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WHOLE 153

#### NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1979, AT THE USUAL TIME

-2.30P.M. -

AND AT THE USUAL PLACE,

THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD, BUT OTHERWISE A LITTLE UNUSUAL.

A JOINT MEETING WITH THE FORCES POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The response to the first announcement has already indicated that this is going to be a very interesting and enjoyable occasion. Do come along and bring whatever you have to show.

50TH ANNIVERSARY FIRST TRANS-TASMAN FLIGHT SPECIAL MAIL



I should like to point out that the pictorial datestamp for the 50th Anniversary of Kingsford Smith's trans-Tasman flight from Blenheim to Sydney on 13/14th October, 1928, contains a glaring inaccuracy. The 'Southern Cross' aircraft is depicted with a set of overwing exhausts which were only

used during its trans-Tasman flight from Gerringong to New Plymouth on 11th January, 1933. These were fitted as it was thought the longer exhausts would improve fuel consumption. Unfortunately, the resultant wind resistance over the upper wing surface caused so much drag that more fuel was used at a very much reduced speed. Tommy Pethybridge, the engineer co-pilot, removed them before the return flight to Australia on the 26th March. John Stannage, in his book 'High Adventure', refers to this when describing incidents about the return flight. In a note passed to him by Pethybridge the following comment was made:-

"Old stub exhausts noisy, but take nothing from airspeed as did overwing exhausts."

Incidentally, this was the Anniversary of the first New Zealand to Australia flight and NOT the First Trans-Tasman Flight which of course took place on the 10/11th September, 1928.

ANDREW MATHIESON

#### EDITORIAL.

Members will be pleased to see that the subscription for 1979 remains at £2.00. Those of you who were present at the A.G.M. will know already that the only reason that this is possible is that the income from other sources during 1978 was so good.

The Officers of the Society look to you all to maintain this excellent state of affairs. Please support the Packet by making up books for Ian Fogg - material is always wanted. Please remember the Auction at the end of the year when you are considering disposing of material - including possible donations for sale on behalf of Society's funds.

Finally, the recurrent plea. Contributions are still needed for 'The Kiwi'. You never know - you may be the recipient of the F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet, which for 1978 was awarded to Andrew Mathieson for his continuing series of articles on the Airmails Across the Tasman.

ALLAN P. BERRY

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

Mrs. Katherine Banbury. Address withheld by request.

D.S.MacLennan, 27, Drummond Gardens, Epsom, Surrey.

D.J.Northover, 46, Spencer Close, Potton, Sandy,

Bedfordshire, SG19 2QY.

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T.M.Ward, 53, Russell Avenue, Wahroonga,

New South Wales 2976, Australia.

A.E.J.West, 9, Bentley Way, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 3RR. DECEASED

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#### + KENNETH J. BAIN. +

The sudden death of Ken Bain on Friday, 24th November, 1978, was a shock to all the Officers of the Society. Ken was elected to our Committee very soon after joining the Society. Here his background in Philately was of great help to us all. We extend our sympathy to his parents, wife and son in their sudden and grievous loss.

A.P.B.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION YET? REMEMBER, IT REMAINS AT £2.00 FOR THIS YEAR. PROMPT RENEWAL REDUCES COSTS FOR THE SOCIETY.

Fourty-two members were present at the commencement of the day's activities, which were once again held at our friendly Shaftesbury Hotel venue. There was a steady influx of members throughout the day, and some sixty people attended the Auction. It is always a pleasure for me to meet so many of our members who live too far away to attend our bi-monthly meetings.

THE 27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD, ON SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 1978.

Our Chairman, Phil Evans, declared the meeting open at 11.30 a.m. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of E.Barton, D.Catford, D.Churchill, D.Crow, C.Gilders, R.Greenwood, K.Mann, G.Monk and G.C.Phillips. Two new members, J.Mackenzie-Calder and D.McLay, and one guest, V.Lawrence, were made welcome.

1) Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting, which had been circulated in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVII, pages 3 and 6, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2) The President's Review.

Noel Turner delivered a concise, but lucid, address, in which he thanked the many people who had contributed to the success of the Society during the year. Individual mention was made of all our Meeting contributors and speakers. That small group of people who are both willing and able to entertain us deserve our great thanks, as without their help no Society could prosper. All the Officers were thanked for their work, most of which is carried on behind the scenes.

3) Treasurer's Report.

Bernard Atkinson reported satisfaction with the general financial position, but intimated that costs continued to rise. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by G.E.C.Pratt, seconded by Mrs. Willis, and passed.

4) Packet Secretary's Report.

Ian Fogg commented that material, both low and high priced, was in continual demand for the Packet. A successful year was completed and support for next year was now wanted. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Noel Turner, seconded by W.Young, and passed.

5) Election of a President.

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

6) Election of Vice-Presidents.

