were adopted and warm thanks expressed for the Treasurer's unstinted service in this difficult Phillypia year.

The Packet Secretary, Mr. Eric Barton, in presenting his Report and the Packet Account, stressed the problems arising from the fall in the number of booklets sent in and said that if each member would make the effort to send in just one booklet a year, most complaints about infrequency of circulation could be overcome. It was still the practice to include new members in the postal list for the next packet to go out, and growth in the membership had not been matched by increased submissions for the packet, although it had increased the percentage of sales.

Mr. Barton said that if contributing members could make up their booklets with emphasis on a particular period, issue or group, and buying members would inform him of their special interests, it would be possible to arrange circuits accordingly. A member suggested that more booklets might be forthcoming if it was permitted to fill up the last two or three pages with non-NZ material, especially GB which was the second interest of many members. As this would require alteration to the standing regulations for the packet, the suggestion was referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Packet Report was adopted, and Mr. Barton thanked not only for his services in this connection, but also for his excellent work as Editor of THE KIWI, and for his generosity in financing the Phillypia special edition.

The Meeting proceeded to elect Officers and Committee for the year, and having been duly nominated in advance as prescribed by the Rules adopted at the last A.G.M., the following were elected:-

President	- Harry L. Bartrop
Vice President and Chairman	- John D. Evans
Vice Chairman	- Michael F. Burberry
Hon. Secretary	- Cyril A. Gilders with Mrs. Rita Gilders as Assistant Hon. Secretary
Hon. Treasurer	- Noel Turner
Hon. Exchange Secretary	- Eric Barton
Hon. Editor	- Eric Barton with Mrs. Gordon Kaye as Assistant Editor.
Auction and Competition Officer	- Warrenne H. Young
Hon. Librarian	- A. Daborn
Hon. Auditor	- Gerald Erskine
Committee:	- Mrs. J.D. Bowstead Mrs. I.J. Willis Royton Heath John Riddell J.L. Watts

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that all the designated Officers as ex officer members of the Committee can attend and vote at all Committee meetings.

Reviving an old custom of the Society, it was agreed that the Hon. and Assistant Secretaries, the Hon. Treasurer, Kiwi Editor, Hon. Auction-Competition Officer, Packet Secretary, should all be relieved of liability to pay the annual subscription while in office, as a gesture of appreciation for the good work they do for the Society.

Following a discussion about the post of Honorary Librarian, which is mentioned in the Rules but has not been implemented for various reasons, the meeting welcomed the offer made by Mr. A. Daborn to take the job and see what progress can be made towards a library service for the members.

Next came the presentation of the Competition Trophies to the 1970 winners:

The Stacey Hooker Cup to Mr. John D. Evans for his lovely showing of the 1863-79 Chalons.

The Paua Shell Bookends to Mr. J.D. Bowstead for his study of the Halfpenny Newspaper issues.

The Kiwi Shield to Mr. N.H. Willis for his Health Stamps.

The Paua Cigarette Box to Mr. T.F. Hughes for his Counter Coils.

The Barton Bowl, for best display by a new member, was also won by Mr. Willis, who lives in Ireland and was not present to receive his trophies in person; his dual success was warmly applauded, as were the other very worthy winners.

Notice of Motion was laid of a proposition to amend Rule 3 to read:-

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Exchange Secretary and an Honorary Editor of the magazine of the Society. All such Officers shall be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Committee shall have power to appoint an assistant or deputy to any of the Executive Officers and to fill any vacancy arising.

It was explained that the effect of this proposed alteration would be to separate the offices of Vice-President and Chairman so that they may be occupied by the same member or by separate members, and to permit the election of additional Vice-Presidents if and when circumstances arise where this is desirable, for instance to retain the benefit of the experience and advice of an executive officer who feels it necessary to relinquish active and arduous duties. Due notice having been given, this proposal may be considered and voted on at the next or any subsequent general meeting.

After the lunch adjournment, the Auction took place. As always, the "House Full" boards were needed, and as always, were not available. Warrenne Young had, as always, done an excellent job of lotting and listing, and Noel Turner as always, was at his entertaining best. It soon became clear that members were aware of the respective merits of appreciating philatelic material and depreciating currency; for some of the lots bidding was excitingly brisk and some thought provoking prices were paid.

