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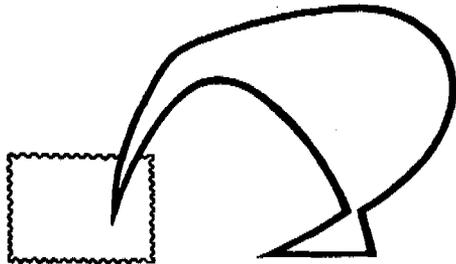
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1978,
AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD,
STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

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Further information is to hand about ZEAPEX '80. A separate Society, the New Zealand Stamp Exhibition Incorporated has been formed from members of various Auckland Societies, under the Chairmanship of Mr. G.J.Ellott. Membership of this Society is now open to supporting members for a subscription of \$NZ10.00. This subscription will cover all bulletins. Supporting members will also get preference on any items of philatelic interest which the Society decides to issue prior and during the Exhibition. Your Editor has a limited number of application forms for membership, and hopes to obtain more. Please send a stamped, addressed envelope to the Editor, should you wish to have one of these forms

EDITORIAL.

It was decided in Committee, after much discussion, that the Silver Jubilee Goblet donated to the Society by F.G.East as a trophy should be awarded each year for the best article published in 'The Kiwi', selected by the Committee with the advice of the Editor.

The trophy was awarded for 1977 to Jim Hill for his article on the Unstamped Aerogrammes of New Zealand.

This article may be taken as a model of research and reporting for a Specialist Journal. The information contained therein is, I am sure, far from complete. But it forms a basis for further research on which others can build.

There must be a limit to the information one can gather on a subject working in isolation. There comes a time when one has to publish the facts so far determined, propound theories based on these facts, and appeal for information to advance the subject further.

'The Kiwi' exists to publish just such articles. Copy is always required. Perhaps the F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet will act as an added incentive to you all to put pen to paper for 'The Kiwi'.

ALLAN P. BERRY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

- G.S.Dickson, 1, Grange Terrace, Letham, Perth,
Tayside, PH1 2JR, Scotland.
I.R.Swanson, 75, Church End Lane, Wickford, Essex.
A.S.Tew, "Bushy", Tye Green, Cressing, Braintree, Essex.

RESIGNED

- H.P.Punter, 25, Portico Lane, Prescott, Merseyside, L35 7JN.
G.R.Sankey, "The George and Dragon", Speldhurst,
Tanbridge Wells, Kent.
P.A.Stockton, 90, Hargrave Road, Shirley,
Solihull, West Midlands.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- O.R.Bowen, Dorsic House, Wilge Road, Claremont, 7700,
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P.E.Thurlow, "Dapplestones", 25, Stow Road, Kimbolton,
Huntingdon, Cambs., PE18 OHU.
(previously of Buckden, Hunts.)
D.Walton, "Scatterstones", 26, Millbeck Green, Collingham,
Nr. Wetherby, Leeds, Yorks.
(previously of Bardsey, Nr. Leeds.)

KIWI DAY - SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 1977.

The morning as is our practice was devoted to the A.G.M. and the afternoon to the Auction, raffle and tea. The intervening period was used for social and philatelic exchange and viewing the auction lots. For those who can view the lots this is a wonderful annual opportunity to see a few of those elusive items which never seem available when you want them.

THE 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD, ON SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 1977.

Our Chairman, Phil Evans, declared the meeting open at 11.32 a.m. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of K.Bain, E.Barton, T.Brock, F.East, R.Greatrex, D.Hague, E.Hossell, G.Hayes, P.Marks, Captain B.J.Pratt, A.Rose and J.Stonehouse. Three members attending their first meeting were made welcome.

1) Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting which had been circulated in 'The Kiwi' were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2) Arising from item 1) above, it was reported that the Library had been returned from Lancashire and would be re-opened as soon as possible.

3) The President's Review.

Noel Turner delivered a wide ranging but concise speech. He commented on the activities of the Society during the year making special mention of the Jubilee Celebrations in May and its attendant display in the window of Stanley Gibbons and show at Romano House. The latter function was opened by The High Commissioner for New Zealand. He thanked all members who had contributed to the success of the Society with emphasis on the individual officers who each gave generously of their time. They stretched from Phil Evans organising in the heart of London to Eric Barton managing production and distribution of 'The Kiwi' in Bournemouth.

4) Treasurer's Report.

Bernard Atkinson commented on the small fall in assets and warned of the continual problem of rising costs. He intimated that there was no immediate problem but continual vigilance was needed.

The report was adopted following a proposal by S.Cross-Rudkin, seconded by J.D.Evans.

5) Packet Secretary's Report.

Ian Fogg outlined a satisfactory year but there had been a 12% fall in turnover. The packet has an insatiable demand for material. Do try and help.

The report was adopted following a proposal by Noel Turner, seconded by Col. G.C.Monk.

6) Election of a President.

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

7) Election of Vice-Presidents.

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

8) Election of Honorary Officers.