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

7) Honorary Life Member.

It was proposed by Noel Turner and seconded by A.P.Berry that Eric N. Barton be made an Honorary Life Member as some small appreciation of his many years of service to the Society. This was passed unanimously.

8) Executive Officers.

It was intimated in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVII, page 115, that the Office of 'Kiwi Publisher and Advertisement Manager' now be titled

### **ROWLAND HILL CENTENARY AUCTION**

1979 is the Centennial year of Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B.

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Below is a small selection specially chosen for KIWI readers on which your bids are invited. Please advise maximum price you are prepared to pay for any of these lots. Lots will be purchased on your behalf at the lowest possible price commensurate with other bids. Send your bids today or alternatively send 25p for catalogue containing some 500 lots. Postal viewing facilities available on proviso full postal costs met.

473	1913 6d Auckland Exhibition, MM. Cat £150	140.00
401	5/- Mount Cook deep Red, sideways wmk. FU. Cat £75	60.00
<b>4</b> 0∓	Cat £75	80.00
401	with mixed perfs. MM. Cat £80 5/- Deep Red, well centred & sideways wmk. Very lightly MM,	45.00
331	½d Mount Cook pair on Basted Mills paper, Horizontal pair	
312	Kiwi 6d, difficult Scarlet shade, FMM. Cat £18	15.00
289	1899 2/- Milford Sound block of 4, MM. Cat £100	75.00
271	1898 5/- Mount Cook - London printing. FMM. Cat £80	65.00
	1898-1906 PICTORIALS	
245	1/- Deep Red Brown, Pll. FMM.	18.00
244	8d Blue, Pll. Masterton CDS. VFU. Under-catalogued by SG.	12.00
185	1878 QV 2/- Rose, FU. Cat £180	110.00
158	QV 2d Rose, perf mearly 12. FU. Cat £55	25.00
	Cat £250	110.00
157	1874 1/- Green sideface, Pl22. Short corner P.Light MM.	
	Q.V. SIDEFACES	
131a	1871 6d B1ue, Pl0x122. FU. Cat £125	75.00
171_	scarce. MM. Cat £30	20.00
117	1864-7 3d Lilac, $P12\frac{1}{2}$ . Little off centre otherwise fine and	·
96a	1863 2d dull deep Blue, soft paper, Pl3. FU. Cat £110	70.00
15	1858-62 6d Chestnut, 4 margins, FU. Cat £200	50.00
6	1855 (Nov) 1/- Green on blue paper, 4 margins, FU. Cat £1000	350.00
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No.	KG V ISSUES	£
479/95	1915-29 KG V set to 1/-, MM (15) Cat £48	35.00
482	2½d Deep Blue shade, block of 4, UM. Cat £11+	10.00
486	KG V 42d block of 4, LMM. Cat £22+	25.00
487	KG V 5d Light Blue, Pl4x142, block of 4, LMM. Cat £28	25.00
4896	KG V 6d 2 perf vert pairs block of 4, MM. Cat £70+	70.00
490	KG V 7½d marg pane of 9, UM. Cat £40.50+	60.00
491	KGV 8d Blue corner marg pane of 9, UM. Cat £36+	55.00
493a	KG V 9d, P14x13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , block of 4, UM. Cat £24+	25.00
511/7	1920 Victory set incl. 2d surcharge, UM. Cat £40+	45.00
530/4	1925-30 KG V set on Cowan paper, FMM (14)	25.00
531a	1925-30 ld Dominion on Cowan paper, scarce imperf Horizontal	<b></b>
	pair, FU. Cat £28	25.00
532a	KG V 12d, P14x15, superb UM, Cat £20	22.00
534	KG V 3d Deep Chocolate, P14x15, UM. Cat £11+	14.00
536/8	1925 Dunedin set (3) UM. Cat £50	50.00+
536/8	1925 Dunedin Exhibition set with Exhbt CDS's, VFU. Cat £61	60.00
538	4d Dunedin Exhibition vert pair with Exhbt. CDS, VFU.Cat £110	
546	1931 ld+ld Health Smiling Boy, VFU. Cat £75+	70.00
548/50	1931 Air set (3) FMM. Cat £34	25.00
552	1932 Health Hygea, upper marg block of 4, UM. Cat £72+	75.00
553	1933 Health block of 4, 1 stamp mtd. LMM.	38.00
556/69	1935 Pictorials set (14) FMM. Cat £30	20.00
590b 629a	1942 3/- Mt. Egmont, Pl3 $\frac{3}{4}$ xl3 $\frac{1}{2}$ issue, coarse paper, UM.CP L14f 1941 KG VI 2d, inserted '2' var with normal for comparison,	15.00
•	VFU. Cat £170	130.00
ı	QE II ISSUES	
733b/36	1953 QE II 2/6d-10/- in blocks of 4, FM. Cat £198	175.00
763b	1958 QE II 2d surch. error, UM. Cat £75	60.00
763b	2d surcharge error, VFU. Cat £75	65.00
783 V7	1960 2d Kowhai 'Zfaland' flaw, GU.	6.00+
87o/9	1967-69 Decimal Def. set to \$2 in blocks of 4, UM. Cat £84+	75.00
962	1967-69 POHUTU GEYSER \$2, marg block of 4, UM. Cat £32	32.00
	OFFICIAL ISSUES	
0 11	QV 5d sideface optd O.P.S.O.in rose, Good-FU CR. Cat £25+	20.00
0 81	1913 QV 5/- green Official marg block of 4, UM. Cat £240+	275.00
093/98	KG V Recess ptd Official set (6) 1 of each value, FMM.Cat £160	
97	KG V 9d Official, increasingly scarce, Fine UM.	30.00
0141a/9a	1940 Centennial official joined ff's set.SCARCE.UM. Cat £67	80.00+
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'Kiwi Distribution Manager'. It was proposed by A.P.Berry and seconded by E.N.Barton that P.Marks undertake this duty. This was