During the interval, the draw was made for the decorated cake, generously provided by Mrs. Joan Willis again, and a box of chocolates given by Mr. E.G. Ward. By a stroke of good luck for the Society, the winner was Mr. Dickie, who had travelled from Scotland to attend and apparently did not fancy the idea of conveying the cake 400 miles home, so kindly gave it back to be auctioned for the funds - much to the delight of the Auctioneer-Treasurer.

PROGRAMME FOR 1971.

Saturday	January	30th.	1st Pictorials and 1d Universals. <u>Michael Burberry</u>
Saturday	March	27th.	<u>ANNUAL COMPETITION AND QUIZ.</u>
Wednesday	June	2nd.	Report on the 1960 Pictorial Study Group with Display. <u>Leader J.L. Watts.</u>
Wednesday	July	28th.	Air Mails. Leader: <u>J.D. Bowstead,</u> supported by <u>Mrs. N. Bowstead</u> and <u>Michael Burberry.</u>
Saturday	September	25th	Early Maori Art and 1st and 2nd Sidefaces. <u>H.LaCoste Bartrop - President.</u>
Saturday	November	27th.	<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND</u> <u>AUCTION.</u>

It will be noted that the Meeting and display allocated to Wednesday, May 26th, has now been transferred to a new date, Wednesday, June 2nd. This is unfortunate, but owing to prior bookings at the Shaftesbury Hotel, could not be avoided.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR - 1971.

PRESIDENT	- H. LaCoste Bartrop.
Vice-President and Chairman	- John D. Evans.
Deputy Chairman	- Michael Burberry
Secretary	- Cyril A. Gilders
Assistant Secretary	- Rita Gilders
Treasurer	- Noel Turner
Packet Secretary	- Eric Barton
KIWI Editor	- Eric Barton
Assistant KIWI Editor	- Mrs. Gordon Kaye
Auction Admin Officer & Competition Officer	- Warrenne Young
Publicity Officer	- Phil Evans
Librarian	- Tony Daborn
Auditor	- Gerald Erskine
Committee	- Mrs. Joan Willis Mrs. N. Bowstead Dr. John Riddell Royton Heath J.L. Watts

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1970.

This year we have 64 new members, seven members have resigned, three have died, and our membership now stands at 337. We welcome our new members, and hope they will find true fellowship and happiness in our Society. Increased membership brings new problems in the conduct of our affairs, but greater efficiency also we hope. I must pay tribute to those responsible for the conduct of our Society business, whose work is greatly increased. This year, I would like first of all to thank Eric Barton for the editing of "KIWI", and for his work as Packet Secretary.

For health reasons Eric is considerably restricted in mobility, so that he can seldom attend our meetings, and yet he devotes frequently up to eight hours a day to his work for us! 'KIWI' is the vital link between our members. A prominent New Zealand Philatelist recently wrote to me saying:-

"One of these years I hope to visit Great Britain and attend one of our Society meetings. I know the 'KIWI' is the best news letter I receive!"

Another of our New Zealand members, known personally to many of us, Dr. Ken McNaught, F.R.P.S.N.Z., has been appointed Co-Editor of Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand. The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, P.O. Box 1269, Wellington, New Zealand, requests that any unrecorded items or details of original research be sent to them for inclusion in the new proposed volume.

I bought a few days ago in a Smith bookshop for 2/- a decimal currency calculator which I recommend to you for use when preparing booklets of duplicates for the Packet. By tilting this calculator the decimal equivalent for any amount from 1d to 20/- is instantly indicated.

The large attendance on this Kiwi Day indicates the enthusiasm of members for the Auction. Warrenne Young gives a great deal of time before and after the auction in preparing and settling up the various items, and assists the auction conducted so efficiently by our Treasurer - Noel Turner. Our back-room boys and ladies at Committee meetings have also given us valuable service presided by John Evans whose loyal assistance I much appreciate. Phil Evans has been very generous in providing a meeting place and refreshment for the committee. We thank him for his thoughtful kindness.

We thank all members who have contributed to our meetings and to 'Kiwi' this year. We thank also our devoted Secretary and his wife for their very valuable service to our Society, and Peter Collins for organization of visits to other Societies and publicity. Philatelic highlights recently have been the celebrations in Australasia of Capt. Cook's first voyage of discovery without which, in all probability New Zealand would not have been a British Colony and Dominion, and we should not be here today. Philymphia is acknowledged to have given an impetus to philately, and enticed many distinguished visitors to come from overseas to our homeland. I think we contributed worthily as a Society, and individually.

