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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 21ST MAY, 1983,
 AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
 LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

MICHAEL BURBERRY AND ALLAN P. BERRY WILL GIVE A DISPLAY OF
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EDITORIAL.

The number of entries for this year's Annual Competition showed an increase on last year. In one section - Moderns 2 - the number increased by one hundred per cent - from one to two!! Seriously, you DO NOT have to have unique or valuable material to win one of the awards. 'Ordinary' material, of no great catalogue value, CAN win, if properly presented within the rules of the Competition. This was made clear from the awards made this year, as well as the comments of our esteemed Judge. So, PLEASE, DO NOT be put off. The Competition needs your support, and we can all learn from the entries, and the more the entries, the more we learn.

ALLAN P. BERRY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

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J.McC.Thomson, 57, Meldrum Street, Winton, New Zealand.
(previously of No. 1 R.D., Winton, New Zealand.)

MEETING HELD SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1983 - THE ANNUAL COMPETITION

Our Chairman, Stanley Cross-Rudkin, opened the meeting at 2.40 p.m., introducing John Marriott, M.V.O., R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L., Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection, and the Judge for this year's Annual Competition.

While the judging was in progress in an adjoining room, Bert Harrad gave a display of mint King George V recess printed stamps.

He started with essays and die proofs by Richardson and Bock, followed by plate proofs, colour prints, two perf. pairs, plate numbers and a variety of shades and imperf. blocks of the 5d. and 1/- values.

Of particular note were the part imperf. pairs of the 4d. value, plates 20 and 44, and a block of the 1/- pale orange vermilion with the lower stamps perforated, and the upper stamps imperforated. This item is not listed in Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, but was genuinely issued at Dunedin in 1931.

Also shown were two imperf. blocks of the 9d. value, one with the Sheet Number 1979272, and the other the adjoining block. Bert Harrad also showed a photostat of a vertical strip of four from the right hand top corner of the sheet from which the plate number had been cut off. This would prove that either there was no plate number piece of this variety, or that more than one sheet was issued. Bert would like to know of any other top marginal pieces of this variety, particularly the watermark shown in the selvedge.

John Marriott then returned with the results of the Annual Competition. In announcing these, he gave an interesting talk on the judging of such displays, with many useful hints for intending competitors. The results were as follows :-

Classic Section	:	Kiwi Shield - John D. Evans, 2½d. and 5d. Second Sideface.
Runner-up	:	Paua Musical Box - S.Cross-Rudkin, ½d. Mount Cook.
Modern Section 1	:	Stacey Hooker Cup - Peter Marks, King George V recess prints.
Runner-up	:	Paua Book Ends - P.L.Evans, King George V ½d. value.
Modern Section 2	:	Noel Turner Trophy - J.A.W.Smith, Queen Elizabeth 11 1/6 value.
Runner-up	:	John D. Evans Trophy - Peter Marks, 4 cent Puriri Moth.

Postal History : John J. Bishop Trophy - Allan P. Berry,
Official Postal Stationery.
Runner-up : The Barton Bowl - T.H. Brock,
Wartime Air Mails.

The Chairman thanked John Marriott for his helpful comments to all members present, and the meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.

A.E.H.

LIVERPOOL REGIONAL MEETING

A regional meeting of the Society will be held in Liverpool on Saturday, 25th June, 1983, at :-

The Central Library, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3.

The meeting will commence at 11.00 a.m. in the Audio Visual Room on the ground floor of the Library.

Officers of the Society will be giving displays during the course of the day and it is hoped that many members and their friends will attend what is hoped to be an inaugural meeting of many Regional Meetings.

Liverpool Central Library is almost opposite Lime Street Station and according to Jimmy Saville cheap day returns to Liverpool are a bargain.

Further details may be obtained from our local organiser :-

Miss Rita Langham, 7, Alexandra Drive, Liverpool, L17 8TA.
Telephone Number 051 727 2869.

REVIEW

New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue, by Robert Samuel.
Published by Shades Stamp Publications, P.O.Box 2357,
Christchurch, New Zealand. Price NZ\$42.90, posted surface mail.

Between 1976 and 1978, Robert Samuel wrote and had published three parts of his specialised New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue. These were reviewed in 'The Kiwi' as received here in England, and have been updated with comments by Martyn Jackson in recent issues of our Journal.

This present work follows the same lines that proved so successful before. The sections on Postcards, Lettercards, Registered Envelopes, Newspaper Wrappers, etc., previously treated have been brought up to date. There is a complete new section dealing with envelopes.

Turning to this new section, one finds that it follows the familiar pattern. The states of the various dies of the stereotypes used, which is in some cases a complicated subject, are clearly and concisely described. Throughout, pricing has been brought into line with the market in New Zealand at the time of publication.

While this is a valuable publication, it suffers from some major faults which can be attributed to cost cutting in its production.