Other Executive Officers having agreed to serve another term and no other nominations having been received, it was suggested that the following be re-elected en bloc.

- Hon. Editor of 'The Kiwi'......A.P.Berry. Hon. Assistant Auction Officer..........Mrs.W.Hasler Young. Hon. Auditor......A.Howie. Hon. Public Relations and Publicity Officer.........D.S.Hague.
- 9) Election of a Committee.

This was passed.

G.C.Phillips intimated that due to business pressure he could not attend evening committee meetings and therefore had to relinguish his seat.

Mrs. J. Donovan, Mrs. I.J. Willis and L.W. Neel along with A. Howie were elected en bloc.

- 10) Notice of Motion having been given by Noel Turner, seconded by I. Fogg, the following proposal was put before the Meeting.
- "That the Annual Subscription for the United Kingdom Members be raised from £2.00 to £3.00 at the discretion of the Executive Committee and that the Rules shall be amended accordingly." This was passed.
- 11) The dates of the Society's Meetings for 1979 were announced:-Saturday, 27th January......Joint Meeting with the Forces Postal History Society.

Saturday, 31st March......Annual Competition.

Saturday, 19th May.......Displays by Lady Members.

Wednesday, 25th July.....Queen Elizabeth 11 Heads.

Saturday, 29th September .... Life Insurance and Official Mail.

Saturday, 24th November ..... Kiwi Day, A.G.M. and Auction.

12) Presentation of Society Awards.

The awards for 1978 were presented by Mrs. K.Banbury.

Classic Section : Noel Turner Trophy - J.G.Stonehouse.

John Evans Trophy - M.S.Burberry. Runner-up

Modern Section 1 : Kiwi Shield - F. Marks.

Runner-up : Paua Musical Box - D.S.Hague.

Modern Section 2 : Stacey Hooker Cup - S.F.Cross-Rudkin.

Runner-up : Paua Book Ends - P.Marks.

Postal History: John J.Bishop Trophy - J.G.Stonehouse. The Eric Barton Bowl for the best non-trophy winning entry was awarded to J.D.Evans.

The F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best contribution published in 'The Kiwi' was awarded to A.G.Mathieson for his

continuing series of articles on Airmails Across the Tasman. 13) Any Other Business.

It was suggested by P.Marks from the floor that consideration be given for a Sunday Meeting. It was agreed that this would be considered by the Executive Committee.

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

The Auction was as it always is, a success. This was due in no small part to the expertise of our Auctioneer and his Assistants. Realisations were again higher. Looking back over past reports, I see that in 1975, I wrote "It was interesting to note that the Dunedin set fetched £9.00 - last year one sold for £2.00." Well, this year it fetched £33.00. Another high flyer was the 3/-Admiral - an unhinged mint copy fetched £42.00. Thanks again go to all those people who helped make the day a success, in particular the generous donations to the raffle and Lots sold on behalf of Society Funds. Also, to Betty Mitchell for her good wishes from Cornwall. To you all, a Happy and Prosperous 1979.

IAN FOGG

#### BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1978.

Congratulations to the following Members who gained awards in the British Philatelic Exhibition, 1978.

Silver Medal

- A.G.G.Riley.

Bronze-Silver Medal - S.F.Cross-Rudkin.

Bronze Medals

- J.D. Evans, P. Marks, J.F. Shaw,

J.A.W.Smith, E.G.Ward.

In the Junior Class, our member M.Jackson was awarded a Silver Medal.



The New Zealand Post Office had a stand at the Exhibition this year. On request, the cachet shown was used. This is similar in design to the one used at CAPEX in Toronto, Canada, which was illustrated on page 87 of Volume XXVII of 'The Kiwi'.

