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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1984,
 AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
 LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE NEW ZEALAND DEPENDENCIES,
 WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO

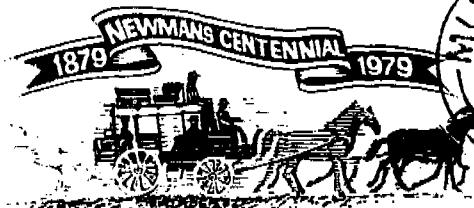
COOK ISLANDS, NIUE, PENRHYN, AND AITUTAKI.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE GIVEN BY OUR PRESIDENT

STANLEY CROSS-RUDKIN

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RE-ENACTED NELSON-MURCHISON
 JULY 1st 1979



FIRST ROYAL MAIL - FOXHILL TO HAMPDEN
 JULY 1st, 1879



Nelson Philatelic Society
 C/- Postmaster
 MURCHISON.



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EDITORIAL.

With the start of 1984, we welcome a new Honorary General Secretary to the Society. We are all extremely grateful for the sterling work done in the past by Terry Brock, and we welcome Margaret Cole to this post.

There will be a transition period, of course, while Margaret Cole picks up the reins. While Terry Brock has promised all help and support, there are bound to be snags and delays. But with goodwill from us all, the Society should continue its habitual smooth running.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

ALLAN P. BERRY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

~~M.H. Kempshall, 42, Guthrie Road, Havelock North, New Zealand.~~
~~Mrs. D.M. Isaacs, 10, Dukes Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 7RX.~~

RESIGNED

~~L.H. Ewings, 154, Christchurch Road, Newport, Gwent.~~

DECEASED

~~Jon Baker, 13, Station Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire.~~

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

~~R.H. Chipchase, 25, Hayton Road, North Shields,~~
~~Tyne & Wear, NE30 3TZ.~~

~~(previously of Pentland, Newcastle-on-Tyne.)~~

~~P.A. Dean, 22, Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 2SB.~~
~~(previously of 3, Rydens Park, Walton-on-Thames.)~~

~~D.R. Elsome-Jones, 18, Newham Road, Truro, Cornwall.~~
~~(previously of Maidenhead, Berks.)~~

~~Alan Jackson, English Department, University College,~~
~~Manama, Bahrain.~~

~~(previously of Dunedin, New Zealand.)~~

~~J. Murr, c/o Post Office, Beachlands, Howick, New Zealand.~~
~~(previously of Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand.)~~

~~G.L. Rolton, 28, Hawkwell Park Drive, Hawkwell, Hockley, Essex.~~
~~(previously of Great Wakering.)~~

KIWI DAY - SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 1983

The 32nd Annual General Meeting commenced at 11.00 a.m. at the Y.W.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR.

THE 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Chairman, Stanley Cross-Rudkin, opened the meeting at 11.00 a.m. with approximately forty members present. Apologies for absence were received from Rita Gilders, E.A. Greatrex and E.W. Nanson. S.D. Crawford, a member attending a meeting for the first time, was made welcome.

- 1) The Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting having been previously circulated in 'The Kiwi' were taken as read and adopted. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.
- 2) Phil Evans, our President, was absent due to illness. However, his report on the previous year's activities was brought to the

Meeting and read to those present by our Chairman. This read:-

"It is pleasing to report again that the Society is in good health and that the membership total is the same as a year ago.

"In a few minutes time, you will hear from your finance officers, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Packet Secretary and the Hon. Auditor. I will not pre-empt their reports, but only express my own gratitude to them for their successful endeavours.

"The programme of the Society's year never shows any monotony, although the dates follow a regular annual pattern. This year started with a meeting unique in our annals - the exposition of stamp vending machines and stamp affixing machines by Dr. Jean Alexander aided by her husband Crawford, with a fascinating array of the actual hardware as well as the paper-ware.

"The competition in March was judged by John Marriott whose international judging experience was reflected in his helpful comments for the competitors. The feature display during the judging was Albert Harrad's high quality King George V stamps.

"In May, Michael Burberry and Allan Berry displayed the material they had shown at Palmpex '82, augmented to give us a full afternoon of eye-opening philately.

"July brought us a contributory display led by Vice-Chairman, John Smith; as such occasions always do in this Society, this brought forth some notable material.

