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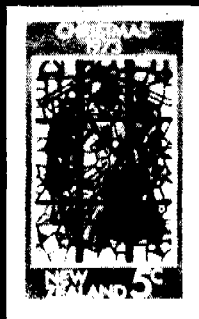
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

KIWI DAY

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 1973

SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, W.C.2

PROGRAMME

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| 11-00 - 11.30 a.m. | - Exhibition of Members Sheets. |
| 11.30 - 12.30 p.m. | - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. |
| 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. | - Viewing of Auction Lots. |
| 1.00 - 2.00 p.m. | - Luncheon in the Hotel Restaurant. |
| 2.00 - 2.30 p.m. | - Final viewing of Auction Lots. |
| 2.30 - 4.00 p.m. | - THE ANNUAL AUCTION.(First Part). |
| 4.00 - 4.30 p.m. | - Tea will be taken. |
| 4.30 - 6.00 p.m. | - The Annual Auction (Second Part). |

Come along as early as possible and avoid the great disappointment of missing any part of this our GREAT DAY.

Notice is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain will be held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London W.C.2. on Saturday 24th November, 1973 to commence at 11.30 a.m. on that day.

Cyril A. Gilders.
Hon. Secretary.

This has been a wonderful year. A new "KIWI", many successes at all levels in competition, a really grand 21st Anniversary celebration, New Zealand Day at the B.P.E. and many new members. What more could one ask?.

Now let us make the Annual General Meeting and Kiwi Day worthy of what has gone before by turning up in your masses to meet as members of THE Society.

We extend to all new members and those attending for the first time a very special welcome. We should also welcome any friends you may have brought with you. You would be most surprised to learn how many friends have ended the day as members.

The Librarian tells me that during 1973 twenty three books have been loaned to members and thirteen of these have been one or other of the five Handbook Volumes. There is a waiting list for these volumes but if you wish to borrow please send your order direct to - A.R.Daborn, 72, Mulgrave Rd., Ealing, London, W.5. 1LE.

AGENDA

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Twenty First A.G.M.
2. To receive the financial report from the Hon. Treasurer.
3. To receive a report from the Hon. Packet Secretary.
4. To elect a President.
5. To elect Vice Presidents.
6. To elect a Chairman.
7. To elect Honorary Officers.
8. To elect a Committee.
9. To consider the programme for 1974.
10. The Presentation of Awards for the Annual Competition of the Society.
11. Any Other Business proper to the Annual General Meeting.

RETIRING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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	Mr. E.G. Ward. Mr. F.G. East.
	Mr. T. Hetherington. Mr. L. Neal
	Mr. K.B. Mann.

NOMINATIONS for the above offices should be made in writing, as soon as possible, to the Hon. Sec. C.A. Gilders, 10, Southspring, Avery Hill, Sidcup Kent. DA 15 8DX. Any nomination must have the prior consent of the member nominated.

Mr. E.N. Barton will not be seeking nomination as Hon. Packet Secretary, and Mr. E.G. Ward will not be seeking nomination to any office.

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 24th November 1973 the Treasurer will propose that with effect from 1st January 1974 -

- (1) The Full Subscription rate for Membership of the Society shall be £2. per annum.
- (2) The dual rate for man and wife Membership shall be abolished.
- (3) The Subscription rate for Overseas Members shall be increased to £1.
- (4) Overseas Members requiring "Kiwi" by air shall pay the Overseas Subscription of £1. plus the additional cost of air postage. (State 1st Class or 2nd Class)
- (5) The Entrance Fee to the Society to remain at 50P.

Note 1: The terms and conditions of our Insurance Policy together with Complications in the matter of V.A.T. make it impossible for us to send the Packet to either Northern Ireland or to Eire. Members residing in any part of Ireland will therefore be regarded as Overseas Members and pay the £1 rate quoted above.

Note 2: With regard to man and wife Membership, if either party pays the full Subscription the other is regarded as a person qualified to enjoy the benefits of Membership. Man and wife can still be recorded as Joint Members but only one "Kiwi" will be sent to any household.