I deplore the minimal pricing of five new pence in the recently published Gibbons Catalogues which distorts

valuation of common stamps. The alternative could have been a handling charge on stamps catalogued below five new pence to cover the cost of high overheads.

Your committee has arranged a good programme for 1971, subject to your approval, the details of which are given on page 5, and I look forward to the future success of our Society with every confidence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

When I sat down to put this report to paper, I intended to say quite a mouthful. It then dawned on me that all worth saying had, no doubt, been said in other reports in a far better manner than I could have said it. Feeling rather deflated, I have to resort to the old routine, that of offering my sincere thanks to all who have given so much of their leisure time in the interest of the Society, even to coming to town during the past year for Committee meetings on several occasions, these meetings being held on mid-week dates. Here I should like to offer a special 'Thank you' to Phil Evans. He not only provided the premises in which these meetings were held, but as mine host was out of this world. Many thanks, Phil. The increase of Membership is a good sign for the future of New Zealand Philately. We are now quite a large Society of very keen Members who I am pleased to serve. Again we have to congratulate many of our members who have received honours in exhibitions. Knowing the material available, this is not unexpected but none the less of the utmost satisfaction. I cannot let this report finish without a word of praise for those who were responsible for the production of the 'Philympia Kiwi'. The issue has been well received by all who have been privileged to read it. In one philatelic publication it was quoted as a 'must' for all Commonwealth collectors. What more can one ask?

Now one request, at least while I am Secretary. If you have any suggestions, ideas or anything to say at all, please let me have them. It will not only show interest in the workings of the Society, it might be just what the Committee are looking for. All letters answered, and before I hear from the Hon. Treasurer, at my own expense. Our competition last year was one of the best ever. Remember, it will not require too much effort on your part to see that it is even better this year. Full instructions will, as usual, be supplied at a later date.

December 1970.

Cyril A. Gilders.

KIWI REGISTER - DECEMBER 1970

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- J.A. Gregson - 41, Severn Drive, Walton-le-
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- Major G.C. Monk - 173, St. John's Road,
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- H. Marsden - 31, Windermere Road, Hyde,
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- P.F. Werner - 77, Downlands Road,
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RESIGNED:

- Miss V.E. Fudge - 6, Rose Gardens, Bournemouth,
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FLAWS OF THE ONE PENNY DOMINION.

Very early in the 1950s I was attracted to the many plate flaws which appeared in this stamp, and which may have been considered too minor to list in Volume I of Postage Stamps of N.Z. published in 1938. True it is that nine of the obvious flaws were described and some of these in fact, were included in the earlier New Zealand catalogues.

By 1953, I had collected a number of consistant flaws, but barring a few I was unable to plate them. Later that same year, at the Wellington G.P.O. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C.W. Watts and showed him the work I had done. He was genuinely interested and let me see the original two plates besides supplying me with photographs of the reference sheets of imperforate stamps which he had in his office. It was with the aid of these photographs and two complete sheets of stamps plus some larger blocks that I have been able to ascertain the correct plating of over one hundred consistant flaws printed from both plates.

In Volume IV of Postage Stamps of New Zealand, published over twenty years later, there is an expanded description of the plate flaws developed in "Rolling in" the impressions on both plates. These were few in number and of minute size. Their value lies in ones ability to separate stamps of plate 12 which contained five "Rolled in" flaws from those stamps of plate 13.

A much larger field, and to me much more interesting, is the plating of a large number of more prominent flaws, including of course those nine mentioned in the first paragraph. These flaws were no doubt caused by outside objects damaging the plates and from heavy usage over a period of at least seventeen years.

Having all of this in mind, and wondering how much interest there might be among the Society members, I spoke on the subject at the Wednesday Philymphia meeting. Two other members did indicate a keen interest, but perhaps there are others, in which event I shall be delighted to hear from them.

The One Penny Dominion existing under the shadow of the Penny Universal, has received comparatively little attention. This may be warranted, but none-the-less the Dominion flaws offer a pleasant and enticing field for searching as well as perhaps even the prospect of the printing of a monograph.

George G. Fisher.