"In September, Marcel Stanley treated us to a two-part display, first essays and proofs of the Revenue stamps, then a memorable coverage of booklets and booklet stamps. It really is a privilege to see such material as this, explained by so eminent and knowledgeable a philatelist.

"This year has been marked by an innovation in the form of 'Regional Meetings' - a somewhat optimistic description, I fear. I must not say much as the subject is listed as an Agendum for discussion later in this meeting, but I do want to pay credit to the local organisers in Liverpool and in Bournemouth for their efficient labours and to say that the interest and appreciation of the audiences at both places was very pleasing and rewarding.

"In a little while you will be asked to take part in the election of officers. It is not our custom to extol the work of these officers individually and they seem content year by year with an umbrella expression of thanks. This year, for an obvious reason, I want to add my own appreciation of their help and support during my period of Presidency and to depart from custom to acknowledge services that do not carry a job title or require election at the A.G.M. Last year I mentioned as a group the Bournemouth distribution team for 'The Kiwi' which continues to function admirably. And today particularly we have reason to appreciate the services of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis in printing the Auction Catalogue and coming down from the Midlands to help in the event.

There are others who, having no specific duty, turn to and bear a hand whenever there is need. Their contribution is important, and we thank them for it."

3) In presenting his Report and Accounts for the year, the Hon Treasurer forecast the need for an increase in the Annual Membership Fee. In accordance with the authority granted to it at the 30th Annual General Meeting, the Committee had decided that

this should be £5-00 for all members, and that overseas members should receive 'The Kiwi' by air mail. The Report and Accounts, enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi', were adopted unanimously.

4) The Packet Secretary reported a decline in both turnover and profit, a trend that he considered likely to continue. After again drawing the attention of members to the Rules of the Packet, the Report and Accounts, again enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi' were submitted to the meeting and adopted unanimously.

5) The following Officers of the Society were then elected.

President.....S.F.Cross-Rudkin.
Vice-Presidents...P.L.Evans, J.D.Evans, M.Burberry, Noel Turner.
Hon. Chairman.....J.A.W.Smith.
Hon. Vice-Chairman.....Officers and Members of the Committee.
Hon. General Secretary.....Miss Margaret Cole.
Hon. Meetings Secretary.....Mrs. E.Carter.
Hon. Treasurer.....I.G.Fogg.
Hon. Packet Secretary.....B.T.Atkinson.
Hon. Librarian.....B.T.Atkinson.
Hon. Editor of 'The Kiwi'.....A.P.Berry.
Hon. Kiwi Distribution Manager.....P.Marks.
Hon. Meetings Reporter.....A.E.Harrad.
Hon. Public Relations Officer.....A.McKellar.
Hon. Membership Recorder.....Noel Turner.
Hon. Auction Officer.....I.G.Fogg.
Hon. Auctioneer.....Noel Turner.
Hon. Auditor.....A.Howie, C.A.
Hon. Representative in New Zealand.....J.L.Watts.
J.Buchanan and A.Baker were elected Members of the Committee.

6) The subject of Regional Meetings was debated by the members present, with ideas being put forward as to how the format could be improved to increase attendance. The matter was finally referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7) The provisional programme for 1984 was announced. Since this is still subject to revision, it is considered inappropriate to make any final publication at this time.

8) There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting closed at approximately 12.00 noon.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Presentation of the Society Awards for 1983 was made by Ann Carter.

Classic Section : Kiwi Shield - John D. Evans.
Runner-up : Paua Musical Box - S.F.Cross-Rudkin.
Modern Section 1 : Stacey Hooker Cup - Peter Marks.
Runner-up : Paua Book Ends - P.L.Evans.
Modern Section 2 : Noel Turner Trophy - J.A.W.Smith.
Runner-up : John Evans Trophy - Peter Marks.
Postal History : J.J.Bishop Trophy - Allan Berry.
Runner-up : The Barton Bowl - T.H.Brock.

The F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best contribution published in 'The Kiwi' in the last year was awarded to Martyn Jackson for his series of articles on Postal Stationery.

After the lunch break, the Annual Auction took place, presided over by Noel Turner. The literature lots attracted spirited bidding as did those lots consisting of the more unusual material. But

once again, modern lots of basic sets of stamps and First Day Covers remained for the large part unsold. During the tea break a raffle was held for items kindly donated by members.