Note 3: With regard to the Entrance Fee it is calculated that the minimum postal and other costs of recording a Member with all Officers and taking up references is approximately 50P.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I cannot permit the Celebration Day of our 21st Anniversary to pass without comment from me as your President. Those members who were fortunate enough to be present will know that the entire day from 11.a.m. until well past 10 p.m. ran with great smoothness to the pleasure and enjoyment of all.

The sincere thanks of myself and our members must be paid to Cyril and Rita Gilders for the enormous amount of work that they put into this event, and also to the members of the Special Committee who gave so much of their time and energy to the duties that had been allocated to them.

The meeting to celebrate our 21st Birthday will go down in the history of the Society as an event never to be forgotten by the members who attended. My thanks to all who participated including those many members who sent donations thereby relieving the Committee of all financial anxiety.

The very handsome Birthday card that was presented to me and my Wife bore the signatures of everyone who was present. It also carried the inscription "Having reached a milestone, we now go marching on" - I am sure that we shall - from strength to strength.

NOEL TURNER.

The Twenty First Anniversary of the New Zealand Society of G. B.

Saturday October 6th 1973 at The Pavours Arms, Page Street, London S.W.1.

Members and friends from many areas of Britain and other parts of the world, attended this the 21st Anniversary of the foundation of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

Philatelic displays in the morning, films and posters in the afternoon and the dinner in the evening were the primary functions of the day.

The philatelic displays were provided by ten members, who had all been active in the Society since its inception, they were ; Noel Turner, Mrs. Gordon - Kaye, N.R. Dawe, P.E. Dewdney P.L. Evans, G.E.G. Hatch J. Hewitt, A.B. Johnston, F.J. Scrivener and A.J. Stephens. Their material covered a broad field from 1855 to the present day. It would be invidious to single out any particular exhibit (it's difficult enough for the judges so who am I to try). All had merit. All had at least one little gem. The item which reached my heart was a pair of Chalons, who had shared one of Mr. Richardson's overlaps. They had been separated by the PostMaster (presumably), discharged their postal function, wandered alone for 73 years and then finally become re-united on the same album page. Also on show were the awards the Society make to the winners of the annual competitions. Most of them have New Zealand connotations. For example, one is made entirely of New Zealand greenstone, a stone noted for the attractive colour and characterised by its hardness and weight.

Colour films and posters of New Zealand life were shown during the afternoon and for the loan of these we are most grateful to the New Zealand High Commissioners Office. They covered a wide field, which included wild life, scenery and cities. What a beautiful country New Zealand is and how we here envy your open countryside. Tea was served during the afternoon and raffle tickets were available for purchase.

The atmosphere, relaxed and friendly extended into the evening. Seventy eight members with their friends and guests sat down to dinner. Table places were printed on New Zealand Department of Education Office Inland postcards. The normal function of these cards is to request the transfer of schoolchildren's personal records from Head Teachers. This includes Medical Records, which reminds me that New Zealand was the first country to depict a school child receiving dental treatment on a postage stamp. This is more than apt for New Zealand was also the first country in the world to pioneer and implement a comprehensive dental service for the children.

The dinner was well cooked (confirmed by a lady whose culinary ability I respect) and tasty, the service prompt and the speeches reasonably short. I was fortunate to sit near George Fisher who had come from the United States of America and whose book on the Penny Dominion is due soon. He tells me he is very pleased with the proofs so the result should be well worth seeing.

The Toasts. The New Zealand Society of Great Britain was proposed by O.W. Newport a well known philatelic editor and writer. He recalled the small gathering of enthusiasts at 44, Fleet Street (The Head Office of the N.P.S.) who discussed the possibilities of forming a Society. He was also able to trace our progress over the last years.

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Noel Turner President of the Society responded to this toast. He covered a wide range of Society matters. Special mention was made of Gerry Erskine, not only as a founder member but also as one of the chief motivators in bringing the idea to fruition. Mention was made of the "Kiwi" Editor and other officers past and present who had given so much of their time for our benefit, and of course he could not but fail to mention the tremendous amount of work done by our late President and friend Harry Bartrop, who unfortunately passed away unable to know that we have survived 21 years.