The following were elected Honorary Officers of the Society :-

Hon. Chairman.....	P.L.Evans.
Hon. Vice-Chairman.....	S.F.Cross-Rudkin.
Hon. Secretary.....	T.H.Brock.
Hon. Meetings Secretary.....	D.Crow.
Hon. Treasurer.....	B.T.Atkinson.
Hon. Editor of 'The Kiwi'.....	A.P.Berry.
Hon. Publisher and Advertising Manager.....	E.N.Barton.
Hon. Packet Secretary.....	I.G.Fogg.



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- Hon. Meetings Reporter.....I.G.Fogg.
- Hon. Auction Officer.....W.Hasler Young.
- Hon. Assistant Auction Officer.....Mrs.W.Hasler Young.
- Hon. Auditor.....A.Howie.
- Hon. Auctioneer.....Noel Turner.
- Hon. Public Relations and Publicity Officer.....D.S.Hague.
- Hon. Membership Recorder.....Noel Turner.

9) Election of a Committee.

K.Bain, Mrs. J.Donovan, L.W.Neel, G.C.Phillips and Mrs. I.J. Willis were elected.

10) It was proposed by P.L.Evans and seconded by G.E.C.Pratt that John Watts be asked to represent the Society in New Zealand and that he be co-opted onto the Committee for this purpose. This was passed.

11) The dates of the Society's Meetings for 1978 were announced:-
 Saturday, 28th January.....See page 1 of this issue of Kiwi.
 Saturday, 18th March.....Annual Competition.
 Saturday, 20th May.....Mrs. Gordon Kaye - Maori Wars.
 Wednesday, 26th July.....Speaker - Marcel Stanley.
 Saturday, 30th September.....To be arranged.
 Saturday, 25th November.....Kiwi Day, A.G.M. and Auction.

12) Presentation of Society Awards.

The awards for 1977 were presented by Mrs. I.J.Willis.

- Classic Section : Kiwi Shield - M.S.Burberry.
- Runner-up : Paua Musical Box - S.F.Cross-Rudkin.
- Modern Section 1 : Stacey Hooker Cup - J.A.W.Smith.
- Runner-up : Paua Book Ends - G.C.Phillips.
- Modern Section 2 : Noel Turner Trophy - E.K.Hossell.
- Runner-up : John Evans Trophy - J.A.W.Smith.
- Postal History : John J. Bishop Trophy - S.F.Cross-Rudkin.

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

The F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet has been the subject of much discussion. It was finally decided that this should be awarded for the best article published in 'The Kiwi', selected by the Committee with the advice of the Editor.

This year, the F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet was awarded to Jim Hill for his article on the Unstamped Aerogrammes of New Zealand, which contains much information previously unpublished and deals with a subject which has had scant attention in the past.

The Meeting was declared closed at 12.35 p.m.

The afternoon auction was conducted once again by our two stalwarts Noel Turner and Warrenne Young. It was nice to get Betty Mitchell's card and good wishes and with tea and the raffle the afternoon was as enjoyable as ever. Auction prices took their usual twist upwards. The Dunedin set fetched £20.25 and the 1935 Jubilee blocks of four £34. (Four years ago a Dunedin set went for but £2). Thanks go to all those members who contributed lots for club funds and prizes for the raffle. The vote of thanks was proposed by Phil Evans and the Meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

