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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1977,  
 AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD,  
 STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

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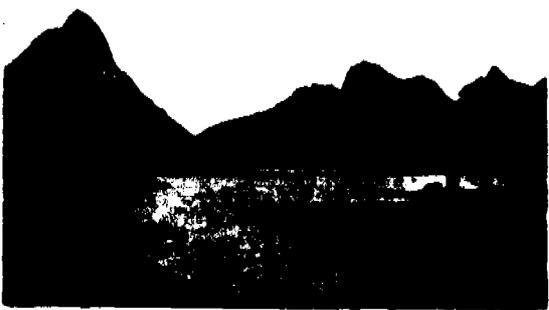
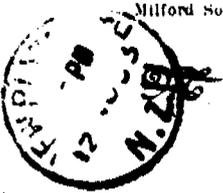


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## EDITORIAL.

Space is at a premium in this issue, so I will try to keep this short. On page 130 of the last Volume of the 'Kiwi' I published details of Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand. The copy for this was made up from the official announcement put out by the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand.

One important item was missing, for which I apologise. The address of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand is P.O. Box 1269, Wellington, New Zealand. Please address all orders to the Hon. Secretary at this address. You have until the end of January to take advantage of the special pre-publication price.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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### MEMBERSHIP

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Congratulations to our member Martyn D. Jackson for the award of a Silver-Bronze Medal in the Junior Class of Italia '76. His entry was of the Second Sideface Issue of New Zealand.

KIWI DAY - SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 1976.

This year we were back at the Shaftesbury Hotel, small, cosy and select. The Annual General Meeting absorbed most of the morning and although this is reported elsewhere in this 'Kiwi' (see below) I want to restate my appeal for material for the Exchange Packet. All exchange packets tend to rely on one or two members who contribute more than the odd book. Our big contributors of yesterday will not have so much available this year. With general Club packets this is no problem - any cheap lot at auction can be bought by any member and put into books. This option is not available to one country societies. The number of lots of New Zealand material in any auction are few, and they are not cheap. So do please try and find the time to sort out your surplus material. The money can be used to further your current interests.

Lunch and the Auction filled the rest of the day. It was nice to see old friends, in particular our ex-Secretary, Cyril Gilders, looking better than ever, accompanied by his wife Rita. Noel Turner and Warrenne Young conducted the Auction with their usual aplomb with lots of female help with raffle tickets. Prices were up as usual. The 1967 Arms perf. 14, 14, 16, 18 and 20 unmounted mint fetched £31. King George V 3/- Admiral fetched £10. 1931 Red Boy fetched £24 - the buyer presumably has the Blue Boy; if not, happy hunting. Thanks go to everybody who helped to make this meeting a success, in particular all those who kindly gave items for auction for the Society's funds, and presents for the raffle.

I.G.FOGG

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THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD, ON SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 1976.

The Meeting was declared open by the Chairman, P.L.Evans, at 11.30 a.m. with 54 members and 4 guests present.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Captain B.J. Pratt, J.W.Smith, E.N.Barton, P.Marks, A.G.Riley, J.G.Evans and A.Rose. Miss R.A.Langman and A.Howie, two members attending their first meeting, were welcomed by the Chairman.

1) Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting which had been circulated in the 'Kiwi' were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2) President's Report.

The President, Noel Turner, congratulated the Society on another successful and exciting year. He made special reference to the work done for the Society by Phil Evans and Douglas Hague. He commented further that the forthcoming year would again be one of hard work for the Officers and asked all members for their support.

3) Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported an increase in the cash balance but warned of the increases in expenditure during the forthcoming year due to inflation.

4) Packet Secretary's Report.

The Packet Secretary reported a further substantial increase in turnover but warned that this could only be maintained if material



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was supplied by members. He asked everyone to try and supply material during the course of the year.

5) Election of a President.

Noel Turner was unanimously re-elected President of the Society.

6) Election of Vice-Presidents.

J.D.Evans, E.N.Barton, M.Burberry and Cyril Gilders were unanimously re-elected Vice-Presidents of the Society.

7) Election of Honorary Officers.

The following were elected Honorary Officers of the Society :-

Hon. Chairman.....	P.L.Evans.
Hon. Vice-Chairman.....	F.G.W.East.
Hon. Secretary.....	T.H.Brock.
Hon. Assistant Secretary.....	D.C.Crow.
Hon. Treasurer.....	B.T.Atkinson.
Hon. Kiwi Editor.....	A.P.Berry.
Hon. Publisher and Advertising Manager.....	E,N.Barton.
Hon. Packet Secretary.....	I.G.Fogg.
Hon. Meetings Reporter.....	I.G.Fogg.
Hon. Auction Officer.....	W.Hasler Young.
Hon. Assistant Auction Officer.....	Mrs. W.Hasler Young.
Hon. Auditor.....	D.S.Hague.
Hon. Auctioneer.....	Noel Turner.
Hon. Public Relations and Publicity Officer.....	D.S.Hague.
Hon. Membership Recorder.....	Noel Turner.