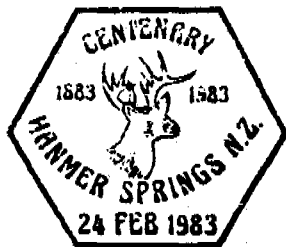
The paper on which each page is printed is too flimsy for the ring binder provided. Thus lacking strength, they are liable to easy damage if subject to constant use. The illustration, particularly of the die states of the stereotypes used to produce the

envelopes, are not as clear as one would like.

But one should not be put off by such minor points, bearing in mind the costs of production of a Catalogue which may only have a limited appeal. To those interested in New Zealand Postal Stationery, this Catalogue is a must and is highly recommended.

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

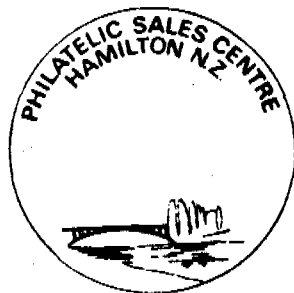
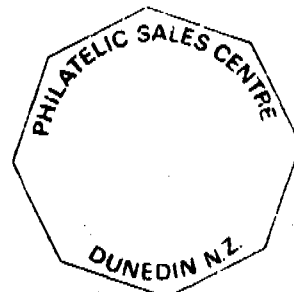
CENTENARY OF HANMER SPRINGS.



A special pictorial datestamp was used at Hanmer Springs on Thursday, 24th February, 1983, to mark the Centenary of Hanmer Springs. The datestamp design features the Hanmer Springs Centennial logo.

PHILATELIC SALES CENTRES : PERMANENT PICTORIAL DATESTAMPS.

Permanent steel pictorial datestamps replaced the existing datestamps at the Philatelic Sales Centres at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Rotorua and Gisborne. The seven pictorial datestamps were introduced on Tuesday, 1st March, 1983.



OPENING OF ROTORUA HEALTH CAMP.



A special pictorial datestamp was used to mark the opening of the Rotorua Health Camp on Wednesday, 16th March, 1983. Mail posted in a special posting box at the Health Camp and also at the Rotorua Philatelic Sales Centre was cancelled with the special datestamp.

CENTENNIAL YEAR OF WINTER SHOWS, NEW PLYMOUTH.

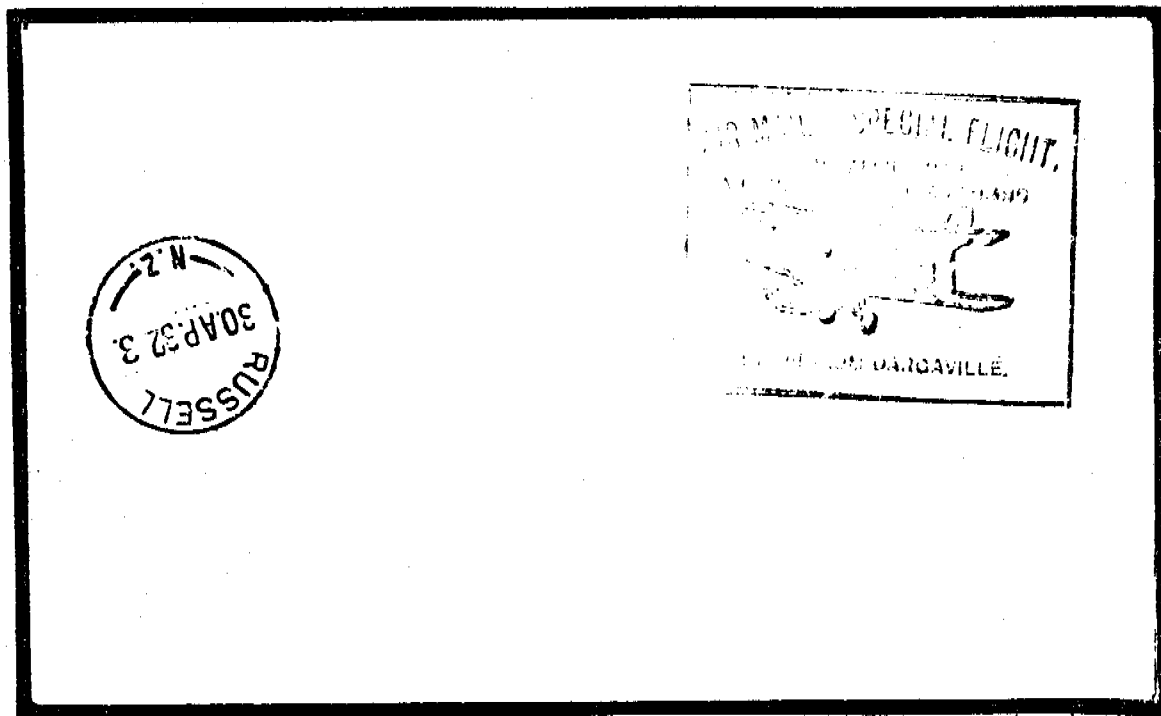


A special pictorial datestamp was used at New Plymouth on Friday, 6th May, 1983, to mark the Taranaki Agricultural Society Centennial Year of Winter Shows. Mail posted in a special posting box at the Show was cancelled with the special datestamp.