Mention of CAPEX '78 allows me to convey belated congratulations to our Member Bob Odenweller on the award of a Large Gold Medal at this Exhibition.

#### ANNUAL COMPETITION

In 1979, this will be held on Saturday, 31st March, at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London, WC2H 9HD. The details of the classes, and the magnificent awards to be won, are as follows :-

#### CLASSIC SECTION.

#### AWARDS

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

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Presentation25 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge25 pts.	Runner-up :-
100 pts.	John D. Evans Trophy

#### MODERN SECTION 2.

As Modern Section 1.

Kiwi Shield and
Silver-Gilt Medallion
Runner-up:Paua Musical Box

#### POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

Knowledge and personal study displayed40 p	pts.
Originality and importance of the Exhibit	
Relative Condition15 p	pts.
Presentation, including write-up	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. General Secretary:-

T.H.Brock, Esq., 26, Old Cross, Hertford, SG14 1RD.

Such postal entries should arrive with Terry Brock not later than <u>Tuesday</u>, 27th March, 1979.

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

Once again, all Officers of the Society are hoping for a massive entry, so do have a go. Good Luck to you all.

#### SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

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16 - £ 1.50	68 - £ 2.25	120 - £ 6.00	172 - W/D
17 - £ 1.50	60 <u> </u>	121 - £ 2.75	173 – ₤ 2.25
18 - £ 2.25	70 - £ 16.50	122 - £ 9.00	174 - £ 5.00
19 - € 1.00	71 - £ 6-25 l	123 - £ 50.00	175 - £ 4.00
20 - £ 1.00	72 - £ 5.50	124 - W/D	176 <b>-</b> £ 9.00
21 - £ 1.50	73 - £ 3.00	125 - W/D	177 - £ 1.00
22 - £ 2.25	74 - £ 5.75	126 - £ 6.00	178 - W/D
23 - £ 1.75	75 - £ 6.50	127 - W/D	179 - £ 2.00
24 - £ 7.50	76 - £ 3.50	128 - W/D	180 - £ 33.00
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37 - £ 10.50	89 - £ 8.00	141 - £ 3.00	193 – £ 6.00
38 - £ 0.75	90 - £ 4.50	142 - £ 2.25	194 - W/D
39 - ₤ 1.25	91 <b>-</b> £ 15.00	143 <b>-</b> £ 1.75	195 - W/D
40 - £ 2.00	92 - £ 26.00	144 - £ 3.25	196 - W/D
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42 - £ 3.00	94 - £ 5.00	146 - £ 10.00	198 - £ 6.00
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47 - £ 1.50	99 - £ 8.50	151 - £ 2.50	203 - £ 4.00
48 - £ 1.00	100 - £ 4.50	152 - W/D	204 = £ 4.25
49 - W/D	101 - £ 1.75	153 - £ 3.25	205 - £ 5.00
50 - W/D	102 - £ 21.00	154 - £ 25.00	206 - £ 1.50
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#### NEW ZEALAND INVASION OF THE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Invited by the President of the Postal History Society to give a display of New Zealand to that well-informed body, Noel Turner exercised his Presidential Prerogative and recruited the support of three other New Zealand Society of Great Britain members - Michael Burberry, John Evans and Douglas Hague.

The result was an absorbing display of wide variety from pre-adhesive entires to air and crash covers, touching inter alia on such topics as Maori Wars, eastward and westward mail routes to the United Kingdom, departmental franks, peripatetic handstamps and so on, with Noel himself closing the show in typical style with items excavated from his Aladdin's cave.

Without doubt, a most successful evening.

F.L.E.

In February or March, 1979, McArthur & Co., of P.O.Box 1988, Wellington, New Zealand, will be conducting an Auction of Postal History material. Our Member, Marcel Stanley, has advised on descriptions. Included will be much previously unknown material. Catalogues will be available for about \$NZ3.50, sent by Air Mail.

#### WINDWHISTLE YET AGAIN!

Our member ROBIN STARTUP adds a small note about this office:"In 1912, Windwhistle Post Office served eight families, with a
sheep station manager as postmaster."

Yet in spite of its small size, this office did not close until 31st December, 1946, according to New Zealand Post Offices.

#### NEW ZEALAND PACKET OBLITERATORS.

The packet obliterators were used from 1909, and no new cancellors were issued after 1935.





A number of different types have been used, and these have been the subject of a number of articles.

- 1. The Cancellations of New Zealand, by R.J.G.Collins. Verne, Collins & Co. Ltd., published in 1926. Pages 46 47, and Plate E.
- 2. The Postage Stamps of New Zealand, Volume 111.
  The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, Inc., published in 1955. Pages 227 228.
- 3. The Mail Coach, Volume 1, number 7.
  The Postal History Society of New Zealand, Inc. Page 108.
- 4. The Mail Coach, Volume 1, number 8.
  The Postal History Society of New Zealand, Inc. Page 124.
- 5. The Kiwi, Volume XXVI, number 1, page 20.