The guests and ladies were proposed by P.L.Evans. He had several anecdotes to tell. The best of these, true like most good anecdotes are, concerned Dr. McNaught. They complained about his lack of competitive interest, so one year he put in 15 entries and believe or not, won 15 medals.

Lt.Col.S.E.Hands, President of the Royal Philatelic Society responded. He thanked the New Zealand Society for their hospitality and outlined some of the attitudes he found prevalent at the "Royal" when he first became a member and how these may be of use to us.

Dr. McNaught gave the best speech of the whole evening, when he rose to convey a few sincere words and best wishes of all philatelists in New Zealand to the New Zealand Society members.

My final impressions were of a day spent where the individual controlled the environment rather than the environment the individual. This is a necessary prerequisite for most peoples sense of well being. For this we are indebted to the small sub-committee who made this function possible.

IAN FOGG.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs were taken at the 21st Birthday function by our member Roy Mercer. These will be displayed at the Annual General Meeting. They are in black and white and some in colour. We understand that copies can be ordered from Roy at prices that he will quote and there may even be a small margin of profit for the benefit of the "grasping" Treasurer.

We have a number of surplus menu cards quoting the names of the speakers and the officers of the Society and these will be available for sale at the A.G.M. with profit to the Society funds. For what it is worth we understand the President will autograph the cards and the price is 10P. Members unable to attend the A.G.M. and who would like a copy should send their order, with remittance and a stamped addressed envelope size 8½" x 5½" minimum to Noel Turner, Gladstone House, High Road, Wood Green, London N.22 6JT.

Mrs. Gordon-Kaye informs me that the WHAKATANE (ROTORUA POSTAL DISTRICT) which was opened in 1874 and celebrates its centenary on 1st Jan. next is mounting a Post Office exhibit to mark the occasion. This is being organised by the Whakatane Society and they are very anxious to buy or borrow copies of its earliest cancellations, i.e. A/117 and TH/24 these would most likely be found on the side face issues. If any member can help will they please contact Mrs. Kaye at 4, Cresta Gdns. Ferndown, Dorset.

B.P.E. 1973 - A GOOD SHOW FOR NEW ZEALAND

Eleven of our members submitted New Zealand entries and between them they netted two special awards, two silver medals, four bronze-silver medals, four bronze medals and a diploma of merit.

The additional special award given by the Society for the best New Zealand entry in our 21st Anniversary year (But NOT restricted to our members) goes to "Our Rita" - Mrs. C.A. Asst. Sec. Gilders - a well earned award that will surely delight everyone including her fellow competitors.

The other outstanding first try triumph was notched by Alan Rose who won the magnificent Bridger and Kay Trophy for the best 20th Century British or Commonwealth Stamp Exhibit.

There was only one entry of N.Z. Chalons and this was by a non-member of the Society; it was awarded a bronze-silver. Our members entries, in chronological order of subject as they will appear in the Exhibition Catalogue are :-

- Mrs. R. Gilders - 1892/98 Second Sidefaces. Silver Medal and N.Z.S.G.B. Special Award.
Eric Ward - 1893 Second Sidefaces with "Adson" Bronze Medal.
F.G. Fifoot - Penny Universal Bronze Medal.
Capt. B.J. Pratt - Penny Universal Bronze Medal.
C.A. Longworth-James 1929/33 Health Stamps Bronze-Silver Medal.
J.A.W. Smith - Second Pictorials Bronze Medal.
Alan H. Rose - Second Pictorial 1d Kiwi Silver Medal and Bridger and Kay Trophy.
P.L. Evans - Second Pictorials 4d and 5d Bronze - Silver Medal.
A.B. Johnston - 1946 Peace Issue Diploma of Merit.
E.K. Hossell - Q.E.2 Sterling Issues Bronze - Silver Medal.
Frank Hughes - 1960/67 Counter Rolls Bronze - Silver Medal.

There were two other entries of New Zealand by non-members, both receiving Diplomas of Merit.

To all these exhibitors we offer our hearty congratulations and hope that they will try again next year with more success.