NOT PAID FOR UNITED STATES / AIR MAIL SERVICE.

ALLAN P. BERRY

The cachet 'Paid for United States / Air Mail Service only' has been illustrated and discussed in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVI, pages 23 and 38, Volume XXVII, pages 35 and 126 - 129 inclusive, and Volume XXXI, pages 1 and 17 - 18.



The cover, the reverse of which is illustrated above, and the front of which is illustrated on page 37, was carried on the Air Travel special survey flight between Auckland and North Auckland on 30th April, 1932. It is one of the 562 covers recorded in 'The Air Mails of New Zealand, Volume 1, The Internal Flights', as being carried on the Dargaville to Russell leg.

This cover is addressed to the United States, and it carries the cachet 'Not paid for United States / Air Mail Service', struck in a purple ink similar to that used for the previously recorded cachet. Also, the type face is identical.

It would seem most likely that this cachet was applied in the United States. If this is so, then it supports the opinion that the previous cachet was also applied in the United States. Any further information would be appreciated.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND DATESTAMPS.

JOHN D. EVANS

The last article in 'The Kiwi' appeared in Volume XXXI, number 2, March, 1982, on pages 33 - 36. Our Editor has recently sent me an interesting letter from our member, C.G.CAPILL, of Bunnythorpe, New Zealand, and from two 1982 Auctions other examples of these datestamps have come to light, making eleven in all, six of which are on cover. I cannot, however, say that all eleven examples are new to my researches because one or more of them may be included in the original 33 examples of the datestamp on stamp, piece or cover originally but not separately recorded in R.M.Startup's 'Province of Auckland Cancellations', published in September, 1959.

It will be easier to keep to precedent and comment on each Serial Number where there is a change or an apparent change.

Serial Number 1.

- 1) Lot 1207 of Robson Lowe's London Auction on 7th April, 1982, (Auction 'A'), records a cover of April, 1865, to Auckland with 1864-1867 2d., S.G. 114 or S.G. 115.
- 2) Lot 1365 of the Philatelist Auction held in Sheffield on 5th October, 1982, (Auction 'B') records a 2d. blue, 1864-1872, S.G. 114 or S.G. 115, with part datestamp Serial Number 1, but no date.
- 3) Lot 1208 of Auction 'A' records a cover of January, 1869, to Melbourne with 1864-1867 6d., S.G. 122.

Serial Number 2.

- 1) Cover with date JU.16.65 to Dunedin backstamped Auckland, JU.20.65, and Dunedin, JY.3.65, with 1864-1867 2d. Plate 1, S.G. 113.
- 2) Cover with date MR.15.66 on reverse and also backstamped Auckland, MR.19.66, and Dunedin, AP.2.66, with 1864-1867 2d. Plate 2, S.G. 114 or S.G. 115.
- 3) Cover with datestamp on reverse JY.15.66, Auckland, JY.24.66, and Dunedin, AU.4.66, with 1864-1867 2d. Plate 2, S.G. 114 or S.G. 115.

These three examples are kindly reported by C.G.CAPILL; all are addressed to Robert Kaye, Chief Post Office, Dunedin. Robert Kaye was a clerk there. On cover 1) above, there is a shorthand note in the lower left corner reading 'W.Smith, Kihikihi', and on cover 3) above there is a shorthand note reading 'W.Smith, Te Awamutu'. Perhaps it will be possible to trace who W.Smith was. Those interested may wish to refer to 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, number 4, July, 1981, pages 62 - 63, where Robin Startup records the 1864 proposals for siting the Waikato Militia Regiments, and it appears that the Second Regiment was intended to be spread across from Kihikihi through Te Awamutu to Pirongia.

Serial Number 4.

- 1) Lot 1209 of Auction 'A' records a cover, slightly worm-eaten envelope, to Onehunga of April, 1869, with 2d. S.G. 114 or S.G. 115.
- 2) Lot 1366 of Auction 'B' records a 3d. lilac, S.G. 117,

1864-1867 with part datestamp but with no date.

Serial Number 5.

- 1) Lot 1367 of Auction 'B' records a 'four margin 2d. blue, wmk. NZ, with Province of Auckland / 5 c.d.s. dated OC.19.64, earlier useage than recorded by Startup'. This example is interesting because it is either a second example of the same stamp, S.G. 98, used on the same date with the same Serial Number 5, or it is the stamp which was Lot 1333 in Robson Lowe's Auction held on 11th June, 1969, and reported by me in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, number 4, July, 1981, at page 60.

No Serial Number or Date.

- 1) Lot 1486 of Auction 'B' records '1864-1867 2d. blue, S.G. 113, 114 or 115'.

No Serial Number but with Date.

- 1) Our member J.P.PEARCE of Derby has kindly reported to me a copy of S.G. 117, 3d. Lilac with part Province of Auckland datestamp dated MR.30.69. No serial number appears.