I.G.FOGG

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AUCTION REALISATIONS

LOT			LOT			LOT			LOT		
1	-	£ 1.50	53	-	£ 25.00	105	-	£ 0.75	157	-	W/D
2	-	£ 3.00	54	-	£ 4.50	106	-	£ 4.00	158	-	£ 4.75
3	-	£ 2.00	55	-	£ 6.75	107	-	£ 5.25	159	-	£ 3.50
4	-	£ 2.25	56	-	£ 1.00	108	-	£ 7.25	160	-	£ 8.25
5	-	£ 3.75	57	-	£ 1.60	109	-	£ 6.25	161	-	£ 5.50
6	-	£ 3.50	58	-	£ 1.60	110	-	£ 2.00	162	-	W/D
7	-	£ 2.00	59	-	£ 3.80	111	-	£ 1.75	163	-	£ 4.25
8	-	£ 2.50	60	-	£ 5.25	112	-	£ 9.50	164	-	£ 18.75
9	-	£ 3.00	61	-	£ 11.00	113	-	£ 3.25	165	-	£ 5.00
10	-	£ 2.20	62	-	£ 3.75	114	-	£ 2.25	166	-	£ 6.25
11	-	£ 1.75	63	-	£ 3.25	115	-	£ 3.25	167	-	£ 3.60
12	-	£ 2.25	64	-	£ 3.00	116	-	£ 3.00	168	-	£ 1.00
13	-	£ 6.50	65	-	£ 2.00	117	-	£ 7.25	169	-	£ 6.00
14	-	£ 2.00	66	-	£ 1.75	118	-	£ 1.50	170	-	£ 2.60
15	-	£ 3.50	67	-	£ 1.50	119	-	£ 2.10	171	-	£ 3.25
16	-	£ 3.25	68	-	£ 1.25	120	-	£ 2.75	172	-	£ 1.00
17	-	£ 5.75	69	-	£ 3.00	121	-	£ 4.50	173	-	£ 3.50
18	-	£ 9.25	70	-	£ 1.00	122	-	£ 0.40	174	-	£ 18.25
19	-	£ 7.50	71	-	W/D	123	-	£ 0.20	175	-	£ 3.00
20	-	£ 8.25	72	-	£ 1.00	124	-	£ 2.00	176	-	£ 13.00
21	-	£ 3.00	73	-	£ 4.25	125	-	£ 1.50	177	-	£ 2.25
22	-	£ 5.60	74	-	£ 4.50	126	-	W/D	178	-	£ 1.20
23	-	£ 4.75	75	-	£ 5.25	127	-	W/D	179	-	£ 1.20
24	-	£ 3.25	76	-	W/D	128	-	£ 1.00	180	-	£ 3.00
25	-	£ 1.60	77	-	£ 4.50	129	-	£ 2.50	181	-	£ 4.25
26	-	£ 1.00	78	-	W/D	130	-	£ 1.50	182	-	£ 5.00
27	-	£ 1.25	79	-	W/D	131	-	W/D	183	-	£ 4.25
28	-	£ 1.50	80	-	£ 3.75	132	-	£ 2.25	184	-	£ 4.50
29	-	£ 2.75	81	-	W/D	133	-	£ 3.00	185	-	£ 3.00
30	-	£ 1.50	82	-	£ 2.80	134	-	W/D	186	-	£ 4.00
31	-	£ 3.50	83	-	£ 3.00	135	-	W/D	187	-	£ 2.50
32	-	£ 2.25	84	-	£ 2.75	136	-	W/D	188	-	£ 2.50
33	-	£ 3.50	85	-	£ 3.25	137	-	W/D	189	-	£ 1.30
34	-	£ 1.00	86	-	£ 5.25	138	-	£ 15.50	190	-	£ 34.00
35	-	£ 1.50	87	-	£ 4.50	139	-	£ 12.25	191	-	£ 62.00
36	-	£ 2.75	88	-	£ 2.80	140	-	£ 10.25	192	-	W/D
37	-	£ 4.50	89	-	£ 10.50	141	-	£ 25.00	193	-	£ 0.40
38	-	£ 1.50	90	-	£ 11.25	142	-	£ 6.00	194	-	£ 3.00
39	-	£ 4.00	91	-	£ 2.25	143	-	£ 6.25	195	-	£ 2.00
40	-	£ 4.00	92	-	£ 11.50	144	-	£ 12.00	196	-	£ 3.00
41	-	£ 6.00	93	-	£ 2.00	145	-	£ 4.00	197	-	£ 2.00
42	-	£ 8.75	94	-	£ 2.10	146	-	£ 1.00	198	-	W/D
43	-	£ 3.25	95	-	£ 2.50	147	-	£ 1.60	199	-	W/D
44	-	£ 2.00	96	-	£ 2.30	148	-	£ 3.25	200	-	£ 15.00
45	-	£ 10.25	97	-	£ 3.00	149	-	£ 2.60	201	-	£ 1.50
46	-	£ 3.75	98	-	£ 9.50	150	-	£ 3.50	202	-	£ 0.75
47	-	W/D	99	-	£ 3.00	151	-	£ 2.20	203	-	W/D
48	-	W/D	100	-	£ 8.00	152	-	£ 2.50	204	-	£ 2.00
49	-	£ 5.75	101	-	W/D	153	-	W/D	205	-	£ 1.20
50	-	£ 4.00	102	-	£ 3.50	154	-	£ 6.00	206	-	£ 2.00
51	-	W/D	103	-	W/D	155	-	£ 3.25	207	-	£ 2.00
52	-	£ 26.00	104	-	£ 1.60	156	-	W/D	208	-	£ 5.00

AUCTION REALISATIONS - CONTINUED

LOT		LOT		LOT		LOT	
209	- W/D	222	- £ 13.00	235	- £ 4.50	248	- £ 1.00
210	- £ 5.00	223	- £ 8.00	236	- £ 7.25	249	- £ 9.00
211	- £ 7.50	224	- W/D	237	- £ 7.25	250	- W/D
212	- £ 2.00	225	- W/D	238	- £ 11.00	251	- W/D
213	- W/D	226	- W/D	239	- £ 18.75	252	- W/D
214	- £ 2.50	227	- W/D	240	- £ 20.25	253	- W/D
215	- £ 26.00	228	- £ 20.00	241	- £ 2.40	254	- W/D
216	- £ 1.75	229	- £ 2.50	242	- £ 5.00	255	- W/D
217	- £ 0.60	230	- £ 5.25	243	- £ 4.00	256	- £ 1.00
218	- £ 1.10	231	- £ 4.00	244	- £ 17.00	257	- £ 2.00
219	- £ 0.50	232	- W/D	245	- £ 4.50	258	- £ 5.75
220	- £ 2.50	233	- £ 5.25	246	- £ 7.20	259	- £ 5.75
221	- £ 7.50	234	- £ 4.50	247	- £ 6.25	260	- £ 4.00
						261	- £ 5.75

Lots sold for the Society Funds realised as follows :-

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D - £ 1.00	H - £ 1.60	M - £ 0.50	

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN'S DISPLAY AT
THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Thirty-five of our Members contributed material for the combined display given to The Royal Philatelic Society of London on Thursday, 17th November, 1977. Our Chairman, Philip Evans, worked for many months organising this event and co-ordinating the efforts of the Members who participated and without doubt the display was a signal success. Our thanks are due to Philip and to the thirty-five participants who created a display of New Zealand material that is never likely to be repeated in this country. Remarks made by Members of The Royal who are not Members of the Society were of a highly laudatory nature and the President, Mr. George South, in making his speech of thanks referred to an extremely interesting and balanced display.