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QUIZ

This is something revived from the past which I trust you will find of interest and set your brain thinking for a short while. It is proposed to try this Quiz twice and see the response that is received as to whether it is worthwhile continuing same. There are 12 questions in all which have been set by our member Philip Cockrill and he has generously offered a prize of 6 very nice Great Britain First Day Covers to the first all correct answers opened. Please submit your answers to me by November 22nd latest and the announcement of the winner should be made at the A.G.M. on the 24th. Entries should be sent to E.N. Barton, 11A, Haig Avenue, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset. BH 13 7AJ.

1. On which stamp does N.Z. "Appear" as one island ?
2. A flower now commonly grown in Britain appears on which N.Z. stamps ?
3. What wording appears on the issue for the Hen and Chicken Islands ?
4. Which issue was available for postal use in New Zealand and to Australia only ?
5. How do you connect "DOOPS" with New Zealand stamps ?
6. Two Maori "Head Masks" appear on which New Zealand stamp ?
7. Which New Zealand stamps do you find only postmarked "Greymouth" ?
8. D.F.Kee designed which New Zealand stamps ?
9. What is the connection between "water, light and survival" and New Zealand stamps ?
10. One of the world's most famous religious songs is depicted on which New Zealand stamp ?
11. For what reason were temporary oval rubber postmarks with wording "Special Constables Camp" and relevant place names made ?
12. What was the first official flight with mail (date required) and between which towns in New Zealand ?

The answers to the above Quiz will be given in the January issue of "Kiwi". If anybody else would care to submit 12 questions with answers the Editor will be very pleased to receive them.

NEW ZEALAND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE OFFICES.

F. WATTERS.

This is a new publication by the Postal History Society of New Zealand and is a must for those that collect cancellations. Rerewhakaaitu or Rocky Nook are just two of the odd names that can possibly be found in cancellations on New Zealand Postage Stamps. But names such as these do not appear in lists of Post Offices and have long puzzled Post-mark collectors. In fact these are from Telegram forms or Toll cards that have, either from the rare thefts of bulk material from waste paper or "per favour" have reached the hands of philatelists.

Mr. Watters, who unfortunately became blind during the compilation of this hand book has produced an invaluable reference work for all interested in the philately or Postal History of New Zealand. The work commences with an explanation in laymans language of the evolution of the telegraph and telephone systems with emphasis on the history of tele-communications in New Zealand. The major part of the book lists over 1,700 telegraph and/or telephone offices which did not have associated postal facilities over part or whole of their lives. Details of opening and closing dates, locations etc. are included. Copy available from Librarian.

Library List of Books and Publications available
to members of the N.Z. Society of Gt. Britain.

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26. As 25 but 1973	15p
27. The Philatelist July 1971 (Part 1 of Mrs. Kaye's study of Overlaps and Dwarfs on Richardson Printings)	10p
28. The London Philatelist Oct.Nov.Dec. 1971 Jan.Mar.1972 5 issues	20p
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30. Robeson Lowe Catalogues of Parts 1 & 2 of the R.C.Agabeg Collection Sale	15p
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- b. Kiwi Philymphia Edition September 1970 50p each including Postage.

Both items available from the Hon. Librarian.

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The Dealer and the Collector

by John Watts.

Knowledge of stamps often comes through many years of diligent study, listening and conversation amongst people who are interested in stamps. The people who are new to collecting often feel discouraged that they will never have the depth of understanding that some of the more learned collectors seem to possess. However, I have found generally that except for a very few people the knowledgeable collector has gained his facts from piecing together small items of information from other people and often uses judgement that with the passage of time has to be modified with the availability of more relevant facts.

It is possible to perhaps break down the stamp collectors into two groups - the Professional and the Amateur, in the first category I would like to put the Stamp Dealer. He sometimes collects for genuine interest but eventually livelihood and profit must come first.

As in many other mediums business can be improved if interest is generated by suggestion of value improvements or facts that will attract people to items that they were not aware of before. The stamp magazines are one medium for doing this.