As the examples of these datestamps have increased from the original 33 in 1959 to 155 as set out on page 35 of 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, number 2, March, 1982, it follows that the risk of duplication of examples reported by members or from auctions increases. No further 'table' has therefore been attempted. Robin Startup in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, July, 1981, pages 62 - 63, above referred to on the places of use of these datestamps are most interesting and important and I hope we shall hear more about them. Members will recall that the places of use of datestamps with Serial Numbers 6 and 7 are still unknown.

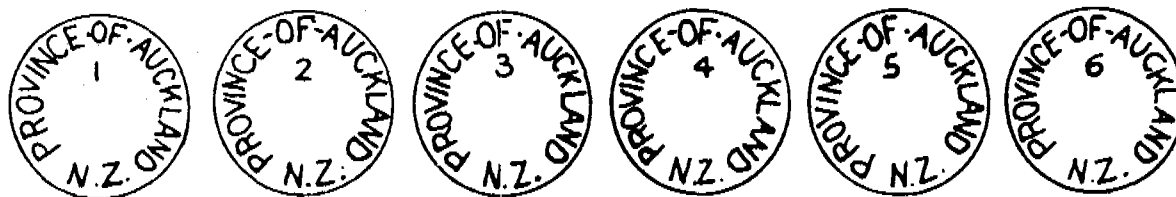
Since writing the article above, the Campbell Paterson Newsletter, Volume 34, number 4 of November, 1982, has appeared with a contribution in relation to these datestamps by our member GERALD ELLOTT. It has to me two main features and therefore falls to be considered on the footing

- i) that it is limited to Gerald Elliott's own investigations that there were only six of these datestamps
- ii) that the detail is restricted to the fifty-three covers known to him.

The contribution has the novel and interesting feature of providing an acetate identification chart of datestamps 1 to 6 inclusive. This includes in the case of each datestamp the position of the inscription when the circle of the datestamp is sectored, thus showing the small individual differences and position of each inscription on each datestamp. For the purpose of these notes reproductions of each datestamp as appearing on page 1 of the Campbell Paterson Newsletter are shown on the following page.

For those interested in the transparent chart, it is available as a Complimentary Copy to readers of the Campbell Paterson Newsletter who send in details of their stamps and covers with photocopies - in the case of covers, photocopies of both sides.

New Zealand readers of the Newsletter may obtain copies for NZ\$1.00, other readers for NZ\$2.00, from Campbell Paterson Ltd., P.O.Box 5555, Auckland 1, New Zealand.



The datestamps were stated by R.M.Startup in 'Province of Auckland Cancellations', published in 1959, to have been made by hand and the chart shows that each datestamp, 1 to 6, has its own characteristics. The Serial Number above the month/date is stated by Startup and Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand to be moveable, and Volume VI and the Elliott contribution also state that the datestamp numeral 4 was also placed sideways. The Elliott contribution states that 'datestamp with letter O' and 'datestamp with blank serial number' and 'datestamp with numeral 4 placed sideways' are all in fact used with Serial Number 1 datestamp illustrated above; also that 'datestamp with letter A' is used with Serial Number 5 datestamp, also illustrated above. The chart has the additional advantage of being capable of helping to identify a part strike where the serial number is not complete or indeed not shown on the stamp. Members should be able with reasonable certainty to carry out their own investigations of datestamps 1 to 6 by placing the chart over the stamp and finding which reproduction exactly tallies with the part impression on the stamp. I have done this with the following results in the case of datestamps or part strikes which I have.

- i) Serial Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 correspond with the impressions of these datestamps on the Identification Chart. I have no impressions of datestamps with Serial Number 1.
- ii) Datestamp with Serial Number 7 does not correspond with any of the impressions of Datestamps 1 to 6 inclusive as shown on the Identification Chart, nor does my copy of the datestamp with Serial Letter O, but this may be due to an incomplete 'O' in my example.

When 'Province of Auckland Cancellations' was published in 1959, the datestamp with Serial Number 7 was not known, but the datestamp with Serial Number 8 was known, Startup quoting one example dated FE.2b.65, and the second dated JU.6.71, as stated on page 7 of this publication. These were then and I think still are the only recorded copies of the datestamp with this Serial Number. The Elliott contribution does not deal with datestamps with Serial Numbers 7 or 8 because it does not admit that they exist. With regard to the fifty-three covers known to Gerald Elliott on which his contribution is based, he states that twenty-eight of these bear the datestamp with Serial Number 1. It is most likely that these include about twenty-five covers sold, according to Startup, some years before 1959, six of which were 'Laver' covers. The Elliott contribution confirms that all the above twenty-eight

covers are 'Laver' covers, that is, Covers from Lt. Laver of the 12th Regiment to his wife. The six 'Laver' covers known to Startup may be, and probably are, included in his total of thirty-three datestamps known in 1959. My only cover is with datestamp Serial Number 5 which is known to Gerald Elliott and is included in his fifty-three examples. The total number of examples referred to in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, number 2, March, 1982, was 155, and this is probably increased by the further 11 examples referred to in the article above, giving a total of 166. If of the fifty-three covers known to Gerald Elliott at least 26 (25 plus 1 above) are accounted for, there would still be a further 27 examples of the datestamps on cover, which would raise the total number of examples to 193.