8) Election of a Committee.

L.W.Neel, G.C.Phillips and Mrs. I.J.Willis were re-elected to the Committee. It was agreed that the Officers of the Society would have the power to co-opt any member to the Committee.

9) Programme for 1977.

The following Programme was approved for 1977 :-

Saturday, 29th January, 1977.....	Penny Universals - Dr. Wiggins.
Saturday, 26th March, 1977.....	Annual Competition.
Saturday, 21st May, 1977.....	Jubilee Celebrations.
Wednesday, 27th July, 1977.....	Members Displays.
Saturday, 24th September, 1977.....	The Last Ten Years.
Saturday, 26th November, 1977.....	Kiwi Day.

10) Jubilee Celebrations.

The President outlined the way the Committee had planned to celebrate the Jubilee of the Society in 1977. He asked all members to help the Officers in making it a success.

11) Presentation of Society Awards.

The awards for 1976 were presented by Mrs. Rita Gilders.

Classic Section	:	Noel Turner Trophy - S.Cross-Rudkin.
Runner-up	:	John Evans Trophy - A.Rose.
Modern Section 1	:	Kiwi Shield - E.K.Hossell.
Runner-up	:	Paua Cigarette Box - J.L.Watts.
Modern Section 2	:	Stacey Hooker Cup - J.D.Evans.
Runner-up	:	Paua Book-ends - Mrs. Rita Gilders.
Postal History	:	J.J.Bishop Trophy - J.G.Evans.
Runner-up	:	F.C.Woodruffe.

The Eric Barton Bowl for the best non-trophy winning entry was awarded to J.W.Smith.

12) Library.

It was proposed that the Library should be established in London as the high cost of postage now made the borrowing of books



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401/2	5/- Mount Cook P. 14	£15.00	£12.00	£12.00
424/7	Christchurch Exhibition Set (3)	£70.00	£50.00	£60.00
-	1909 King Edward VII simp. set of 7	£ 7.50	£ 6.00	£ 1.00
536/8	Dunedin Exhibition Set (3)	£14.00	£10.00	£14.00
470/3	Auckland Exhibition Set (3)	£85.00	£70.00	£75.00
-	King George V Definitives simplified set of 15	£ 7.00	£ 5.00	£ 6.00
538a	Dunedin Exhibition 4d. Value 'postagf' error	£20.00	£15.00	£25.00
511/6	1920 Victory Set	£10.00	£ 8.00	£ 7.00
540/2	2/- Admiral (either)	£ 7.00	£ 5.00	£ 3.00
541/3	3/- Admiral (either)	£12.00	£10.00	£10.00

We also wish to purchase good postal history, postal stationery and Health Miniature sheets. In fact, anything in N.Z. philately will be of interest. Please send today, using registered or insured post. Overseas senders please quote VAT number (see above) on label near address, to avoid problems with Customs.

prohibitive. It was pointed out that A.R.Daborn had been forced to move to Lancashire and he had maintained the Library in an excellent manner. It was unanimously agreed that the Library should be established in London and that F.G.W.East should be appointed Hon. Librarian.

It was unanimously approved that a Vote of Thanks be passed to A.R.Daborn for his services to the Society as Librarian. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the transfer of the books from Lancashire to London and the Society to meet any expense incurred.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 12.55 p.m.

### AUCTION REALISATIONS.

Lots sold for the Society Funds realised as follows :-  
 Lot A - 75p; Lot B - 50p; Lot C - 50p; Lot D - £3.00;  
 Lot E - £1.75. A further 11 Lots presented on the day realised a total of £19.45. The Officers of the Society wish to thank all those members who donated these Lots for sale, and all those who donated prizes for the raffle.

There were two errors in the Auction List. Lot 38, described as Mint was in fact Fine Used. Lot 176, described as 1930 Health Stamp was in fact 1929 Health Stamp.

LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT
1 - £ 1.00	31 - £ 2.00	61 - W/D	91 - £ 11.00
2 - £ 1.70	32 - £ 4.10	62 - £ 4.70	92 - £ 2.60
3 - £ 1.00	33 - £ 6.00	63 - £ 4.20	93 - £ 2.20
4 - £ 1.60	34 - £ 4.00	64 - £ 3.20	94 - £ 1.40
5 - £ 1.00	35 - £ 5.50	65 - £ 2.30	95 - £ 2.50
6 - £ 2.10	36 - W/D	66 - £ 2.60	96 - £ 5.80
7 - £ 3.20	37 - £ 4.90	67 - £ 1.50	97 - £ 3.50
8 - £ 3.70	38 - £ 3.00	68 - £ 2.50	98 - £ 5.60
9 - £ 5.60	39 - £ 24.00	69 - £ 4.00	99 - £ 0.75
10 - £ 5.20	40 - £ 3.00	70 - £ 4.20	100 - £ 1.50
11 - £ 0.75	41 - £ 1.30	71 - £ 1.50	101 - £ 2.50
12 - £ 1.60	42 - £ 1.50	72 - £ 5.75	102 - £ 2.90
13 - £ 2.00	43 - £ 1.50	73 - £ 6.00	103 - W/D
14 - £ 0.50	44 - £ 1.70	74 - £ 4.50	104 - £ 1.00
15 - £ 0.75	45 - £ 1.40	75 - £ 2.60	105 - £ 3.60
16 - £ 1.00	46 - W/D	76 - £ 42.00	106 - £ 2.60
17 - £ 1.30	47 - £ 3.00	77 - £ 5.50	107 - £ 1.50
18 - £ 2.50	48 - £ 1.75	78 - £ 2.80	108 - £ 2.60
19 - £ 2.40	49 - £ 3.00	79 - £ 2.70	109 - £ 2.20
20 - £ 1.10	50 - £ 3.00	80 - £ 2.00	110 - £ 1.50
21 - £ 4.00	51 - £ 1.75	81 - £ 3.20	111 - £ 4.25
22 - £ 1.25	52 - £ 1.00	82 - £ 5.25	112 - £ 0.50
23 - £ 1.75	53 - £ 2.00	83 - £ 1.50	113 - £ 3.00
24 - £ 1.00	54 - £ 6.00	84 - £ 4.50	114 - £ 3.40
25 - £ 1.40	55 - £ 3.80	85 - W/D	115 - £ 2.00
26 - £ 2.70	56 - £ 16.00	86 - £ 1.80	116 - W/D
27 - £ 1.60	57 - £ 5.00	87 - £ 2.10	117 - £ 2.10
28 - £ 6.20	58 - £ 1.80	88 - £ 3.10	118 - £ 5.60
29 - W/D	59 - £ 6.80	89 - £ 7.50	119 - £ 4.20
30 - £ 4.20	60 - £ 2.80	90 - W/D	120 - £ 2.10

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One South African 1910 2½d. essay fetched £1,375

The Austrian WIPA sheet brought £1,375

Strips of three Greek 1896 Olympics made £2,625

Strips of four Italian 1870 postage dues fetched £5,750

The Netherlands 1891 5 gulden reached £900 and the 1902 5g. £500, the 1884 Official Document set £4,500 and the 1934 International set made £3,000

The Spanish 1879 set in mint pairs brought £3,000

The severed strip of eight Sicily ½gr. fetched £8,500 and a cover bearing a strip of four and a pair made £15,000. Pairs of the 20gr. and 2gr. on one cover only brought £11,000

A collection of first type Turkey off cover made £7,500

The block of ten Brazil 90 Reis fetched £10,000

A Mexican cover with an Eagle 2r. + French 80c. brought £1,125

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AUCTION REALISATIONS - CONTINUED

LOT		LOT		LOT		LOT	
121	- W/D	136	- £ 3.20	152	- £ 3.00	168	- £ 1.00
122	- W/D	137	- £ 8.25	153	- £ 5.20	169	- £ 2.20
123	- W/D	138	- £ 4.40	154	- W/D	170	- £ 4.00
124	- £ 3.10	139	- £ 4.25	155	- £ 6.20	171	- £ 3.60
125	- £ 4.00	140	- £ 4.25	156	- £ 2.00	172	- £ 3.75
126	- £ 2.50	141	- £ 2.00	157	- £ 3.50	173	- £ 7.50
127	- £ 4.30	142	- £ 1.50	158	- W/D	174	- £ 10.00
128	- £ 4.40	143	- £ 4.75	159	- £ 5.00	175	- £ 10.00
129	- £ 0.75	144	- £ 5.25	160	- £ 2.00	176	- £ 2.00
130	- £ 3.20	145	- £ 1.00	161	- £ 4.40	177	- £ 4.50
131	- £ 2.00	146	- £ 6.75	162	- £ 2.75	178	- £ 31.00
132	- £ 2.30	147	- £ 8.25	163	- £ 3.90	179	- £ 2.00
133	- £ 4.20	148	- £ 2.10	164	- £ 2.60	180	- £ 5.75
134	- £ 4.60	149	- £ 1.00	165	- £ 2.10	181	- £ 7.00
135	- £ 1.50	150	- £ 8.50	166	- £ 1.60	182	- £ 6.75
		151	- W/D	167	- £ 2.70		

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - 21ST MAY, 1977.