At the end of the Auction, Noel Turner thanked all those who had helped and those who had donated lots for sale on behalf of the Society's funds. The Meeting closed at approximately 5.00 p.m.

AUCTION REALISATIONS

LOT 3 - £ 49.00	LOT 74 - £ 2.50	LOT 144 - £ 2.00	LOT 217 - £ 8.00
12 - £ 15.00	77 - £ 3.50	145 - £ 4.00	218 - £ 5.00
13 - £ 25.00	79 - £ 3.00	147 - £ 3.00	219 - £ 5.00
14 - £ 13.00	80 - £ 3.50	148 - £ 2.00	220 - £ 2.00
16 - £ 10.00	82 - £ 4.00	149 - £ 7.50	221 - £ 6.00
17 - £ 18.00	83 - £ 3.50	150 - £ 6.00	222 - £ 11.00
18 - £ 4.00	84 - £ 4.50	151 - £ 9.50	223 - £ 7.00
19 - £ 20.00	85 - £ 8.50	152 - £ 6.00	224 - £ 2.00
21 - £ 4.00	86 - £ 6.50	153 - £ 3.00	226 - £ 8.00
25 - £ 13.00	88 - £ 3.00	154 - £ 5.50	227 - £ 6.50
27 - £ 5.25	89 - £ 1.00	155 - £ 8.00	233 - £ 11.00
28 - £ 11.50	90 - £ 4.00	156 - £ 1.00	234 - £ 8.00
30 - £ 9.00	91 - £ 4.50	157 - £ 1.00	247 - £ 6.00
31 - £ 7.00	102 - £ 13.00	158 - £ 6.00	251 - £ 10.00
32 - £ 9.00	104 - £ 6.00	160 - £ 7.00	252 - £ 4.50
38 - £ 5.50	105 - £ 4.00	161 - £ 12.50	253 - £ 8.50
42 - £ 26.00	106 - £ 4.00	162 - £ 10.00	254 - £ 8.50
43 - £ 4.00	110 - £ 9.00	163 - £ 20.00	255 - £ 7.50
44 - £ 4.50	114 - £ 9.00	164 - £ 20.00	269 - £ 5.25
46 - £ 28.00	115 - £ 8.00	165 - £ 5.00	278 - £ 6.00
47 - £ 7.00	116 - £ 6.00	166 - £ 7.50	279 - £ 3.00
48 - £ 4.00	117 - £ 25.00	167 - £ 6.00	280 - £ 3.00
49 - £ 3.50	118 - £ 12.00	168 - £ 7.50	281 - £ 12.50
51 - £ 32.00	119 - £ 17.00	169 - £ 7.00	282 - £ 10.50
52 - £ 8.50	120 - £ 10.00	170 - £ 21.00	283 - £ 9.50
53 - £ 3.00	121 - £ 4.50	172 - £ 10.00	287 - £ 8.00
54 - £ 43.00	122 - £ 19.00	173 - £ 5.00	289 - £ 5.00
55 - £ 17.00	123 - £ 6.00	176 - £ 8.00	290 - £ 6.00
56 - £ 10.00	124 - £ 7.00	181 - £ 4.50	291 - £ 8.50
57 - £ 12.00	125 - £ 8.00	184 - £ 4.00	292 - £ 5.50
58 - £ 16.00	126 - £ 14.00	185 - £ 6.00	293 - £ 2.00
59 - £ 16.00	127 - £ 10.50	197 - £ 2.00	294 - £ 5.50
61 - £ 11.50	128 - £ 4.00	198 - £ 2.00	296 - £ 3.00
62 - £ 12.00	129 - £ 10.00	201 - £ 2.00	298 - £ 4.00
63 - £ 5.00	130 - £ 17.00	202 - £ 16.00	300 - £ 9.00
64 - £ 5.00	131 - £ 5.75	203 - £ 15.00	301 - £ 8.00
65 - £ 3.00	133 - £ 3.50	204 - £ 8.00	302 - £ 2.00
66 - £ 5.50	135 - £ 8.50	205 - £ 3.50	303 - £ 2.00
67 - £ 3.50	136 - £ 5.00	207 - £ 2.00	305 - £ 2.00
68 - £ 15.50	137 - £ 4.00	208 - £ 25.00	307 - £ 2.00
69 - £ 6.00	139 - £ 4.00	209 - £ 10.50	308 - £ 5.00
70 - £ 4.00	140 - £ 8.50	210 - £ 30.00	312 - £ 3.00
71 - £ 3.50	141 - £ 4.50	211 - £ 9.50	313 - £ 4.00
72 - £ 3.00	142 - £ 7.50	213 - £ 2.00	314 - £ 3.50
73 - £ 5.00	143 - £ 2.00	214 - £ 12.50	316 - £ 2.50