Gerald Elliott states in agreement with observations in previous articles published in 'The Kiwi' on these datestamps that there could be some duplication; any further information on these datestamps is welcome but there is no doubt that datestamps with Serial Number 7 and Serial Number 8 do exist on stamp because I have an example of Serial Number 7 on a pair of 2d. Chalon Head stamps, and our member J.G.Stonehouse has the two other known examples of Serial Number 7; and further, R.M.Startup was aware as above stated of two examples of Serial Number 8 in 1959, also on Chalon Head stamps.

The Elliott contribution sets out in tabular form the places where datestamps with Serial Numbers 1 to 6 inclusive were used; it is not necessary to repeat this as these locations have already been reported in 'The Kiwi', notably by Ken McNaught. It should not be overlooked, perhaps, that with the abolition of the Provinces of New Zealand in 1876, such datestamps as were then in use were directed to be withdrawn and the latest known use of any of these datestamps was Serial Number 6 used on 24.DE.75, as reported in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, page 35, March, 1982.

The Elliott contribution is indeed a major one making it most unlikely in my opinion that anything comparable will emerge in future - still, one never knows.

GERALD ELLOTT saw a preview of the above article, and was kind enough to send the following comments :-

My article was prepared to generate discussion and to encourage both stamp collectors and postal historians to look at their stamps, and where possible, to identify the various datestamps in their collections.

I gave my opinion that there were only six original datestamps; this was based on the covers that I had knowledge of. I have still not seen a Serial Number 7 or a Serial Number 8 on stamp or cover; however I do not claim that they do not exist.

Since writing the article I have viewed a Serial Number 12 on a 2d. Orange-vermilion, dated 10th December, 1872, and have positively identified this as being an adaptation of the original Datestamp Number 4.

Since the article was published, two additional covers have been forwarded to me, and the details shown in the table will have to amended as shown on the following page. This gives a new total of 55 covers recorded by me.

Serial Number	Number Recorded	Earliest Date
1	29	30 December, 1864
1	3	25? November, 1867

Incidentally the cover with Serial Number 1 datestamp is the earliest now known and is NOT a 'Laver' cover, being the only cover of this period recorded not sent by Lt. Laver. It is addressed in fact to 'Miss Jarvie, 41, Woodlands Road, Glasgow'. The Auckland framed circular datestamp applied in transit is 27 mm diameter and is dated 31st December, 1864. There may be no significance, but I have a HEADQUARTERS cover dated 15th July, 1864, addressed to Mr. William Jarvie at the same address.

A NEW ZEALAND BOER WAR PATRIOTIC COVER

F.B.SCRIVENER



The cover illustrated was used from Brunnerton, dated 26 SP 00. It is printed in blue with the exception of the crosses on the Union Flag and the stars on the New Zealand Flag, which are printed in red. A note on the cover states that it was designed and printed by one J. Hooker of New Plymouth, and it is registered copyright.

I cannot recall seeing such a cover before. I would be grateful if any other member can give me further information, or can say if similar covers of different designs exist.

Editor's note. If any member can help with this information, details of the covers would be appreciated, but preferably photocopies which can be illustrated in 'The Kiwi'.

MARTYN JACKSON

We now come to updating Part 3 of the NEW ZEALAND POSTAL STATIONERY CATALOGUE, published in 1978, which covers REGISTERED ENVELOPES, NEWSWRAPPERS and PRISONER OF WAR AEROGRAMMES.

There would not appear to be as many amendments to Part 3 as there were to the Postcards and Lettercards. However, the dates of issue of many items seem open to doubt and hopefully we can all contribute some knowledge of earlier dates.

REGISTERED ENVELOPES

ISSUES OF QUEEN VICTORIA

- A.1 The 1884 Formula Registered Envelope is quite a scarce item, either mint or used, in any of the four sizes. I have recently seen in a dealer's stock an example of A.1a which was endorsed "1884 Formula Registered Envelope overprinted SPECIMEN (Postage Stamps of New Zealand, Volume 1, type B) in purple, two pinholes at lower right hand corner where the envelope had been affixed to official archives".
- A.2c I would confirm the fact recorded by John Watts in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, pages 81 - 86, September, 1981, that the 'R in circle' of the Size K Registered Envelope has a serif, whilst the other two sizes of the June, 1898, issue are without serifs.
- A.3a This 1900 issue in both sizes would appear to be more difficult than the issues of 1898 in either mint or used condition. On the Size F Envelope there could possibly be a variety in that the word 'THIS' in the last line reading 'THE ADDRESS MUST etc.' one of my copies has a damaged letter 'T', so that it reads 'f'. I would like members to check their collections to verify that this is constant.
- A.3b Whilst this variety has been reported previously in 'The Kiwi', it is worth mentioning again so that all the new information is as far as possible all together. The variety is on the Size G Envelope, in that "Env.No.66" on the reverse is inverted at the upper right. Ref. 17.