This will be a full day meeting commencing at 11.30 a.m. Arrangements have therefore been made for a Buffet Lunch to be served at approximately 1.00 p.m.

The Menu will be as follows :-

Potato Crisps, Gherkins, Nuts, Olives.

Assorted Finger Sandwiches of Chicken,  
Ham, Egg, Cheese and Tomato.

Canapes with Anchovy, Pate and Sardines.

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Assorted Pastries.

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### CLASSIC SECTION.

### AWARDS

Condition.....	30 pts.	Kiwi Shield and
Completeness.....	20 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	25 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	<u>25 pts.</u>	Runner-up :-
	100 pts.	Paua Musical Box

In this section there is a handicap of a 5 per cent deduction from the grand total gained on all "Chalon" entries.

### MODERN SECTION 1.

Condition.....	20 pts.	Stacey Hooker Cup and
Completeness & Rarity..	30 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	25 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	<u>25 pts.</u>	Runner-up :-
	100 pts.	Paua Book Ends

### MODERN SECTION 2.

As Modern Section 1.		Noel Turner Trophy and
		Silver-Gilt Medallion
		Runner-up :-
		John D.Evans Trophy

### POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

Knowledge and personal study displayed.....	40 pts.
Originality and importance of the Exhibit.....	25 pts.
Relative Condition.....	15 pts.
Presentation, including write-up.....	20 pts.

AWARD :- John J.Bishop Trophy and Silver-Gilt Medallion

The Barton Bowl will be awarded, at the discretion of the Judge, to the best non-trophy winning entry showing the greatest merit.

Each entry shall consist of twelve normal sheets, each sheet to be contained within a protective cover and numbered in order of sequence. It is desirable that a short note, of not more than eighty words, should be placed at the back of the first sheet, between the sheet and the plastic cover, giving for the aid of the Judge, the theme of the entry, and calling attention to any items of interest and rarity.

Postal entries should be sent to the Hon. Asst. Secretary :-

D.C.Crow, Esq., 205, Royston Avenue,  
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Such postal entries should arrive with D.C.Crow not later than



Tuesday, 22nd March, 1977.

Entries will be accepted on the day if produced to one of the Society's Officers immediately on arrival, and before judging commences.

Again, all the Officers are hoping for a massive entry in our Jubilee Year, so do all have a go. Good Luck to you all.

EDINBURGH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**EDINBURGH**

GOLDEN JUBILEE 1927-1977



To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Edinburgh Philatelic Society a three day public Exhibition and associated Trade Fair (some forty dealers) is being held in the Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, on 3rd, 4th, and 5th June, 1977. Special Souvenir Covers featuring Edinburgh Castle, and a three-day hand-stamp featuring the Edinburgh Penny Post will be available. A special edition of Stamp Collecting has also been arranged.

Facilities are being offered to Specialist Societies for the purpose of holding Study Circles during the Exhibition. Two have already accepted. So the opportunity offers itself to have a 'Kiwi Day' in Edinburgh during the New Zealand Society of Great Britain's Silver Jubilee year. Long format covers have also been prepared to take any Specialist Society's cachet, tied to the date of the Study Circle.

Should any Northern Member care to organise such an event a full list of Scottish and North of England members may be obtained from our Membership Recorder, Noel Turner.

A.B. Johnstone, of Edinburgh, who supplied this information, regrets that he will be unable to act as organiser, since he is already fully committed with Edinburgh 77 and the Scottish Congress.

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BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1976.

Congratulations to the following members of the Society for their awards at this Exhibition :-

Silver Medal	- M.S. Burberry.
Bronze-Silver Medals	- E.G. Ward, P. Marks.
Bronze Medals	- A.G.G. Riley, A.H. Rose.
Diploma of Merit	- E.K. Hossell.