A catalogue, 16 pages in 'The Kiwi' size, was prepared for the Show, and a few copies are still available. Any member who would like a copy is requested to send an addressed label stamped 7p. and a remittance of 15p. to the Hon. Secretary, Terry Brock, who was responsible for its production, at the address given on the front page of 'The Kiwi'.

The exhibition in fifty-three twelve page frames began with Pre-adhesive Postal History and ran through all the major issues up to the 1977 Silver Jubilee, taking in on the way the special purpose items such as Coils, Booklets, Postage Dues, Express, Forces Mail, Air, Marine and Railway Posts together with the Commemoratives and Definitives. The display was attended and apparently thoroughly enjoyed by eighty-six Members of The Royal and twenty-six visitors; about twenty-eight of the total being New Zealand Society of Great Britain Members.

We repeat the Society's appreciative thanks to the organiser and

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A special pictorial datestamp was used on all mail posted in a special posting box provided at the opening day of the Bulls 100th Rose Show, on Thursday, 17th November, 1977.

The venue for the function was the Bulls Town Hall.

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The special steel pictorial datestamp will be used again at the Lumsden Post Office to cancel mail carried on the tourist steam train, "Kingston Flyer". The datestamp, which features an AB engine, will be available for the entire period the train will be running, i.e., 19th December 1977 to 27th March, 1978.

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This is the first such conference to be held in New Zealand, the previous ones being held in Australia.

THIRD ASIA-PACIFIC SCOUT JAMBOREE.



A special pictorial datestamp will be used to cancel mail posted at the temporary post office established at the Third Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree at Oamaru for the period 4th to 11th January, 1978.

NEW ZEALAND RECORDS.

The Marcel Stanley collection of New Zealand covers were sold at Robson Lowe's London auction rooms, 50, Pall Mall, on 8th November, 1977, bringing a total of £59,089.

The Soldier's letter from the Waikato Maori War in 1864 written by Private Jonas Bell at Te-Pa-Pa Camp Tauranga went to £1,200.

Among the letters to the United Kingdom the outstanding lots were :-

1858 bearing "London" 1/- bisected, removed and replaced	£1,800
1858 bearing N.Z. 1/- on blue bisected	£6,000
1858 bearing 1/- on blue, pair	£3,000
1862 bearing 1858 1d., 2d. and 6d. strip	£3,750

Among the inland letters the envelope dated 1858 bearing two London 1d. made £15,000 and an 1861 letter bearing the 1d. dull orange brought £1,200.

The Registered Mail included an 1857 letter bearing a London 1/- (£3,000) and the 1862 cover bearing the no watermark 2d. (2) and 6d. (2) which was illustrated on the front cover (£1,000).

THE NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE AT
THE BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1977.

At the British Philatelic Exhibition, 1977, the New Zealand Post Office had a stand where the stamps and coins currently available through the Philatelic Bureaux in New Zealand could be purchased. I was interested to observe that the staff were making occasional use of the cachet illustrated.

D.H.BUNTING of the New Zealand High Commission was kind enough to provide the following information in a letter to the Editor of 'The Kiwi'.

"At the British Philatelic Exhibition you asked me for information on the special cachets that have been used at European philatelic exhibitions on behalf of the New Zealand Post Office.

"During the past year they have been produced for the following exhibitions:-

1. Essen - November, 1976.
2. Amsterdam - May, 1977.
3. San Marino - August, 1977.
4. British Philatelic Exhibition - October, 1977.

"The cachets at the last three exhibitions were all similar apart from the wording.

"The cachets can only be placed alongside postage stamps and must not be used to cancel.

"On the continent they are very popular and few sales are made without the use of the cachet, but in London it is seldom used.

"I understand that cachets are also produced for the exhibitions at which the Post Office is represented in North America."

1977 CHRISTMAS STAMPS - 23 CENT VALUE.

The following letter has been received from our member J.M.SHELTON.

"In the days of my extreme youth the knowledge that Australia and New Zealand were 'down under' produced much hilarity among my equally juvenile colleagues in imagining how normal day-to-day affairs could be carried on in a topsy-turvy fashion. Subsequent exposure to learning, and in particular to the experiments conducted by Sir Isaac Newton beneath an apple tree, enabled me to

believe that, even in New Zealand, life could carry on in a perfectly normal fashion although I have never been fortunate enough to go there to prove it for myself.