ISSUES OF KING EDWARD VII

- B.5a The date of issue of the King Edward VII Envelope with REGISTRATION FEE removed and with square flaps with rounded corners is given as January, 1911. Mr. G.Lawson of Auckland has reported a copy of the Size G Envelope postmarked 10 JUNE 1910. Ref. 11. I have also seen another early date, 16 AU 1910.
- B.5b At the time of publication of Part 3, no copy of this Size K had been seen by Robert Samuel. Since that time, Professor I.D.Campbell of Lower Hutt reports a mint copy - Ref. 8 - and a further copy has since been reported by John Watts. See 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, pages 81 - 86, September, 1981, for further information on this envelope. As no used examples have so far been recorded of this Size K Envelope,

and as there would still appear to be some doubt of the date of issue of the Size G Envelope of this issue, the date of issue of the Size K Envelope would also appear to be open to doubt.

- B.5 Still with this same issue, there are only the two sizes of this envelope, Sizes G and K, that have been recorded previously. I was fortunate in obtaining through auction in 1982 a Size F Envelope used from Wellington to Dumbarton, Scotland, dated SP 27 1911. This envelope bears the stamp of King Edward VII, has the same flap as B.5a and printed on the reverse is "Env.No.67.)". A possible explanation for this envelope is that it is the one referred to by Samuel as C.1a which was issued in 1913, but had not been seen at the time that Part 3 was published.
- B.6a The date of issue of this item is given in Part 3 as July, 1912. An earlier copy has now come to light from Marton to Hochkirch, Victoria, dated 27 AP 12. Ref. 2.

ISSUES OF KING GEORGE V

- C.1a It is extremely doubtful if this item exists. See the note under B.5.
- C.1b I would like to establish a more definite date of issue than just 1913. The earliest dated copy so far seen by me is 25 SEPTEMBER, 1913. I feel sure that earlier dated copies must exist.
- C.2a The date of issue of this Provisional Issue is given by Samuel as 1918(?). I find this a most elusive issue, and so far I have not come across either a mint or used example. Any information from members would be most welcome.
- C.3a The date of issue of this Size G Envelope is given as 1920(?). So far I have seen several copies postmarked in 1920, the earliest being 6 JUNE, 1920.
- C.3b Professor Campbell reports a 3d. (Die 2) King George V Size K Registered Envelope (Env.No.65a) in mint condition which should be listed as C.3b. Ref. 8.
- C.4a Once again there was some doubt as to the date of issue of this item at the time Part 3 was printed. Captain Cook has since reported 10 OCT 1922, and since then I have seen both 5 JULY 1922 and 11 JULY 1922. Again, members may know of even earlier dates.
- C.4b An additional envelope to record. This is the 3d. Red Brown of King George V, Die 2, in Size K with the number 'S.L. U.121 (4708)' on the reverse. This envelope should be given the classification of C.4b. Ref. 2.
- C.5b John Watts in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, pages 81 - 86, September, 1981, refers to a Size K Envelope (inadvertently as C.5a) in which he mentions that his example has a minor difference in that the first hyphen in front of the 'Mc' is missing. I would confirm that my copy contains this hyphen, therefore a possible variety may exist.

C.10a At the time of publication of Part 3, this item was recorded as being scarce and only known in used condition. Professor Campbell reports this in mint condition - Ref. 8 - and it would appear that this item is difficult to obtain in New Zealand. Whilst I would not be so rash as to state that it is common in the United Kingdom, suffice to say that I have come across at least six copies in the last couple of years at substantial asking prices based on the scarcity statement in Part 3.

C.15a Once again there would appear to be some doubt as to the date of issue of this item, it being given as June (?) 1932. Whilst I would expect this to be correct, the earliest date I have so far seen is 28 DE 32.

C.16a Not a particularly common item, and the date of issue is recorded as March (?) 1933. I have not seen anything earlier than 1935. Any advancement?

C.17a The date of issue given by Samuel of the 4d. Yellow-Brown without number on the reverse is 1936. I can now report an example used from Nelson to Dunedin dated 22 NO 35. Ref. 2.

D.2 The 4d. Mitre Peak with REGISTERED LETTER $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm in height was recorded in Part 3 as being issued in 1939(?). G. Lawson of Auckland reports a copy dated 11 FEBRUARY, 1939 - Ref. 11 - which has since been predated by an example from Auckland to Surbiton, Surrey, dated 3 JA 38. Ref. 2.

The variety SIDF instead of SIDE would appear to be relatively easy to obtain in used condition. So far, no copies have been noted in mint condition - worth checking your collection.