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APPEAL

At the July Meeting of the Society, our member, Michael Burberry, was the last to depart. Unfortunately, he found that someone had inadvertently picked up his raincoat, leaving their own in its place. Therefore someone, somewhere, has Michael's raincoat, which naturally he would like to have back. Would the members concerned please check in their clothes cupboard, and if they find a raincoat which is not their own contact Michael at 'Rivendale', 12, Hawthorne Road, Bickley, Kent. Tel. No. (01)-467-1042.

## REVIEW

New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue, Part 2 - Lettercards, by R.D.Samuel. Published by the Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society Inc., P.O.Box 29, Christchurch, New Zealand. Available from their Publications Manager, price \$3.25, surface post paid.

This is the second Catalogue in this series to be published, the first part of which dealt with Postcards.

Once again, R.D.Samuel and the Christchurch Philatelic Society are to be congratulated on producing a fine piece of work which deals with the Lettercards of 1895 through to the current issues of 1976. It is well illustrated throughout.

Particular mention must be made of the Queen Victoria Lettercard section. The way in which these have been sorted and identified makes it much easier for the average collector to follow. The note at the foot of page 11 is the key to it all.

The King George V section is well laid out taking up one third of the Catalogue. This is by far the most comprehensive listing that I have ever seen, ranging from the common issues to the overprints of 1923 and overprint varieties of 1932.

Collectors of New Zealand Postal Stationery should make Parts 1 and 2 of this Catalogue a must for their Reference Library.

GEORGE PHILLIPS

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### CHALON HEADS - PEN CANCELLATIONS

This very extensive subject has not so far as I know been referred to in the 'Kiwi' for a very long time, if at all.

We can assume that when no date-stamps were provided at a Post Office, pen and ink were usually the next best method to cancel such adhesive stamps as were used. Without going into details which could not be compressed into a short article, it can be said that the subject was first collected together in Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand in 1955 and having regard to the scarcity of the items which include 291 illustrations, many of which are unidentified as to place, it follows that the subject can only be approached by very small degrees or a limited number of items. Frequently the pen cancellation was from a local Office and the letter or stamp was cancelled with an obliterator or duplex at the nearest main Office.

The following are offered for discussion and elucidation :-

1) The obliterator "20" within eleven horizontal bars was used at Queenstown (page 82 of Volume 111) and transferred to Greymouth in, I assume, 1874 when the Greymouth Postal District was established. I have the 3d. value (SG117) cancelled with the "20" obliterator with pen cancellation "C" not included in Volume 111. Where was this local office "C" which sent its mail to Queenstown to be cancelled "20" as above or after 1874 to Greymouth. It is unlikely that the 3d. value would be in use after 1874 when the "20" obliterator was transferred to Greymouth.

2) The pen cancellation small "w" No. 225A in Volume 111, page 110. I have this on a 6d. Red Brown perf. 12½, SG122. This was used at Windwhistle House, an office opened on 1st July, 1864,

and shown in the New Zealand Gazette as Gorge of the Rakaia. The office closed on 31st December, 1946, according to Volume 111. The stamp has been cancelled with an obliterator but it is impossible to say what this is. New Zealand Post Offices, by R.M.Startup, lists this office as Christchurch, 1864 - 1946, 15 miles S.W. Coalgate. Alternative names in the 1860's Rakaia Gorge, or Gorge of the Rakaia. As the office was closed in 1946, some thirty years ago, it sounds rather a small office with a corresponding scarcity of this pen cancellation. It sounds a bit draughty even to the writer who is used to the English Channel gales on the South Coast. According to our Editor, no further reference to Windwhistle House is to be found in any other publication. Can any further light be thrown on what Windwhistle House was - a Small Town or Settlement, perhaps in the Christchurch District?

3) The pen cancellation "LR" No. 214 on page 105 of Volume 111. This is Little River used in 1871. I have this I think on 2d. Blue SG114 and definitely on 3d. Lilac SG117. There may have been two pen cancellations for reasons later appearing. This office was opened on 1st August, 1867. Both the examples I have were stamped with an obliterator but it is not possible to say which one it is. From New Zealand Post Offices, by R.M.Startup, this office is 36 miles S.E. of Christchurch, and our Editor again assists with the reference to Mail Coach, Volume 1V, page 14, where there is a history of this Post Office. This shows a Centenary in 1967 attended by 300 people. The Post Office was originally in the home of a local settler, William Coop. He was apparently succeeded by G.H.Joblin, a store-keeper, some time before 1st September, 1873. Stamps on outward mails were cancelled by Pen and Ink.

4) The pen cancellation "A" on 1/- Green perf. 12½ 1864-67 issue SG125. The canceller "2" of Russell within eleven horizontal bars, No. 3 on page 35 of Volume 111, has been applied. From covers this canceller was used at Russell. It is known that it is a scarce cancellation and that being so a pen cancellation of a local office from which the letter reached Russell sounds unusual. What and where was the local office?