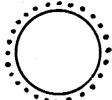
The packet obliterators are discussed in the references above, but the one which is most meaningful is Collins' work in the 1926 publication. They were originally designed to allow cancellations of second class irregularly-shaped packages, which did not need a date as did first class mail. After 1935, rollers, either dated or undated, were used for this purpose. This conversion to rollers was prompted by the numerous complaints of the heavy cancellations on the 1935 commemorative stamps.

Most of the impressions are in black. They have abbreviations of town names in the various types of circles. These usually correspond to the telegraph office abbreviations. Complete strikes are very rare. The following will illustrate each type with the correct size, but the dots are not in the exact number. A number of different types exist.



Type 1. This consists of horse-shoe shaped marks with an inner diameter of 19 mm. This early type was first used in 1909.

AUCKLAND	A.K.	MORAY PLACE	M.Y.P.	PALMERSTON	P.M.
CHRISTCHURCH	C.H.	NAPIER	N.A.	WANGANUI	W.G.
DUNEDIN	D.N.	NELSON	N.N.	WELLINGTON	W.N.
GREYMOUTH	G.M.	NEW PLYMOUTH	N.U.	WESTPORT	W.P.
INVERCARGILL	T.N.	OAMARII	0.11.		



• Type 2. Several inner measurements are recorded.
• 20, 21 or 22 mm are noted with a variable number of surrounding dots, 26 to 30.

The following	have ap	proximately 26	dots -	Type 2a.	
AUCKLAND	A.K.	HOKITIKA	HK	PONSONBY	P.O.Y.
BLENHEIM	BM	LEVIN	L.V.N.	TAIHAPE	T.P.E.
CARTERTON	C.I.	MASTERTON	M.S.	TE ARO	TEO
CHRISTCHURCH	C.H.	MATAU	M.U.U.	TE AROHA	T.H.R.
COURTENAY		MORAY PLACE	M.Y.P.	TIMARU	T.U.
PLACE	CPC	MORRINSVILLE	M.O.V.	WELLINGTON	W.N.
DANNEVIRKE	D.V.	NEWTON	N.W.O.	WELLINGTON	WN
DUNEDIN	D.N.	PAHIATUA	P.H.A.	WELLINGTON	
FIELDING	F.G.	PALMERSTON	P.M.	EAST	W.N.T.
HAMILTON	H.N.	PETONE	P.T.N.	WELLINGTON	
HIGH STREET	H.S.			SOUTH	W.T.H.
The following	list co	ntains those w	ith 31 c	lots - Type 2	<b>b</b> .
The following ASHBURTON	list co	ntains those wi	ith 31 c		b. T.G.
<del>-</del>		GREYMOUTH	-		
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND	A.R. A.K.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON	G.M.	TAURANGA TEMUKA	T.G.
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND BALCLUTHA	A.R. A.K. B.L.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON HAWERA	G.M. H.N.	TAURANGA TEMUKA TIMARU	T.G.
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND BALCLUTHA CAMBRIDGE	A.R. A.K. B.L.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON HAWERA HIGH STREET	G.M. H.N. H.W.	TAURANGA TEMUKA TIMARU WAIMATE	T.G. T.K. T.U.
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND BALCLUTHA CAMBRIDGE	A.R. A.K. B.L. C.B.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON HAWERA HIGH STREET MARTON	G.M. H.N. H.W. H.S.	TAURANGA TEMUKA TIMARU WAIMATE WAIPUKURAU	T.G. T.K. T.U. W.E.
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND BALCLUTHA CAMBRIDGE CHRISTCHURCH	A.R. A.K. B.L. C.B. C.H.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON HAWERA HIGH STREET MARTON	G.M. H.N. H.W. H.S. M.L.	TAURANGA TEMUKA TIMARU WAIMATE WAIPUKURAU WAITOTARA	T.G. T.K. T.U. W.E. W.
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND BALCLUTHA CAMBRIDGE CHRISTCHURCH DANNEVIRKE	A.R. A.K. B.L. C.B. C.H. D.V.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON HAWERA HIGH STREET MARTON MASTERTON	G.M. H.N. H.W. H.S. M.L. M.S.	TAURANGA TEMUKA TIMARU WAIMATE WAIPUKURAU WAITOTARA WANGANUI	T.G. T.K. T.U. W.E. W.
ASHBURTON AUCKLAND BALCLUTHA CAMBRIDGE CHRISTCHURCH DANNEVIRKE DARGAVILLE	A.R. A.K. B.L. C.B. C.H. D.V. D.R.L.	GREYMOUTH HAMILTON HAWERA HIGH STREET MARTON MASTERTON MOTUEKA	G.M. H.N. H.W. H.S. M.L. M.S.	TAURANGA TEMUKA TIMARU WAIMATE WAIPUKURAU WAITOTARA WANGANUI	T.G. T.K. T.U. W.E. W. W.A.
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Type 3. This circle measures 22 mm.