ISSUES OF KING GEORGE VI

The Registered Envelopes of New Zealand used during the reign of King George VI do not appear in any great quantities in the United Kingdom, therefore there is very little I can add to that already written by Robert Samuel. It is therefore hoped that all members of the Society will have a good look in their collections to see what we can collectively add to that already recorded.

However, there are a couple of issues for which I and a fellow collector in the U.S.A. are not happy about, i.e. E.5 and E.6. Assuming that the illustrations in Part 3 are correct, possibly the easiest methods of identification without the use of a ruler are:-

1. On E.5, the two letters 'T' in 'LETTER' on the top line have a distinct space between them; and in the second line the two letters 'f' in 'Officer' are joined at the foot.
2. Whilst for E.6, the illustration of the two letters 'T' in 'LETTER' shows that they are almost touching at the top; whilst the two 'f's' in 'Officer' shows that they are quite separate at the foot.

Both my colleague in the U.S.A. and myself have copies which would appear to be a combination of these issues. Unfortunately,

used copies in the main are of little help in measuring the length of REGISTERED LETTER or the diameter of the 'R in the circle' owing to the registration labels which were affixed.

ISSUES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 11

With the exception of two or three issues, New Zealand Registered Envelopes issued during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 11 are available in reasonable quantities if one is prepared to do some searching. I do feel that without the detailed study and listings recorded by Robert Samuel, we would possibly gloss over many items as duplicates without correctly identifying the individual printings.

- F.14b A variety to be recorded with the Embossed Stamp being on the reverse instead of on the front. Ref. 2.
- F.16 It would appear that these two envelopes were issued on
F.17 15 FEBRUARY 1971, and that the total number surcharged was 48,900.
- F.18 Previously recorded as issued in 1971. The earliest date so far reported is that of G.Lawson of Auckland, being 10 NOVEMBER 1971. Ref. 11.
- F.19 Samuel states that this envelope was first issued in 1975. An example dated 8 OCTOBER 1974 has since been reported by G.Lawson. Ref. 11.
- F.20 R.Herbison of Whakatane reports a printing figure of 8,300 for this provisional issue. Ref. 8.
- F.23 The printing figure for this issue as reported by R.Herbison was 67,000. Ref. 8.

Since the publication of Part 3 in 1978, two further issues of Registered Envelopes have been made, and a brief classification is as follows :-

1978

- F.24 45c of small head design in a deep shade of a colour I would call cerise. All other details as F.23.

1980

- F.25 99c of small head design in a vermilion on larger envelope - size 113 x 162 mm. Envelope of new design.

All Registered Envelopes were withdrawn from sale on 30th September, 1980.

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS

ISSUES OF QUEEN VICTORIA

With the exception of finding used examples of the first two issues, all other issues of the Queen Victoria era appear readily obtainable.

- A.2 An example is known with SPECIMEN handstamp in mauve on a wrapper with sideways watermark reading from the right. Ref. 2.
I have recently seen a mint copy of this item with the

variety 'no stop after "otherwise"'. .

- A.4 Examples are known of the SPECIMEN handstamp in mauve on paper with sideways watermark paper reading from the right.

ISSUES OF KING EDWARD VII

Whilst the issues of King Edward VII are very well described in Part 3, first impressions of trying to identify examples into their respective printings with any degree of certainty would appear almost impossible. However, once one has acquired several copies for comparison purposes, a pattern does become clear and it is a most interesting study.

- B.1 An ESSAY of the stamp design was reported in Captain Coqk which reads as follows :-

"It is a small piece of cardboard bearing a finely executed design, in green with white lettering, of a ½d. stamp bearing a portrait of King Edward VII. There are some faint pencilled numbers on the reverse of the piece of card (one apparently reading 'B720 or D720) and the edges of the card have been carefully bevelled. There is no doubt in our mind that this is the original artist's drawing for the design which was used for the stamp on the ½d. King Edward VII newspaper wrapper.

"It is of interest to note that while the ½d. newsrapper stamp had a shaded portrait, the drawing indicates an unshaded portrait (and has some pencil lines to suggest embossing). The artist - who, incidentally, is unknown - must have prepared the design with its use on embossed envelopes in mind." Ref. 18.

- B.3 The date of issue for this item is given in Part 3 as ????. I can now report an example on paper with sideways watermark reading from the right, which is postmarked UMBOLTON 25 SP 05. Ref. 2.
- B.4 Part 3 shows the date of issue for this item as 1909(?). This can now be more accurately assessed with an example to Dunedin which is postmarked PORT CHALMERS 31 JA 08. Ref. 2.
- B.5 Again an earlier date of use can be recorded, being that of DUNEDIN 23 JL 08. Ref. 2.
- B.6 Rather an elusive item and unfortunately Samuel does not record a date of issue. Whilst I possess this item both mint and used, unfortunately the cancellation on my used copy is smudged, therefore I cannot assist in determining when this was issued. It is hoped that some of our members have examples with readable cancellations.