THE EARLY COLONIAL SETTLERS (5)

by

MRS. GORDON KAYE

Before entering on the larger subject of the Second Maori War, I should like to describe one or two interesting but unrelated covers in my collection.

The first bears the ms. indication O.H.M.S., but never the less is franked with a Two Pence imperforate stamp, cancelled with the 9 in bars of New Plymouth. On the reverse is the unframed datestamp New Plymouth 8 August 1863.

I will struggle with the handwritten Maori indications on the front:-

Addressed to Wia Matara Titipa
Kei Heretaunga
Wellington.

In the lower left hand corner:-

Wia Tuihana
Akuhata 4 1863

There are three Wellington circular unframed datestamps, 17 and 22 August and 12 September 1863 (this last on the back).

Also three coin type datestamps 17 August, 10 and 12 September 1863, with the Control of W I, signifying Normanby, some 40 miles S.E. of New Plymouth.

Across the envelope the direction in large clear handwriting "Try the Hutt Wellington".

It is obvious that several attempts were made by the Wellington Post Office to contact the addressee in the Normanby area and I discovered the following interesting information in Dollimore's "New Zealand Guide":-

"About a mile out of the town (i.e. Normanby) is the site of KETEMARAE, one of the oldest and most venerated settlements in New Zealand, in its day. It was a famous assembly place for the West Coast tribes and here several old war-tracks converged. It was consequently a stop-over place for travellers and a kind of inter-tribal news centre".

Apparently it was expected that Wia Titipa would in due course pass this way. That he did eventually do so seems to be confirmed by the manuscript mention on the

back of the envelope "Ngaronjoneate's letter of 4 August recd. 5 Oct."

My second story concerns the disastrous wreck of H.M.S. "ORPHEUS". This frigate was in eastern waters when she was ordered to proceed to New Zealand on the outbreak of the Second Maori War. I have a cover from Edwin Jenner, Seaman on board her, dated 18th September 1862 and addressed to Brighton. It bears a G.B. one penny red perforated stamp, the concessionary rate for sailors. It is cancelled A86.

The frigate was proceeding to Auckland but on 7th February 1863 she was completely wrecked on the Bar at the entrance to Manukau Harbour.

The news was received in Dunedin on 16th February, when a certain John Smith was just closing the envelope of a letter he had written to his brother, William Martin Smith in London. He wrote on the flap of this envelope: "Very sad news indeed by to-day's mail. Total wreck of the frigate Orpheus at Auckland Harbour. 187 lives lost within sight of port of destination. My brother, these events speak to us. Be ye also ready. Your affec. brother John".

There is a link between the wreck of the "ORPHEUS" and John Chitty Harper, the first Bishop of Christchurch, who arrived from England with his wife and younger children on Christmas Eve 1856. In 1862 they were saddened by the first tragedy to come within their circle when the ship, "LORD RAGLAN" in which their son Paul was travelling to join H.M.S. "ORPHEUS", was lost at sea. It would seem that this young man was destined to find a watery grave since both ships foundered in their turn.

I have a further envelope, dated 9th February 1863, addressed to His Excellency Governor Sir Henry Barkley, Melbourne and marked "Immediate". It bears this superscription "Lt. Token 65th Regt. as to loss of HMS"ORPHEUS" and detailed report. It was received in Melbourne on 27th February 1863.

The P & O steamer "COLOMBO" was wrecked off Minicoy Island, Laccadives, on 19th November 1862. She had on board mails from China, India, New Zealand (picked up at Sydney NSW) and Australia. Most of the mail was salvaged although some was under water for a considerable time before being retrieved. Consequently many of the stamps were washed off.

One of my covers salvaged from this wreck is of particular interest. It is marked "Via Marseilles" and bears the datestamp Auckland 30 September 1862 and a one penny N.Z. Chalon Head with the cancellation of 1 in bars of Auckland.

The other stamps, probably 6d and 2d to complete the 9d rate of up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., were floated off. In the space thus left on the envelope is written in ink pencil "Keep. C. Tebay. No stamps here C.T." This note is in the writing of Mrs. Charlotte Tebay, the first lady to be a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. (Then the London Philatelic Society).