"Judge my confusion, therefore, upon the arrival of this year's Christmas Stamps. It is evident that science would have taken a much different road had Sir Isaac made his observations beneath a pear tree in New Zealand for he would have discovered that the fruits grow so strongly upwards that, once the stalks are severed, they must inevitably fly out into space!

"Surely, man must have been on the moon long ago if this discovery had been made sooner?"

THE MOSS METER MACHINE, 1904

Following the publication of the article and illustration of this marking on pages 69, 75 and 76 of Volume XXVI of 'The Kiwi', our member Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT has written as follows :-

The two covers with rubber and metal dies used in the Wellington trials referred to by R.Scarlett in Volume III of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand were self-addressed first day covers posted by C.W.Moore, who gave me photographs and promised to pass these on to me. I had no success with his brother in attempts to locate these after Charles Moore's death and I fear that these may have been lost.

I have a card of 8th July, 1904, and a cover of 8th August, 1904 with this metal die and I know an American collector who has a cover dated 15th August. Other covers are certain to have survived and my guess is that there will be about a dozen in all.

POSTAGE RATES. INTRODUCTION OF "STANDARD LETTER".

New Zealand Postage Rates were increased on 1st October, 1977, as the table shows:-

	LETTERS INLAND	LETTERS U.K.	POST CARD	NEWSPAPER	REGN. FEE	AIRMAIL U.K.	A.L.C. U.K.
1.4.67	4d.	4d.	3d.	3d.	1/6d.	2/3d.	9d.
10.7.67	3c.	3c.	2½c.	2½c.	15c.	22c.	8c.
1.1.68	3c.	3c.	2½c.	2½c.	15c.	28c.	10c.
15.2.71	4c.	4c.	3c.	3c.	18c.	28c.	10c.
1.10.71	4c.	4c.	3c.	3c.	18c.	23c.	10c.
1.2.76	8c.	14c.	7c.	7c.	30c.	30c.	18c.
1.10.77	10c.	16c.	See below.		35c.	35c.	23c.

However a Table hides the main new feature. A "STANDARD LETTER" has been introduced for Inland use with a fixed rate of postage whatever the weight, provided the dimensions lie within a standard. Any oblong envelope that is no smaller than 140 x 90 mms. and no larger than 235 x 120 mms. and up to 5 mms thick (about the thickness of an ordinary cheque book) will qualify, whether sealed or unsealed. This coincides with the conversion of the mail system to Metric weights and measurements.

There is a special rate of 7 cents for Inland Christmas and New Year Cards posted between 15th November and 31st December each year.

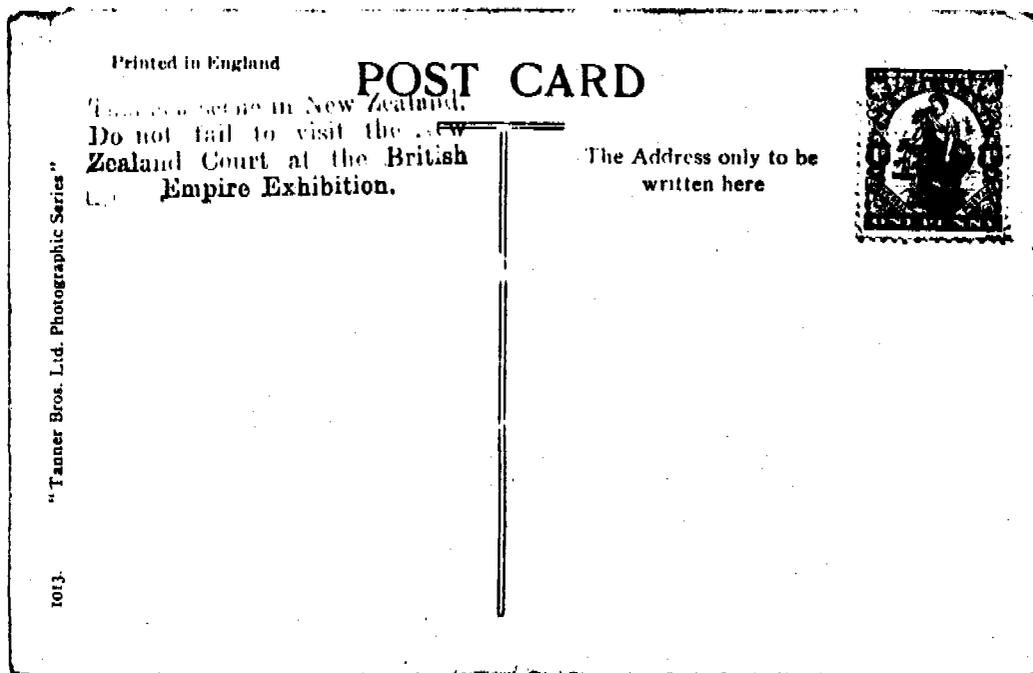
Post Cards no longer have a concessionary rate, and their use must be expected to decline as has happened in the U.K. since the introduction of First and Second Class Mail, whether sealed or unsealed.