The instruction panel for all of the listed King Edward VII wrappers began with the words "ONLY Newspapers" (with a capital 'N' for Newspapers). The 1d. Dominion wrappers and all other King George V wrappers contained an instruction beginning "ONLY newspapers" (with a small 'n'). Professor I.D.Campbell reports an example of a King Edward VII wrapper with a small 'n' in used condition - Ref. 1 - but unfortunately the cancellation does not show a date. Robert Samuel states that it is possible that it

belongs to the post-1923 period, but as this wrapper was accepted at the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rate, the question must be asked - was it issued before August, 1920, when the rate was increased to 1d.?

Since then, a further example used to Retaruke has come to light - Ref. 2 - but once again with a postmark which does not include a date. In the meantime, the Part 3 catalogue listing should be amended to include :-

C1910 - 1920

B.6a Instruction panel with message commencing "ONLY newspapers" (with small 'n' of 'newspapers'). Buff paper with watermark sideways, reading from the left. Not known mint.

ISSUES OF KING GEORGE V

- C.1 It was once thought that this item was in the nature of a proof, but it has now been established that it was issued in March, 1924. Ref. 11 and Ref. 19. There are approximately a dozen examples known in mint condition, five in New Zealand, five in the United Kingdom and one in the U.S.A., but when mint items change hands, they are difficult to account for and one must be careful not to include the same item more than once. With used dated examples, one can be much more positive in listing the number of examples known. So far, only one used example has been recorded. This is postmarked WANGANUI 17 AP 24 - Ref. 2 - and strangely enough it was obtained through the New Zealand Society of Great Britain Auction in December, 1979.
- C.2 The wrappers with the stamp in the new design inscribed POSTAGE were issued in July, 1924, and not in March, 1924, as previously recorded in Part 3. Ref. 11 and Ref. 19.
- C.3 Professor I.D.Campbell reports the 1d. Admiral newsrapper with watermark reading from the right - Ref. 11 - and a similar item in mint condition is in my own collection.

ISSUES OF KING EDWARD VIII

Whilst no postal stationery was issued in New Zealand showing the head of King Edward VIII, there would appear to have been some essays prepared.

I acquired the following PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAYS from a New Zealand Auction House in 1981 :-

PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY OF A 'ONE PENNY' POSTAL STATIONERY DIE. With minor differences to the Crown, and slightly different lettering, this design was adopted for the reign of King George VI with the substitution of the Monarch's Head.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY OF AN ENLARGED DRAWING OF THE CROWN. This essay is different to the design used for the stationery of King George VI.

ISSUES OF KING GEORGE VI

In common with other British Dominions and Colonies, postal stationery issued in New Zealand during the reign of King George VI is a little bit difficult to come by. An additional problem with New Zealand Wrappers of this period is that very few

have a date in the postmark. Therefore, at present there is nothing that I can add to that already listed in Part 3.

ISSUES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 11

F.9 I have a note in my catalogue that there were 110,400 of these wrappers produced, and should imagine that I acquired this information from Captain Coqk. Perhaps some member can confirm.

All Newspaper Wrappers were withdrawn from sale on 30th September, 1980.

PRISONER OF WAR AEROGRAMMES.

New Zealand's first aerogrammes were those issued during World War 11 for communicating with prisoners of war, and are quite scarce in both mint and used condition.

The first issue on 17th November, 1941, was of a 1/6 denomination and is recorded by Samuel as being produced on LATIMER BOND GREAT BRITAIN watermarked paper (A.1), and also on unwatermarked paper (A.2). To date, whilst I have seen a few examples in mint condition of A.2, the other examples of the 1/6 value are proving very elusive.

A.3 The date of issue of this item with the 1/- stamp is given by Samuel as May, 1943. I have recently seen an example dated 18 AUGUST, 1943, with a superb strike of the cachet RECOVERED BY ALLIED FORCES, although I can predate this with an example addressed to Italy which is postmarked GONVILLE 15 JE 43. Ref. 2.

A.4 Earliest date so far seen of this item is 5 JUNE, 1944.

A.5 Much more difficult than the preceding item, and the earliest date so far seen is 27 AUGUST, 1944.

A.6 Part 3 lists as A.6 the earlier 1/- Prisoner of War Aerogramme (without SEE NOTE ON FLAP on front A.5) overprinted SIXPENCE in red. Dr. K.J.McNaught of Hamilton has since reported the 1/- Aerogramme with SEE NOTE ON FLAP on the front (listed as A.4) also overprinted SIXPENCE. Dr. McNaught states that he has both mint and used examples of this aerogramme - Ref. 11. I should imagine that this will be listed as A.6a in a future catalogue. Before leaving A.6, it is worth mentioning that the normal A.6 is stated by Samuel to have been issued on 24 AUGUST, 1944. The earliest date I have so far seen is dated 2 OCTOBER, 1944.

A.8 It is considered doubtful if this item exists - Ref. 14. I would be grateful if members could have a careful check of their collections and confirm, or otherwise, this opinion.

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