Members may on looking through their Chalon Heads come across a pen cancellation either on its own or stamped with an obliterator as well. If so, could they send details to our Editor or to me and we will try and find out what they are. I should perhaps add that there are some pen cancellations which are so "blotted out" by the obliterator at the main office that recognition is not possible.

JOHN D. EVANS

EDITOR'S NOTE. In his original article, John Evans described a 3d. Chalon Head, SG117, with pen cancellation "A", No. 227 on page 106 of Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand. This stamp is also cancelled with the obliterator "20" within eleven horizontal bars, as described in section 1) of the article.

In the Pacific Stamp Journal, Volume 23, No. 4, March, 1976, published by John J. Bishop Ltd., a proving cover is described assigning this pen cancellation to AHAURA.

John Evans comments that when the District Office at Greymouth was opened in 1874, the obliterator "20" within eleven horizontal bars was moved from Queenstown. It appears that the 3d. Chalon

Head was still being used, although the First Sideface Stamps were issued on 2nd January, 1874.

Volume III of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand under Greymouth shows the Duplex Cancellation with a date of 1876. Probably therefore the obliterator "20" within eleven horizontal bars was only used for a couple of years or so at Greymouth. Possibly the "A" pen cancellation was used from 1867 when the office at AHAURA is recorded as having opened.

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#### HAVELOCK MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATION

On page 97 of Volume III of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, it states "some examples of manuscript cancellations, which are undoubtedly genuine, have not been illustrated, because the stamps have not been available." Included in the list of offices which follows is Havelock. Illustrated here is a tracing of this manuscript cancellation taken from a 6d. Black-Brown. The office opened on 1st July, 1862.

JOHN ROBBINS

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#### PENNY UNIVERSAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTCARD

These cards and their facsimiles were first mentioned in my article 'Oh No! Not Universals?' published in the 'Kiwi', Volume XXV, No. 4, July, 1976, pages 79 to 80. A follow-up to this was published in the same Volume of the 'Kiwi', No. 6, November, 1976, page 119. In this follow-up article I stated that a well known New Zealand member had made some further comments which I had taken up with him.

This member, Robert Samuel of Christchurch, New Zealand, has given me permission to publish a letter he wrote to me which I consider to be of interest to our members. He writes as follows :-

"Some time ago you wrote to me questioning my belief that the Penny Universal commemorative postcard was scarcer than the facsimile card. Since then I have been giving the matter some thought.

"I have three examples of the facsimile card, and, if my memory serves me correctly, these came from only two different sources. One card was included in the late Mr. F.H.Jackson's Postal Stationery collection, which I acquired; at least one and probably two cards were obtained from my Father-in-Law, whose grandfather was Sir Thomas Mackenzie, a New Zealand political figure at the turn of the century and who later became British High Commissioner for New Zealand and, for a very short spell, Prime Minister.

"You may well be right and the facsimile card may not have had the 'wider distribution' that I had thought, but was probably restricted to Sir Joseph Ward's friends and political colleagues. I must admit that I have only seen one or two cards other than those in my own collection. In any future edition of my postcard catalogue the footnote below the facsimile card will be amended and the item will be repriced. It should at least be on a par with the normal postcard, and future auction realisations may show it to be worth more."

B.J.PRATT

*Havelock  
29/10/62*

## NEW ZEALAND POSTAL HANDSTAMPS.

Many British collectors are not very familiar with the terms used by New Zealand Postal Historians in referring to the various types of New Zealand datestamps. The following is a simplified list of the main types of datestamps which have been used and the names they are known by. Occasionally, one may come across a datestamp which does not conform to any of these types, but such examples are rare.

Some types are normally referred to simply by a letter of the alphabet, e.g. C-type. This derives from a list drawn up some years ago by a group of New Zealand Postal History collectors who decided that it would be a good idea to assign a letter to each major type of datestamp which had been used. The only letters from this list which are still generally used today are A, B, C, and J. Types A, C, and J are the most common classes of New Zealand datestamps. The list which follows is more or less chronological.



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### 1) UNFRAMED CIRCULAR DATESTAMP - Figure 1.

This was the first type in general use. British or Australian made. Issued 1840's - 1850's. Used until about 1860's, and so found only on Chalon Heads, or, of course, pre-stamp covers.