In New Zealand collecting I feel that we should offer thanks to the efforts of Mr. Campbell-Paterson for the presentation that he is making with slides to improve peoples understanding of the Chalons. Because of the value of many of the items covered, the chances of increased business for him is slight, but for the "student" of N.Z. stamps the chances of success in the hunt for fancy Chalon items certainly improves with the new Knowledge.

The following books are available and if you wish to purchase same the order should be sent with your remittance to the Treasurer Postal History Society of N.Z. P.O. Box 1605 Auckland New Zealand.

(Please note that the prices are quoted in New Zealand currency, and enquiry should be made first to ascertain the English equivalent).

1. PICTORIAL AND SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND.

Over the years the New Zealand Post Office has had temporary Post Offices at Exhibitions, Industrial Fairs, Shows, Scout and Guide Camps, and so on. It has also issued pictorial or special date stamps for use at various Post Offices to commemorate some event, which have ranged between an inaugural flight, balloon mails, health camp first days, local centenaries or anniversaries etc.,

The Taranaki Chapter has compiled a book illustrating and listing all the pictorial or special cancellations used in New Zealand and is having this printed by offset. Price \$N.Z.1.00.

2. NEW ZEALAND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE OFFICES by FRANK WATTERS.

This is described in another part of the "Kiwi" and the price is \$ N.Z. 1.25.

3. NEW ZEALAND REGISTRATION MARKINGS. by REV. A.H. VOYCE.

The Society still has copies of this monograph available. This book illustrates and lists in details those rubber and metal stamp marks applied to registered mail being handled in New Zealand, such as the fore-runners to adhesive registration markings irregularly posted, and so on. Price \$ N.Z. 2:25.

NEW ZEALAND SPECIMEN STAMPS.

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Mr. Bishop states that he has recently been shown copies of the Q.E. 3/- 5/- and 10/- stamps bearing a type of specimen overprint which is new to us and about which we can so far find no information. The overprints, which appear to have been made by rubber stamp are in three lines as follows :-
Specimen (13 mms) N.Z.Post (12 mms) Office (8 mms).

Although we have not been able to ascertain the exact source of these items we understand that they possibly came from a collection formed by a man who was a prominent member of Parliament for some years. If any reader is able to supply additional information regarding these stamps and the purpose for which they were overprinted, Mr. Bishop would appreciate hearing from you. His address is J.J.Bishop, P.O.Box 2782 Auckland 1. N.Z.

SOCIETY VISIT A team representing this Society will give a display of New Zealand material to the Epsom and Ewell P.S. on Dec. 17th next. The meeting place of this Society is Bath's Cafe, Municipal Baths, East Street, Epsom, at 8 p.m. A cordial welcome is extended to any member of this Society.

ENFIELD P.S. PRESIDENTS NIGHT. Capt. Pratt has informed me that he made an error in the date of this function. It is March 21st 1974 and not March 14th. Please make this necessary alteration in your diary.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members to the Society :-

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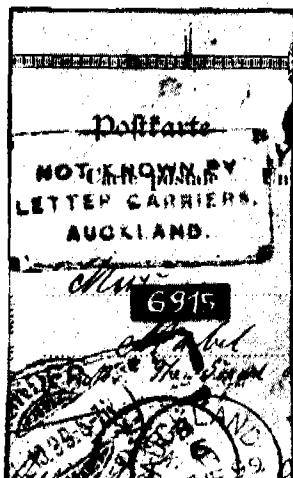
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CHRISTMAS ISSUES

The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand are anxious to obtain any information on Christmas issues for inclusion in Volume 6 of the Handbook which is in the course of preparation. If any member of the Society has made a particular study of these issues it would be appreciated if you will pass the information, however small, to the Secretary of the N.Z.R.P.S. whose address is :- P.O.Box 1269 Wellington NZ.