AUCKLAND A.K. HASTINGS H.B.N. INVERCARGILL I.N. CHRISTCHURCH C.H. HAWERA H.W. NEW PLYMOUTH N.U. a) Serif WELLINGTON W.N.

b) Non-serif

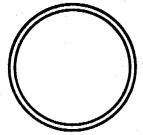
The rubber cancellors became slightly larger with use.



Type 4. The inner diameter is 23 mm.

PALMERSTON NORTH P.M.

WELLINGTON W.N.



Type 5. This measures 37 mm, and seems unique.

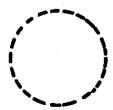
STRATFORD

S.F.D.

TE ARO

T.E.O.

This latter has the same style, but is 29 mm in diameter.



Type 6. The diameter is 28 mm.

HASTINGS

H.B.N.

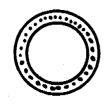


Type 7. The inner circle diameter is 15 mm.

CHRISTCHURCH C.H.

WELLINGTON

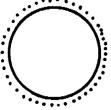
W.N.



Type 8. Few examples of these are found.

WELLINGTON

WN



Type 9. The inner circle is 19 to 22 mm diameter.

FIELDING

F.G. TE ARO

T.E.O.

MATAU

M.U.U. WELLINGTON

W.N.

Type 10. The circle is 19 to 21 mm.

WELLINGTON

WN

The following table represents a compilation of recorded types

Office	Code	Type	Office	Code	Туре
ASHBURTON	AR	2b.	NAPIER	NA	1, 2b.
AUCKLAND	AK	1, 2a, 2b, 3.	NELSON	ΝN	1.
BLENHEIM	BM	2a.	NEW PLYMOUTH	NU	1, 2b, 3.
BALCLUTHA	${f BL}$	2b.	NEWTON	NND	2a.
CAMBRIDGE	CB	2b.	OAMARU	ΟU	1.
CARTERTON	CI	2a .	PAHIATUA	PH	2a.
COURTENAY PLACE	CPC	2a.	PALMERSTON	PM	2a.
CHRISTCHURCH	CH	1, 2a, 2b,	PALMERSTON NOR	TH ·	
•		3, 7.		PM	2b, 4.
DANNEVIRKE	DV	2a, 2b.	PETONE	PTN	2a.
DARGAVILLE	DRL	2b.	PONSONBY	POY	2a.
DUNEDIN	DN	1, 2a, 2b.	ROTORUA	RO	2b.
FIELDING	FG	2a, 2b, 9.	STRATFORD	SFD	5•
GISBORNE	GS	2b.	TAIHAPE	TPE	2a.
GORE	$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}$	2b.	TAURANGA	TG	2b.
GREYMOUTH	GM	1, 2b.	TE ARO	TEO	2a, 5, 9.
HAMILTON	HN	2a, 2b.	TE AROHA	THR	2a.
HASTINGS	HBN	3, 6.	TEMUKA	TK	2b.
HAWERA	HW	2b, 3.	TIMARU	TU	2a, 2b.
HIGH STREET	HS	2a, 2b,	WAIMATE	WE	2b.
HOKITIKA	ΗK	2a.	WAIPUKURAU	WP	2b.
INVERCARGILL	IN	1, 3.	WAITOTARA	WA	2b.
LEVIN	LVN	-	WANGANUI	WG	1, 2b.

Office	Code	Type	Office	Code		Type
MARTON	ML	2b.	WELLINGTON	WN	1,	2a, 2b,
MASTERTON	MS	2a, 2b.			3,	4, 7, 8,
MATAU	MUU	2a, 9.			9,	10.
MORAY PLACE	MYP	1, 2a.	WELLINGTON		-	
		•	EAST	WNT	2a,	•
MORRINSVILLE	MOV	2a.	WELLINGTON			
'			SOUTH	WTH	2a.	
MOTUEKA	MV	2b.	WESTPORT	WP	1,	2b.
			WHANGAREI	WR	2b.	

This list must be far from complete. I would appreciate it if any member who can make additions to this list would let me know, through our Editor.

J. HILL

#### AN INTERESTING POSTCARD.

Our good friend ROBERT DUNS has written with a little more information about the 'Roslyn' Post Card, described in the article by Miss R.A.LANGMAN in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVII, No. 3, pages 65 - 66.

"Roslyn, as the advertising says, were the makers of 'winter-woolies', especially the combination type. They are now out of business (no, the weather hasn't improved so that we do not need them - they have been swallowed up by one of the larger conglomerates). The postcard was used a great deal at this time for two reasons:

- 1) Some people collected the pretty pictures on the backsides some people still do!
- 2) Up till this time the ½d. postcard was used for short messages as not many had telephones. This, of course, was the days where a card posted in the morning was delivered the same day, or the following morning at the latest, unlike today!