Non-Standard letters are charged by weight, starting at 11 cents for up to 100 grams, for larger envelopes, small packets etc., and 13 cents for up to 100 grams for Non-Standard Letters for which letter priority is required.

Newspapers appear to lose their traditional concession rates, as rolled items are chargeable by weight.

G.E.C.PRATT

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.



The reverse of a Postcard is illustrated through the courtesy of our member K.B.MANN. The picture on the front is a photograph entitled 'In Cook Strait, near Wellington, N.Z.' As will be seen, the Postcard was printed in England.

Many means were used to publicise the British Empire Exhibition both in England and in the Countries of the Empire. Your Editor was once lucky enough to see a display based on this subject.

I cannot recall seeing this cachet previously, and along with Ken Mann, I would like to receive any information that any member can give. An immediate question which comes to mind is where was the cachet applied? Was it put on the card in England before it was exported, or in New Zealand after arrival in that country? It is almost certainly not a cachet applied by the Post Office, since although the card bears a stamp, it has not been used.

If any member can give any further information about this cachet, would they please send it to the Editor, who will see that it is passed on to Ken Mann.

CHALON HEADS - PEN CANCELS

Following the publication of various articles on this subject in 'The Kiwi' recently, our member A.B.JOHNSTONE has sent the following tracings taken from Chalon Heads in his collection.

He tells me that these were shown to Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT when he last visited England. The tracings were sent to Dr. McNAUGHT, and his comments, where relevant, are added.

Great³
Mea

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EFH

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1) This is on an 1855 2d. value. It is further cancelled with a portion of bars. A.B.JOHNSTONE suggests that this could be Great Barrier Island, New Zealand, and that the stamp is possibly one of a strip of three. If so, where are the other two? Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT writes that it is unlikely to be Great Barrier Island, as this office was not opened until 1871. There is no office beginning with 'Great' open in 1855-56.

2) This is on an 1862-64 6d. value. There are no other markings on the stamp.

3) This is on an 1864 6d. value. There are no other markings that can be identified on the stamp, a portion of bars only.

4) This is also on an 1864 6d. value. There are no other markings that can be identified on the stamp, a portion of bars only.

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5) This is on an 1871 1d. value. There are no other markings on the stamp.

6) This is on an 1862 1d. value. The stamp is further cancelled with an obliterator 'I' in bars. Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT is unable to identify this manuscript.

7) This is on an 1864 6d. value. There are no other identifiable markings on the stamp, a portion of bars only.

8) This is on an 1871 6d. value. The stamp is further cancelled with an obliterator '20' in bars. Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT writes that the only office on the West Coast with a name beginning with P open at that time was PAROA, just south of Greymouth. There is a very high probability that this is PAROA.

On the subject of manuscript markings on Chalon Heads, our member Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT writes further as follows :-

ROBIN STARTUP concluded ('The Kiwi', Volume XXVI, page 81, No. 4, July, 1977) that the absence of known examples of manuscript

markings from two thirds of the offices which had no date-stamps before 1887 indicates that it may have been regular practice in those days to send mail uncanceled on to the circulating office. This could be correct, but there is another possibility, namely that postmasters at many of these offices merely cancelled the stamps with a date only or with a cross or pattern of lines. Such manuscripts are frequently found and I have been guilty of incinerating more of these frustrating markings on common stamps over the years than I have saved as identifiable markings. I have a considerable number of exasperating part manuscripts or indecipherable markings and I believe most of these are from as yet unidentified offices. These must at least reduce the proportion of the total number of offices which might have despatched mail uncanceled to the nearest circulating office. This certainly was common practice in the late 1850's and early 1860's. I have covers from Raglan and Wangarei with Richardson print stamps obliterated with the Perkins, Bacon 1 in oval of bars and no manuscript marks on the stamps but the office name and date clearly written on the flap of the envelope by the postmaster in red ink, indicating that postage had been prepaid. As Robin has suggested, this practice may have been adopted at many of the smaller offices until date-stamps were provided.

THE LATER NUMBERED OBLITERATORS.

The later numbered obliterators form a series of seven, from '19' to '25', which are allocated in standard works such as Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, to six different places. No less than three are considered to have been transferred to other places at later dates. But the more one studies the matter, the more one feels that the normally accepted scheme of things is less than satisfactory and that a fuller explanation is required. It is hoped in this note to go some way towards providing this, though it will be appreciated that some of the suggestions are highly speculative.

The Type of Obliterator.

All the obliterators which have been seen, from 19 to 24 are of the same type, figures in an oval of 11 bars. Compared with the original obliterators obtained from Perkins Bacon, the bars are thicker and closer to the figures. This is not a particularly good design, since with poor inking and some wear it becomes difficult to make out the figures. It appears that some of the obliterators were cut from soft brass, to judge from the relatively rapid rate at which they wore. In many instances, the two outermost bars, which were thinner than the others, do not register. From the close similarity of the figures, it would appear that all these obliterators were cut by the same hand.

The 25 obliterator is different. The oval has 12 bars, the figures are larger, and the 2 has a serif to the foot. It would seem that it was an independent production of the same general type and not one of the original series.

When Were the Obliterators Issued.