The following is an extract from p.35 of the book "The Royal Philatelic Society, London, 1869 - April 10th 1919, by Baron Percy deWorms, the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Society:-

"On April 22nd (1876) the only lady who ever took a prominent part in the meetings, became a member, Mrs. C. Tebay, of 37, Belgrave Road, S.W. She manifested her interest in the Society by at once permitting its meetings to be held at her residence, and continuing her invitations during the three following years."

Page 49 records:-

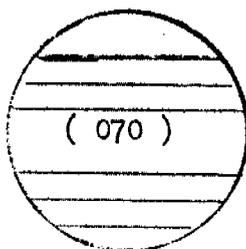
"The death of her only daughter evoked, on November 15th, 1884, a resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Tebay, who after this domestic tragedy seems to have lost her interest in the Society, for she ceased appearing at its meetings though formerly a regular attendant."

THE WELLINGTON "070" CANCELLATION

by

J.D. EVANS

There does not appear at any rate recently to be anything written on this cancellation apart from a brief reference by Dr. K.J.L. Scott in his "Notes on the Early Cancellations of New Zealand" and in Vol. III of the N.Z. Handbook. Both publications agree that in 1865 a double cancellation was placed in use at the Wellington Office. This consisted of a circular date stamp with Wellington N.Z. and beneath the NZ the date in two lines & an oval barred portion with "070" in a bracket between three horizontal bars. An approximate copy of the circular date stamp and obliterator is shown overleaf -



It is generally accepted that the number 7 being one of the distinguishing numbers allocated to Wellington among the brass cancellers sent out in 1854 to New Zealand with the original plates for the first issue of the stamps in July 1855, was flanked by an "0" to fill in the space either side of the "7" in the middle of the obliterator. In passing the other brass canceller allocated to Wellington was 10.

I have not come across any evidence on stamps or covers when the double cancellation was first used in 1865. On page 57 of Volume III the date is No 15 64, but this may be a sketch only; the date in Dr. Scott's Pamphlet is JA.23.66 and this illustration may only be a sketch. Dr. Scott says the double cancellation is seen from 1865 to 1871.

As to the earlier date (1865) we know that the 4d Rose (SG 119) was first issued on 1st June 1865 and I have a copy of this stamp cancelled "070". SG 120 the 4d Yellow was according to Stanley Gibbons Catalogue issued in 1865. It will be remembered that the colour was changed to yellow owing to the similarity of the rose shade in gas light to the 1d value then appearing in shades of carmine-vermilion. It would seem most unlikely that the cancellation was in use before 1st June 1865 from the shades of the 1864-7 issue which I have cancelled "070" on the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 1/- values, and having regard to the shades of these specimens.

Volume III of the N.Z. Handbook illustrates the cancellation in its worn state with date JA.2.73. The latest date I have on a Chalon Head is on a 6d blue S.G.135 dated 14.AP.73 but the double cancellation is seen on the First Side Face issue of 2nd January 1874 and I have it on a 6d blue S.G. 163.

There appears to be little evidence when the double cancellation ceased to be used.

There were of course various and quite rare Wellington cancellations including the letter "W", but quite a common double cancellation illustrated in Volume III with date 26.AU.75 (which may be a sketch only) shews the "W" with three vertical bars either side and between eight horizontal bars. This I have, dated on a strip of 3 of the 2d value in Rose (SG 153) Postmarked 2nd July 1877 but if a similar type of cancellation used at Dunedin is anything to go by the "O70" cancellation was not in use after 24th November 1875 the date of my example of "D" within eight horizontal and three vertical bars on the 6d blue, SG 156.

The "O70" double cancellation is also interesting because it suffered in the course of time from frequent use. I have a cover with London arrival mark 27th May 1867, which shows no wearing of the arc forming the left hand side of the C.D.S. Another cover from Wellington to Christchurch is dated 17th January 1868 from Wellington and the C.D.S. of Christchurch is dated 18th January 1869! Perhaps the Wellington office or indeed the Christchurch office were enjoying very extended New Year celebrations but I would guess that the correct date of posting was 17th January 1869. The C.D.S. on this cover however, shows definite signs of wear, the circle of the C.D.S. on the left hand side loses the contour of the circle and becomes almost straightened, suggesting that the uneven application of the double cancellation on the envelope paper has caused the left hand side to "cave in" due to pressure. These differences can be accentuated with the amount of ink applied, when "stamping" the letter. The same wearing however is clearly shown on a piece I have dated 2nd October 1869. The circular date stamp is "squashed" from a piece I have of the 2d value SG 133 dated 19th October 1871. This evidence definitely suggests that the wearing and deterioration of the left hand arc of the circular date stamp had started either in January 1868 or in January 1869 but I stick to my guess of the later date. Members interested may be able and I hope will comment and add to my researches and improve on them.