### 2) 1855 ISSUE NUMBERED OBLITERATORS - Figure 2.

Two sets of obliterated of this type, each numbered 1 to 18, were supplied in 1855 by Perkins, Bacon and Co., and distributed to most of the offices then open. Some of these obliterated survived for a very long time, being used as "killers" until well into the 20th Century. Withdrawn from general use by about 1880, so normally found only on Full Face Queens or First Sidefaces. Examples on later stamps have been used as "killers" where the stamps have missed cancellation.

### 3) PROVINCIAL TYPE OBLITERATORS.

Issued 1860's to 1870's. There are many different varieties of this type. The shape may be round, oval or occasionally rectangular. The frame lines are usually horizontal, but a few examples have them vertical. The office indicator in the centre may be

a) just a number, e.g. 8 of Gisborne.

b) a letter indicating the Province, followed by a number, as in the example illustrated as Figure 3. This is C12 of Ashburton, an office in the Canterbury district.

c) with the Chief Post Offices, just a letter, e.g. C of Christchurch. Sometimes this latter type was used attached to a datestamp to make a duplex type postmark similar in appearance to Figure 8.

In addition, there were many distinctive "home-made" types of obliterator from this period, usually the product of an

enterprising country post master who had not been sent a post-marker by the Post Office and who decided to make one himself!



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4) FRAMED CIRCULAR DATESTAMP - Figure 4.

The second type of circular datestamp. Name around the circle, and date in two lines. Issued mid-1850's to early 1860's. Examples from other than the Chief Post Offices are now quite scarce. They exist in several sizes, the example of CLUTHA FERRY being a particularly small type. Incidentally, this office changed its name to BALCLUTHA on 14th November, 1865, just over three weeks later!

5) A-CLASS, OR 'COIN-CIRCLE' TYPE. Figures 5 - 7, 9 - 11.

So called because its size is approximately the same as that of a 1/- coin, although there is nevertheless some variation in the size of A-class datestamps, Figure 10 being a larger type. The other main distinguishing feature of the A-class is that the office name appears in a straight line beneath the letters 'NZ'. The A-class had a very long life - it was on general issue from the 1860's until the early 1900's.

The early types, Figures 5 and 6, showed the date in two lines, the year below the day and month. Figure 5 shows the first type used, issued in the 1860's, though there are few examples of this. Figure 6 shows the next, and first generally issued type, issued in the 1870's. The mail index is at the top, then NZ, then the office name, and finally the date in two lines. Figure 7 shows the next main type, issued in the 1870's, with the mail number now at the foot, a stroke between NZ, and the date in one line. All A-class types from now on had the date in one line.

6) DUPLEX TYPE - Figure 8.

Consisting of an A-class datestamp and oval obliterator joined together. The datestamp part could be removed and used on its own. A-class datestamps of the types shown in Figures 5, 6, and 7 can all be found making up duplex cancellations. Issued 1870's to 1880's to larger offices only. Duplex Cancellations were gradually replaced about 1890's by the Squared Circle type datestamps - see Figure 12. Last used 1904.

7) A-CLASS GENERAL ISSUE FROM 1887 - Figures 9 - 11.

In 1887 a general issue of datestamps was made to all small

offices then open which did not yet have one. This consisted of A-class datestamps of a new type, characterized by small NZ with dot at foot, and the office name in rather small letters - see Figure 9. The mail dispatch is indicated by either letters (A, B, etc.) or by numbers (1, 2, etc.).

It should be pointed out that prior to 1887, many small offices had been open for several years without possessing any kind of postmarking device to cancel mail. The usual procedure in such places was to cancel the stamps on letters by manuscript marking in ink, showing the name of the office, or an abbreviation of it, and the date. In some cases, just the postmaster's initials or a cryptic marking such as a cross was used. This practice continued after 1887 until the first few years of the 20th Century. This was because during these years there were many new country post offices being opened, often at short notice, and datestamps could not always be made ready for them in time. Usually, however, the delay until a datestamp was supplied was not long, so that manuscript markings of this period are difficult to find.

Figures 10 and 11 show subsequent types of the A-class datestamp issued during the 1890's, Figure 10 being a larger size with dot at the middle between NZ, and Figure 11 having spaced N.Z.,

Some of these A-class datestamps had an extremely long life. The last one in use, at MANGAMAIRE, was withdrawn less than two years ago.



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#### 8) SQUARED-CIRCLE TYPE - Figure 12.

There are several different sub-types of this datestamp, introduced at different times for different purposes. The earliest type was issued in the early 1880's to the four main centres, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Later, in the 1890's, a new batch was issued to several larger offices to replace Duplex type cancellations. Later still, during 1903-07, more were issued to new Post Offices (about 80) or to a few existing Post Offices (18) which needed new datestamps. The last surviving example of this datestamp was that used at EUREKA, until it closed in February, 1975.