The earliest dates recorded are on covers dated 1865, for numbers 19, 20 and 21. Specimens on imperf. Chalons are rare - I have only ever seen one. This tends to confirm 1865 as the likely

year. This date means that the series must have been authorised by a Provincial Chief Post Office and not at the G.P.O. at Auckland. This important point has been missed hitherto; the implication of the existing treatment of the subject being that the series was a continuation of the original one of 1855, and would consequently be of National and not Provincial issue.

Where Were the Obliterators Issued.

This question has two aspects, which are related.

- i) Which Provincial Postmaster authorised their production?
- ii) At what towns were they issued?

These questions cannot be answered immediately and study of the history of each obliterator is required.

The hitherto accepted pattern of allocation is as follows :-

- 19 Oamaru (1858) later used at Waimate (1863).
- 20 Queenstown (1863) later used at Greymouth (1864).
- 21 Invercargill (1856) later used at Hokitika (1865).
- 22 Maitua (1859).
- 23 Dunstan (1862) later O.23.
- 24 Manuherikia (1867).
- 25 Queenstown (1863).

The dates given are the years in which the respective post offices opened.

This particular allocation is full of unlikelihoods!

- i) The places are split equally between three different provinces :-
 - Otago (Oamaru, Dunstan and Manuherikia)
 - Southland (Invercargill, Queenstown and Maitua)
 - Canterbury (Waimate, Greymouth and Hokitika)
- ii) No less than three obliterators are considered to have been transferred, - in two cases by difficult journeys.
- iii) Several places in both Otago and Southland Provinces were using other obliterators before 1865. It is unlikely that they received a second obliterator, particularly as some of them were only small places.

Other unlikelihoods are mentioned under individual numbers below.

Evidence and its Interpretation.

One of the greatest weaknesses of the current allocation is that nowhere is it stated upon what evidence it is based. Were postmasters' lists used or was the evidence obtained from covers? In the latter case there is always a risk of misinterpretation, especially in the 1860's when local postmasters were mostly untrained and not all offices had a date-stamp. Thus a cover might not receive a back stamp at its town of origin, and if one was later applied at the first transit post office there would be a natural tendency to allocate the obliterator to the transit town. Another cause of confusion can arise from misreading poorly inked obliterators. It would seem that both these misinterpretations have occurred on occasion in the past.

The Doctrine of Inherent Probability.

This doctrine is well known to archaeologists and pre-historians, but it is applicable to other fields of study. It might be argued that interpretation of the matter of New Zealand Provincial obliterators is a form of pre-history! The doctrine is applicable to cases where there is no proof and one must therefore use interpretation. This interpretation is more than mere intelligent

opinion; it must not only take account of what is superficially likely, but should also consider the internal consistency of the evidence.

In interpreting the problem of the second numbered obliterated this doctrine will be used. Naturally, in the event of any proof coming to light subsequently, the interpretations given here will be superceded, if they are not confirmed.

The Individual Obliterators.

19 The hitherto accepted picture is that this was issued to Oamaru, Otago, and was later transferred to Waimate, Canterbury.

It should be mentioned at the outset that in this instance, unlike the others, the physical transfer between the two towns is easy, they being quite close together geographically. Distance cannot be used therefore as an argument against transfer. Nor can it be used as an argument in favour, since most obliterated were never transferred.

Oamaru lay in the very well administered Province of Otago, where the Chief Postmaster issued a long series of obliterated prefixed with the letter 'O'. Oamaru is known to have used the 'O1' obliterated from as early as May, 1862, as can be proved from a cover in my collection. It is very unlikely that a '19' obliterated would be issued in 1865 in a Province where, with the exceptions of Dunedin and Port Chalmers, the consistent 'O' series prevailed.

With one possible exception, all known covers showing the '19' obliterated can be attributed to Waimate. The exception is a cover of 1865 which shows an Oamaru back stamp. Covers routed south from Waimate would pass through Oamaru, and thus acquire such a back stamp. Should for some reason the Waimate back stamp not be shown, either because the postmaster forgot to apply it, or, as is by no means unlikely in 1865, one had not yet been issued to the Waimate post office, a cover could easily be attributed to Oamaru which had not in fact originated there. This could well have occurred in the instance in question.

The 'O1' of Oamaru can easily be misread, usually as '10', but, with a poor strike, as '19'. This may have occurred in some instances.

We can conclude therefore

i) that the '19' obliterated was definitely used at Waimate.

There are many covers proving this from 1867 onwards.

ii) that use at Oamaru is unproven, since existing evidence may have been misinterpreted.

20 The current interpretation of this obliterated having been first issued to Queenstown and then to Greymouth reeks with improbability. In particular, it should be noted that

i) the journey from Queenstown to Greymouth, across the Southern Alps, is arguably the most difficult that one could imagine. There was no through road until 1965 when the Haast Pass road was completed.

ii) it is very unlikely that a small place such as Queenstown should be issued with an obliterated only to have it replaced at an early date by another, especially when the first is transferred into a different Province.

All the evidence indicates that the '20' obliterated was used only at Greymouth. I have a cover dated May, 1866, and Dr. K.J.