From my examples of this cancellation the "dent" or damage to the left hand arc of the C.D.S. had become much more pronounced by a piece I have dated 15th February 1873 - this piece is interesting, not only because the left hand side of the arc is almost straight but also because the cancellation is applied to the 6d Brown SG 122a. It will be remembered that the colour of the 6d value was changed to blue on 1st July 1871, some 19 months before my example.

It is reasonable to assume that for the same reason namely uneven application or pressure wear started on the

extreme right hand side of the double cancellation, namely between the right hand "bracket" of the "070" and the outside line of the oval beyond it.

In this connection Volume III says nothing beyond illustrating WNIA on page 57 in a state on 2nd January 1873 with which my examples certainly do not coincide. The WNIA shows a roughly straight line on the right between the "070" portion of the cancellation (and a bit beyond) dated 2nd January 1873.

From my examples of the cancellation "070" I find some interesting information as to the wearing on the right hand side of the double cancellation. It was certainly not present from the piece above mentioned of the 2d value, I have, dated 19th October 1871 but it certainly is present on a piece I have of the 2d value SG 133 dated 17th September 1872 in that the vertical bar has become one with the oval of the cancellation.

I have also examples of the 2d SG 133a and the 4d SG 120 where the bar on the right hand side of the cancellation was one thick bar and the example already alluded to dated 15th February 1873. The cancellation also appears (i.e. with one thick bar opposite the "070" on the right hand side of the cancellation of "070") on SG 163, the 6d blue perf 10 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ in 1874.

One has been endeavouring to find an approximate history of the '070' C.D.S. and cancellation from its inception in 1865 (at some date as yet not defined) until about 1874 (the date not yet established) and as Wellington has been the capital of New Zealand since about 1865 the use of its main cancellation should be of some interest.

Would members please send any comments on this article to the Editor, or if preferred to me.

John D. Evans.

NOTES ON THE PAGES SHOWN AT THE NZSGB MEETING
(At Philymphia Wednesday 23rd September at 5 p.m.)

by

R.P. ODENWELLER, FRPSL.

The second speaker from overseas to address the NZSGB was Robert P. Odenweller, FRPSL, who prefaced his showing with a few remarks about his collection. Though he had six frames of Chalons in competition at Philymphia, he pointed out that all aspects of New Zealand philately were of interest to him, and in this regard he brought along a sampling of pages from his various collections, in order to have something of interest for everyone. The selection was indeed spontaneous as Mr. Odenweller had an exceptionally busy flight schedule prior to Philymphia and made the choice of pages in a few free minutes prior to departing for his flight for London.

A sampling of covers started the showing with registered postal stationery used with two 1900 1½d Boer War in different combinations including one to France. Early meter marks were seen, with the first type mml on a ½d postal stationery cover (Edw.VII) and a 1914 meter with adhesive and postage due marks to Germany.

World I and II soldiers' letters filled a few pages and four covers with Smiling Boy Health Stamps in various combinations including Christmas Air Mail flights were shown. Mixed franking and postage due combinations, a £1 commercial clipper mail cover, and first day covers of the 1d and 3d King Geo.VI overprints finished the selection of covers.

In the First Sidesfaces two values were shown. The 2d was displayed with all varieties including two distinct shades of the star watermark, blue paper, FFQ cancellations and the perf nearly 12 which Mr. Odenweller pointed out was identifiable primarily by the width of the stamp, the comb perf being quite uniform. Of the 1/- he showed unused one copy of the perf 12½ and 3 unused copies of the perf 10 x 12½. The Second Sidesfaces were represented by pages of the 1d, 3d and 1/- showing the major varieties and shades. In the 1/- group was a perf 12 x 11½ unused with advert on reverse. Also shown was a Lower Right pane of adverts reconstructed.

The showing of the first pictorials featured pages of the 1½d and 4d, the first with a Khaki shade, double perfs (3) and R2 12 re-entry unused and used, while the latter contained a block of 4 with mixed perfs.