The following is an extract from a letter received from our member Herr Schmidt of Hamburg. He refers to the article on "returned letter branch markings". He states in the 8th Sale of my namesake in Brunswick (5/11/1971) there was an interesting item offered as lot 6915: (1899, Kabinett-Kart deutsches Reich 10 Pfennig mit sehr seltenem rotem Rahmenstempel 'Not Known By/ Letter Carriers / Auckland' und diversen Unzustellbarstempeln. Estimate DM 65--". A part of the postcard is to be seen herewith. The description of the Lot in English is Deutsches Reich 10 Pf Postal Stationery (Postcard) bearing a very rare red cancel and some other "Undeliverable". Around Auckland c.d.s. confirms the year 1899 being of June '99.

EXTRACTS FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC BULLETIN

If any member is interested in obtaining this bulletin which is issued periodically and contains a lot of useful information they should write to the Marketing Manager Post Office Headquarters, 7-27 Waterloo Quay, Wellington, New Zealand, and just ask to be put on the mailing list.

STAMPS FOR 1974

New Zealand will celebrate its first New Zealand Day on Feb. 6th 1974, and the event will be commemorated with the issue on Feb. 5 of five stamps symbolic of the country's way of life. The set will be produced only in miniature sheet form.

February 6 - New Zealand Day - previously celebrated as Waitangi Day, has been declared a National Public Holiday. It marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi which made New Zealand a British Colony in 1840. The issue will be one of the highlights of New Zealand's 1974 stamp production.

Two sporting events of international significance are to be honoured with a special issue of five stamps on January 9th 1974.

The set, based on designs by Mark Cleverly will commemorate the Xth British Commonwealth Games and the IVth British Commonwealth Paraplegic Games.

On April 3rd there is a commemorative issue of three stamps, two for the centenary of the Universal Postal Union and one stamp for the Centenary of Napier.

New Zealand first joined the U.P.U. with Australia, in a combined Australasian membership, in October 1891. New Zealand became a member in its own right in October 1907.

The U.P.U. has requested all its member countries to release a special stamp to mark the centenary.

The Centenary of Napier commemorative stamp follows the special issues for the centenaries of Auckland, Palmerston North and Invercargill in 1971, the Centenary of Wanganui in 1972 and the centenaries of Thames and Westport in 1973.

On June 5th a thematic issue of four stamps will be released. The Subject is Air Transport in New Zealand. The Transport theme was introduced with the Vintage Car series in February 1972 and continued this year with the Steam Locomotive in April.

The stamps will feature aircraft used during the early days of Air Mail. The Air Mail service in New Zealand had a somewhat chequered beginning. Aeroplanes were first considered for carrying mail at the end of the first World War and in 1919, the late George Bolt made the first experimental mail flight from Auckland to Dargaville.

Next year's Health stamps introduce a new theme. A three stamp issue on August 1 will feature children's pets.

The three Christmas stamps for release on October 2 will consist of the same theme as recent years - the popular, and now internationally familiar, Old Master Reproduction, a picture of one of the country's Church windows, and a symbolic design.

The last issue for 1974 is a set of four stamps continuing with scenes of New Zealand and this one features scenery of offshore islands. Release date December 4.

Bulletin news continued :-

Special pictorial date stamps. THREE SPECIAL pictorial date stamps will be used at Christchurch during the duration of the Commonwealth Games. One commemorating the games themselves will be used throughout the period of the games - 5 Jan - Feb 10 - at the C.P.O.Christchurch to postmark all mail posted from Commonwealth Games venues.

On the day the Commonwealth stamp issue is released, Jan. 9, a special pictorial date stamp replacing the usual Christchurch first day of issue postmark will be used at the Commonwealth Games Village 1974 Post Office to cancel first day covers posted in Christchurch.

On 24th January a special pictorial date stamp will be used at the Commonwealth Games Main Stadium 1974 Post Office to commemorate the opening day of the Games.

The opening day of the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games in Dunedin 13 January, will be commemorated with a special pictorial date stamp to be used at the temporary Post Office being established in Dunedin for this event.

All postings at this office will receive a pictorial postmark.

Details on how to obtain these special pictorial date stamps and the souvenir gift folder will be released along with the stamp information order form leaflet for the Commonwealth Games stamp issue later this year.

MORE ON THE 4C OVERPRINT

In the last bulletin No.9, information was given about the overprinting of the 2½c definitive stamp to 4c, and further information was promised in this bulletin.