"Much information about this visit can be gleaned from a book called 'New Zealand', by James Cowan, published by the New Zealand Government Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, printed by the Government Printer. This was presented by the Government of New Zealand as a Souvenir of the visit of the American Fleet to Auckland. Who they were presented to I do not know - my copy was acquired second hand in the early 1960's"

Our member ALAN JACKSON has also written with further information about this card. He tells me that he has never seen a copy before, and therefore feels that it must be quite rare.

According to Alan, 'Brett' was an Auckland publisher of postcards, and 'Roslyn' refers to 'Roslyn Woollen Mills'. These mills are situated in Roslyn, a suburb of Dunedin, and still operate.

Alan was also kind enough to send four further postcards that were produced as souvenirs of this event. Three of these were from New Zealand, and one from Peru. Unfortunately, none of these have sufficient contrast to be suitable for reproduction in the pages of 'The Kiwi'.

The 1950 issue to commemorate the Centennial of the Province of Canterbury has associated with it a number of dates that at first glance could cause confusion.

Many collectors have an interest in First Day Covers, especially those associated with Stamp Exhibitions. The CANPEX or Christchurch Philatelic Exhibition covers are therefore of interest, but what is a First Day Cover?

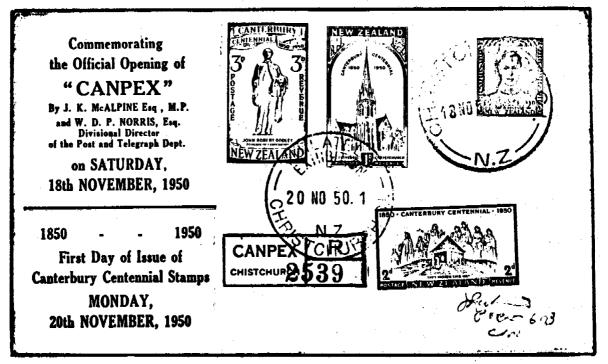


Figure 1

With reference to Figure 1 above, it can be seen that this cover states that CANPEX opened on Saturday, November 18th; however the official postmark will not be found with a date earlier than November 20th, and many people will have covers bearing this cancellation as the First Day Cover.

Actually, November 20th is the first day of issue of the stamps, the cover in Figure 1 is the First Day Cover for the Exhibition and posted with the King George VI stamp and posted again with the commemorative issue and cancelled with the first day cancellation. In other words, the cover is a double first - it has another interesting feature in that it bears the registered cachet with error in spelling of Christchurch - Chistchurch.

The next important date associated with this issue is December 16th, the date in 1850 when the first settlers chosen by the Canterbury Association landed in New Zealand at the place now known as Lyttleton. To commemorate this date, a special cancellation was used in Lyttleton and Christchurch - see Figures 2 and 3.

The situation that we find is that the centennial date is not the date of issue of the stamps. This was possibly under pressure from the philatelic organisations. Perhaps they considered that with December 16th being almost Christmas and the start of the New Zealand summer holidays, people would not want to break into their holidays to go stamping and therefore, bad timing for the Exhibition.

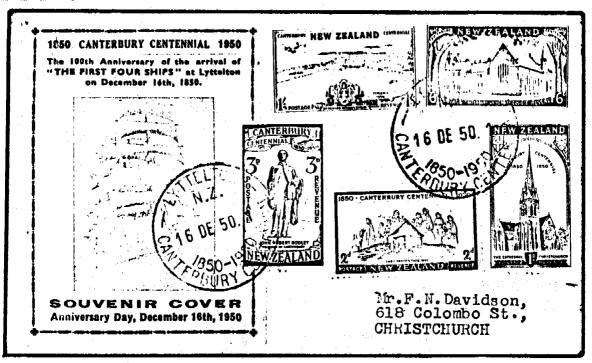


Figure 2

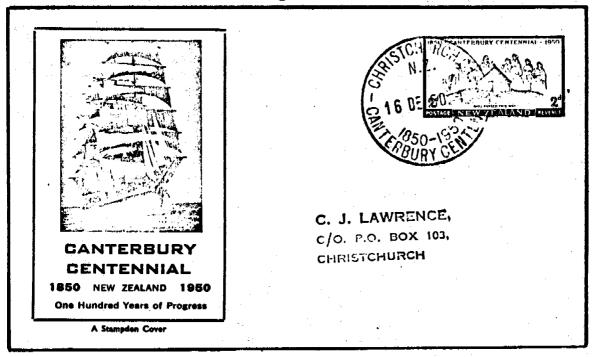


Figure 3

Another consideration could have been that Saturday in New Zealand is a day when the shops close and therefore more people would be free to attend the Exhibition. But this would put the Post Office in a dilemma, they are not open on a Saturday and therefore stamps could not be sold. Certainly a conflict of

interest that brought about the situation regarding the three factions - Exhibition, Centennial date and Post Office working week.