McNaught informs me that he has a cover of 1865, with a Grey River back stamp. Whether Queenstown had any obliterator as early as 1865 has yet to be determined.

The '20' obliterator is quite common on the later Chalon issues, and I have one record on an imperf. Chalon.

21 The current interpretation is that this was first issued to Invercargill and then transferred to Hokitika. This is not very likely.

i) The obliterator was in use at Hokitika early in 1865 when the place was still called Okitiki. This is established from a cover in the possession of Dr. K.J.McNaught.

ii) The distance is considerable.

iii) The Southland Province was somewhat short of obl iterators for its post offices. It would have been unlikely for one to have been transferred.

It seems very likely that there has been confusion. Both Hokitika and Invercargill used a '21' in a barred oval. The former was a 'killer' in horizontal bars; the latter was part of a duplex with the figures in vertical bars. Whether the 'killer' part of the duplex was ever used on its own does not appear to be known, but it may have occurred. A record of '21 in barred oval' is thus ambiguous unless the type of bars is specified. That Hokitika later used a 'C 21' duplex can be taken as evidence that confusion had already arisen.

22 It is not certain whether the '22' obliterator even exists. Mataura, to which the number is currently allocated, used an O.22 obliterator. Incomplete strikes could be misread. Also, it is possible for poor strikes of the 'O 2' obliterator to be misread as '22' - I have done this myself.

23 As with the '22', it is not yet certain whether this exists. Dunstan, Otago, used an 'O 23' from an early date.

24 This does exist, but where it was used is uncertain. The allocation to Manuherikia is certainly false. The 'O 24' obliterator is known on cover as early as 1863, and it will then have been used at Manuherikia Junction, opened in 1862. Since this is an 11-barred oval an incomplete strike could easily be misread as being '24', but the 2 is of a very different type to that in the other obl iterators of the unprefix series.

25 The current allocation to Queenstown is correct. As noted near the beginning of this article the obliterator differs from the others in having 12 bars and not 11, and having a 2 with a serif to its foot. It is not certain when this obliterator was issued. The author does not know of any specimen that can be dated reliably earlier than the 1867/8 period.

The Scarcity of the Obl iterators.

Some of these obl iterators are common, other scarce or possibly non-existent.

23 Existence has yet to be proven, but if it exists, this obliterator is rare.

22 Existence has yet to be proven, but the author does recall seeing a specimen in a collection some years ago. However, this may be a case of misinterpretation.

24 One specimen known to the author, on a 4d. value of 1865.

25 Uncommon, but not rare; about 6 specimens seen by the author.

19 Uncommon; about 8 specimens seen by the author.

21 Less common than one might expect. The author has seen about 6 specimens on Chalon issues, and a good strike, showing little wear, on an 1898 1d. value.

20 Quite common on the later Chalon issues. Undoubtedly one of the ten commonest cancellations of this period.

Conclusions.

- 1) '19', '20' and '21' were issued in Canterbury Province to Waimate, Grey River (Greymouth) and Okitiki (Hokitika) respectively. Ascriptions to other places are mistakes.
- 2) '22' and '23' have yet to be proven to exist.
- 3) '24' does exist. Its place of usage is unknown, but it is presumably in the Canterbury Province.
- 4) '25' is a different type, and its current allocation to Queenstown is correct.

Acknowledgements.

Although the bulk of this article is based on data observed at first hand, I am particularly grateful to Dr. K.J.McNaught for authorising me to make use of certain key information in his possession. I am also grateful to him, and to the Editor of 'The Kiwi', for passing on other information on this topic.

JOHN ROBBINS

O.P.S.O. OVERPRINTS.

Following the publication of the brief note on these overprints on page 77 of 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVI, No. 4, July, 1977, two members have written with further information from New Zealand.

Dr. K.J.McNAUGHT and ROBERT SAMUEL both state that the stamps are obviously faked. Collating the information from their letters, the following should be of interest to members.

The letters of the illustrated overprints are the wrong shape. no genuine overprints have such broad O's. Genuine stamps with these overprints were used only at the G.P.O. at Wellington on Post and Telegraph Department mail to foreign countries. The first stamp could not be genuine as the date-stamp is that of Auckland. As B.J.PRATT has indicated, the 1d. Dominion is an impossible variety. There are numerous forgeries.

Most mint stamps are dubious in origin. In the first place they could not be purchased mint. The only "acceptable" mint stamps were really in the nature of proofs or specimens as these were included in some presentation sets and in sets distributed to foreign postal administrations at the time they were produced. Most of the mint stamps in collections appear to have been produced about 1912-14 by a certain dealer-collector who is alleged to have "borrowed" the genuine second rubber stamp and to have run off a large number of stamps including some varieties not yet recorded in used condition. It has been assumed that he did not overprint used stamps, but the possibility remains that some of these are also fictitious.

It is thus easy to understand why in the past these stamps have been treated with deep suspicion by older collectors.

From the U.S.A. our member BOB ODENWELLER writes along the same lines as above. He also adds that this is a typical case of the faker not knowing enough to pull it off!

My thanks to these members for their letters.