Next were the ½d Cook with all varieties unused, the 1d Universal with Perf 11 local plate unused, 1d Dominion with art paper blocks showing lithographed watermark on front and in black on reverse as well as a booklet pane. Flaws on the 1935 issue included the Tekoteko and others. The Pigeon Post issues followed with an unused copy overprinted Marotiri and Pigeongram, a used Pigeongram, 3 singles and a pair of the vermilion Marotiri Islands and two singles of the triangular 6d on flimsy. In the Life Insurance issues could be seen the V R issues complete and the later in a sample with the "HREE" variety. Antarctic expeditions were shown complete and in multiples. The OPSO officials included the only known violet on violet 2d with RPSNZ certificate and a cover with OPSO on 2½d. Officials of later issues were shown complete.

To round out the showing, an array of missing colour varieties included the Poaka "white legs" unused and used, Titian Christmas Stamps missing pink and the 1960 issue with ½d, 1d, 2d and 3d missing a mixture of colours.

RUSSIA - NEW ZEALAND - 1916?

My friend, Dr. Wortman, the expert in Russian Postal History, recently produced for my examination a Russian Cover with New Zealand links. We would very much like to hear from any Member of the Society either here or in New Zealand who may be able to give information on the problems posed by the Cover.

The letter started its journey from Breitovo which is in the Province of Yaroslavl and this is situated some 250 Km to the north east of Moscow. The front bears two cancellations with the name of this town and also a Moscow censor mark. The back of the cover has an official Moscow censor seal together with a Moscow cancellation indicating that the letter left Moscow 26.3.16 which because of the difference in the calendars is our equivalent of the 8th April 1916.

The letter is addressed:-

Sgt. Maj. A.W. Abbey
N.Z.E. Force,
1st Field Cy,
c/o Record Officer,
13, Victoria Street, London. S.W.

and one of the markings on the back of the cover reads, N.Z. Base Depot P.O. 19 AP 16. This is the usual circular mark with the date in the centre in two lines and the wording around the edge.

It should be remembered that the date of this letter is approximately twelve months before the first of the Russian Revolutions of the War period. What we would like to know is whether there was any link between this somewhat obscure town to the north east of Moscow and the New Zealand Forces in this country. It is known that there were military attaches linked with the Russian Forces but the Headquarters of the military operations of Russia would have been several hundred miles away from Breitovo. All members of the Society having any knowledge of New Zealand Forces material, including members in New Zealand, are invited to write to me direct, Noel Turner, Gladstone House, High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6JT with any information that they feel would be of interest. Does anyone else possess correspondence addressed to this particular Sergeant Major so that handwriting and other factors can be compared?

NOEL TURNER.

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE TREASURER.

One of the Members present at the A.G.M. appears to have paid his £1 Subscription without signing the Payment Sheet or putting in the Subscription Demand Form. If any Member recalls having made this mistake, will he please write to Noel Turner as soon as possible.

It has been found by sending a Subscription Demand with the November 'KIWI' a considerable amount of cost is saved, but unfortunately it frequently results in the fact that some Members forget to forward their Subscription together with the form. If these remarks include YOU I shall be very glad to hear from you - with your remittance of course!

OVERSEAS MEMBERS.

We will gladly send 'KIWI' by airmail at an additional cost of 15/- thus making your Subscription 25/- p.a.

A LETTER FROM ROBIN STARTUP.

A couple of years ago Dr. J.D. Riddell published a list of New Zealand Railway Travelling Post Office cancellations in 'The Kiwi' and this was later published, after being fairly extensively updated, in "The Mail Coach". I am planning to reprint this list, with all subsequent amendments and additions in the "Mail Coach" for April 1971, and will send a copy to anyone interested for two International Reply Coupons (posted through one of the R.T.P.O.s if three IRCs are sent). Requests must reach me by 25 March 1971.

A special post office will be open 6-13 January 1971 at Hastings NZ for the Girl Guides "Camp Rangatahi" to celebrate the 60th anniversary of guiding. About 2,000 girls and leaders will be attending.

A post office was open recently 28 October - 3 November for the 7th Far East Scout Conference, Lower Hutt, NZ, and used a rubber datestamp - which is most unusual for New Zealand. Though there was little advance publicity between 7,000 and 8,000 articles were posted through the office, so some collectors somewhere must have been busy.

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Honorary KIWI Editor.

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