Reference to Volume IV of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, Chapter XIV - it states that the original date of the issue of the stamps was planned for August 1st to coincide with the start of the celebrations connected with the centennial year. However, because of technical factors it was not possible to meet this date and it was decided to make the date of issue coincide with the first day of the Exhibition. It would appear that somebody somehow got mixed up!

These are a few points about an issue that is inexpensive but can be found interesting.

JOHN WATTS

#### 1978 CHRISTMAS STAMPS - 23 CENT VALUE.

How many of you have noticed an apparent error on this stamp? Look closely, and you will see that the Beach Scene depicted is not identified. A design fault, maybe?

Reference to the New Zealand Post Office New Stamp Issue Bulletin number OS 102 does not help. This says that the 23 cent value depicts a typical New Zealand beach scene which underlines the special character of the Southern Hemisphere Christmas.

There is an interesting note in the September, 1978, Newsletter, Number 314, of the Hutt Valley Philatelic Society, Inc. It appears that other people were wondering where this Beach Scene was and why it was not named on the stamp, when the Church on the 16 cent value was. I now quote:-

"To satisfy this curiosity, and inform readers, a call was put to the Post Office.

Its spokesman was sorry, but he was not in a position to give this information. Why not? It is a public beach and must be known to many people.

I'm sorry; it is not Post Office policy to give the name of the beach. Why? I don't know. It might be something to do with parochialism. How? I'm sorry, the beach is not named because of Post Office policy.

Would the spokesman seek release of the name so that it could be published as part of the news about the issue? Yes, of course.

That was on Tuesday afternoon. He would ring back on Wednesday morning. He rang back.

He was sorry, but a decision about the release of the name could not be made in Wellington until next week. The news release should stand without the name.

He wanted to make it clear that the decision was not up to the Post Office.

Who, then? Well, there aren't many bodies more senior than the Post Office. Do you mean the Government? That's the way I read it.

It began to look as though the naming of a scene of a New Zealand stamp already known to thousands had to go right up to Cabinet for a decision. The mind boggled.

Anyway, we really didn't wish to wait for a week. The news release said that Mr. R.M.Conly, of Christchurch, had done the final graphic work on this issue.

It was but the work of a moment to put the call to him for the information. The beach on the 23 cent Christmas issue stamp is Paihia, Bay of Islands.

Later, a public relations officer from the Post Office rang to say that the beach was Paihia, Northland. Well, well...."

This all seems rather strange. Do you recall the Special Stamp Issue of 1st June, 1977? Four values depicting Seascapes and Beach Scenes? There appeared to be no problem then in naming the scenes on each of the four stamps. I wonder what has happened in the meantime to cause a change in policy.

ALLAN P. BERRY

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF BLUFF.

Following the discussion by TOM HETHERINGTON in his article 'Musings from Marazion' concerning the routing of mail from New Zealand to Hobart, Tasmania, in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVII, pages 53 - 57, our member ROBIN STARTUP has written with the following information.

"In the 1900's, there were two alternative routes to Hobart and I think the selection would depend on where the letter was posted and the timing. The main service was a weekly steamer from Lyttelton - Port Chalmers - Bluff - Hobart - Melbourne and much of the mail would have been carried on this. North Island posted mail could be sent to Auckland to connect with an Auckland - Sydney service, thence to Melbourne - Hobart by Australian vessels. Alternatively it would connect with the Auckland (Onehunga) - New Plymouth - Wellington - Lyttelton service. The R.T.P.O.'s New Plymouth - Wellington and Christchurch - Invercargill would have been used - hence the importance of Bluff.

"Most of these covers addressed to Hobart came from a wonderful find some years ago in Australia. Much of the New Zealand section was brought to New Zealand by a prominent member of the Postal History Society of New Zealand."

#### THE KIWI

Our member, PAUL WREGLESWORTH, has drawn my attention to an excellent article on the Kiwi. The complete reference is "The Kiwi", by William A. Calder 111.

Scientific American, Volume 239, Number 1, July 1978, page 132. This flightless bird of New Zealand evolved to fill ecological niches left vacant by mammals.

The journal, Scientific American, is held by most reasonably sized public libraries. Through the courtesy of Paul, I have read the article, and found it most interesting. I would recommend it to all members interested in background information for our hobby.

Paul also tells me that a real, live Tuatara is on display at Chester Zoo. This is not housed in the reptile house, as one might first presume, but in a seperate glass fronted case, tucked away in one corner of the Zoo. For those of us not fortunate enough to visit New Zealand and see them in their natural surroundings, this runs quite a good second.

ALLAN P. BERRY