#### 9) B, OR 'SINGLE CIRCLE' TYPE - Figure 13.

With name around circle and date in one line. There were two main issues of this type. About 1897 to a number of larger offices. A posting time often appears above the date in this type. About 1907 to several new offices - mail dispatch is shown by a number, though this is often omitted.

#### 10) ENGLISH CIRCLE TYPE - Figure 14.

So called because of its similarity to a common type of English datestamp, with inner circle, double outer circle, and heavy black bars at either side of NZ. Date always in two lines, and mail dispatch number, if any, above date. From about 1899 for several

years this was a standard issue to new post offices, such as GOLDEN RIDGE, Figure 14, opened in 1901. It was also issued to replace worn datestamps at this period.

11) CONCENTRIC CIRCLE TYPE - Figure 15.

There are two main varieties. An early type, with three or four circles, was issued to the main centres in the mid-1890's, with either time or mail number above the date. Later, about 1908-09, some of the three ring variety were issued to a few new offices, e.g. TIMATANGA, Figure 15, or as replacement datestamps.



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12) DOUBLE CIRCLE TYPE - Figure 16.

This is an uncommon type of datestamp as a postal cancellation. It was issued principally to Telephone Offices during the 1910's to 1920's, but also to a few Post Offices.

13) PACKET OBLITERATORS - Figures 17 - 18.

In 1909 rubber handstamps were introduced in larger offices to cancel packet mail, and remained in use until the 1930's. The office name was abbreviated to two or three letters. For example, Figure 17 was used at Masterton, and Figure 18 at Wellington. These markings, like the large size PARCELS datestamps of the period, were unpopular with collectors, as the heavy impressions completely obliterate the stamps. Normally found only on King George V stamps.



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14) MODERN DATESTAMPS. TYPE C - Figures 19 - 21, and TYPE J - Figures 22 - 26.

About 1908 there appeared the first datestamps of the general

type which has remained the regular issue until today - that is, types C and J. The two types are identical in general design. The designation C-type indicates that the mail dispatch is expressed by time AM or PM, whereas with the J-type, it is expressed simply by a number, 1 indicating the first dispatch of the day, and so on. The main characteristics that distinguish C and J types from other datestamps are that the office name is always inscribed around the circle, there are arcs on either side of NZ, and the mail dispatch indicator is always on the same line as the date and following it.

The first types issued were small in size, such as Figures 19 and 22. Later, in the late 1930's - 40's, the normal issue was 33 mms to 35 mms in diameter, such as Figures 21 and 26. The types being issued nowadays are generally smaller.

Figure 25 illustrates an experimental type issued to a few offices in 1937 - 38. It is known by the name of 'Blackball' type, after an example issued to the office of that name. It is easily recognised by the inner broken circle.

15) RELIEF OR SKELETON TYPE DATESTAMP - Figure 27.

In 1925, skeleton type datestamps were introduced in New Zealand for emergency use. This type of datestamp consists of a removable face with four slots cut into it to accommodate

- a) the office name, b) the date,
- c) the mail number, if any, d) 'NZ'.

The desired impression is made up from single pieces of type. The advantage of this sort of construction is that a skeleton type can be used at any office where a temporary datestamp is needed. Figure 27, an example from DIAMOND HARBOUR used in 1969, illustrates a common problem with reliefs. The office name was too long to fit into the limited space in the relief, and so had to be abbreviated. Examples of relief datestamps are usually scarce, as they are for the most part in use at any one office for only a few days or weeks.

Finally, I should point out that I have made no mention in these notes of the type of postmark which today cancels approximately 90% of all mail in New Zealand, namely, machine cancellations. Suffice it to say that New Zealand machines are similar in design to British types, that is, with a small circular datehead showing the office name and date, and to the right of this a slogan or other horizontal marking. The first experimental types were introduced about the turn of the century, and were in general use very soon at all the larger offices.

ALAN JACKSON

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## POSTCARDS.

Nowadays as the collecting of Postcards becomes more popular, one tends to look at the old New Zealand views occasionally found with increased interest. These were published by the New Zealand Tourist Board and many private companies, but mostly by that prolific firm of "Muir & Moodie". Who? When? Where?...naturally come to mind, so just a short history to answer these questions.

In 1867 Walter Burton (1836-1880) established a photographic business in Dunedin, representing himself as "...of the firm of John Burton & Sons, Leicester, Birmingham, Derby, Nottingham and Burton on Trent, England - Artist and Photographer..." - although