The Custodian of stamps commence distributing the final overprints early in May. These stamps were overprinted by the Government Printing Office from surplus stocks of the 2½c stamp held by the Custodian of Stamps. The letter press process was used.

When the stocks of this overprinting are exhausted the Custodian of Stamps will revert to issuing the usual 4c stamp in the 1970 / 71 definitive issue.

PLATE NUMBERS ISSUED ●

1973 Commemoratives:		Steam Locomotives.	
3c	1A1A1A1A *1B1B1B1B	3c	1A1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B1B
4c	*1A1A1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B1B1B	4c	1A1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B1B
5c	1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B1B1B	5c	1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B
6c	1A1A1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B	10c	1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B
8c	1A1A1A1A 1B1B1B1B		
10c	1A1A1A1A1A1A		

* Stocks no longer available from Philatelic Bureau.

WITHDRAWALS You are reminded that the following stamps will be withdrawn on March 31st 1974 :- Lake Scenes 6c 8c 18c 23c . 1973 Commemorative 3c 4c 5c 6c 8c 10c. Locomotives, Frances Hodgkins, 1973 Health set and miniature sheets, all these sets complete will be withdrawn.

PER "GINGER" OF THE ORIGINAL GREAT BARRIER PIGEONGRAM SERVICE ?

by A.G.Mathieson.

Collectors of New Zealand Pigeon Posts will know that, according to J.Reg. Walker's book "New Zealand - The Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post stamps 1898/1908" only one of the two Pigeon Posts concerned operated a regular two way service over the 60 miles between the Great Barrier Island and Auckland, namely Fricker's Great Barrier Pigeongram Agency. The rival Company, the original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service, operated in turn by Mr. J.E.Parkin and S.Holden Howie, was said to have been unsuccessful in its efforts to train birds to fly out to the island, but, nevertheless messages carried to the Barrier by the "Service" do exist. If one is to believe the account given in Walkers book then these messages to the Barrier would have been carried by a pigeon called "Ginger". This unique pigeon was said to fly to and from the Barrier and could be entrusted to convey important messages requiring an immediate reply averaging 3½ hours for the double journey.

Walker relates that "Ginger" was left unattended for some hours after arriving from the Barrier with a message, Howie being busy entertaining visitors. Later an assistant was told to see to the bird which was found to have pecked off the message making it unreadable. The assistant, annoyed by the wanton destruction of the message, promptly struck the pigeon on the head, whereupon it jumped into the air and disappeared. No more was thought of the affair till the following morning when "Ginger" was found in the loft with another message tied to its leg. Apparently "Ginger" had not taken too kindly to being cuffed around the head and in disgust had flown back to the Barrier, where it picked up a further message and through force of habit, had returned to Auckland. Thereafter, whenever a reply was required to be sent to the Barrier "Ginger" would be used to convey the original message to Auckland where it would be kept until a reply was fitted to one of its legs. A light tap on the head and "Ginger" was away back to the Great Barrier Island.

Whether or not you believe this story there is no doubt that messages to the Barrier carried by the "services" pigeons are extremely rare, likewise those of the Agency, though in the latter case it is well documented that a regular two way service operated. The use of the 1/- red triangular stamps and special flimsies is known. To operate a return service relying solely on "Ginger" would be very chancy so I would suggest that Howie succeeded in training several pigeons. Howie made every effort to improve the "Service's" return capability so as to counter the initial advantages gained by the Agency with its advertised two way operation.

I do not have any pigeongrams addressed to the island but the following example sent to a gentleman at the Northern Club in Auckland is particularly interesting as it asks for a return Pigeongram.

Ino Menzies Esq.,
Northern Club, Auckland.

Great Barrier Island,
3 p.m. 24th November 1899.

Dear Sir,

I should esteem it a great favour on your part if you would kindly forward to me per next mail the results of the Auckland Agricultural Show. You can send me a pigeongram and let me know who won the Ladies riding competition as I am greatly interested in that event. Awaiting a return Pigeongram from you.

I remain, Yours etc., C.Werner.