LOT 316 - £ 2.50	LOT 323 - £ 4.00	LOT 330 - £ 9.50	LOT 334 - £ 2.50
318 - £ 8.00	324 - £ 3.00	331 - £ 3.00	340 - £ 2.50
320 - £ 5.00	328 - £ 5.50	332 - £ 3.00	

Lots sold for the Society Funds realised as follows :-

LOT A - £ 11.50	LOT G - £ 0.50	LOT M - £ 1.00	LOT S - £ 0.25
B - £ 12.00	H - £ 0.25	N - £ 5.50	T - £ 1.00
C - £ 0.50	I - £ 1.00	O - £ 0.75	U - £ 1.00
D - £ 3.00	J - £ 0.25	P - £ 1.50	V - £ 10.00
E - £ 3.00	K - £ 0.25	Q - £ 3.00	W - £ 2.50
F - £ 3.00	L - £ 0.25	R - £ 0.75	

Lots for which realisations are not listed either failed to attract a bid, failed to reach the vendor's reserve, or were withdrawn prior to the Auction.

ROBSON LOWE SALE OF AUSTRALASIA - 22ND FEBRUARY, 1984.

A collection of New Zealand forms a highlight of this sale, to be held in London on 22nd February, 1984.

Among early covers there is an 1855 unframed NEW PLYMOUTH NEW ZEALAND c.d.s. with 'Z' of ZEALAND reversed, examples of the interprovincial 3d. rate, and a splendid example of the handstamp DETAINED FOR EXTRA POSTAGE.

There is a handsome 1861 advertising envelope to the U.S.A. with three 6d. Chalons paying the postage while the back is occupied by a stirring scene of Cobb & Co.'s Southland Telegraph Line of Royal Mail Coaches racing along in apparent competition with the railway.

Among the Chalons there are copies of the London Print 1d. and 2d., shades, rare roulettes, issues on pelure paper, NZ watermark, Letters and Invicta watermark, the colour changes, with a sprinkling of mint throughout.

Among the Sidefaces there is a remarkable representation of Adsons, with printings in various different colours, partial reconstructions, and two examples of O.P.S.O. overprints, which we believe to be genuine, on used 2½d. Adson.

Representation of the 1898 Pictorials includes Essays, Die and Plate proofs and a marginal strip of 2½d. Wakatipu horizontally imperf.



Life Insurance representation includes Die Proofs, presentation printings and the presentation sets of 1947 and 1959. Officials start with O.P.S.O. overprints including hitherto unknown 1½d. Boer War and 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d. and 1/- all with diagonal lines cancellation applied to Presentation Sets. Good Postal Fiscals include fine postally used examples of the 1882 - 1926 Long Type to £8-00 and Arms with the £3-10-0 and £4-10-0.

In the Fiscals and Railway stamps there are items which have not been seen in a lifetime. Mint pairs of the very rare DUTY PAID IN FULL and PENALTY PAID stamps are star items. Railway stamps include studies of the 1890 issue, 1894 Parcel and Freight stamps,



with a 5/- of which two are said to be known - this is presumably the third.

For those interested in the New Zealand Dependencies there is a collection of Aitutaki in which the highlights are in the King George V section with two perf. pairs and 1/- block of six which includes the 'Missing Stop' varieties. Cook Islands is strong in the first issue. Niue also carries strength in King George V issues with two perf. pairs. Penrhyn and Samoa collections complete the collection.

The Catalogue - in itself a reference book - is available from the Auctioneer for £1-50.

BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1983 - "APEX 1983".

Congratulations to our Vice-President, Michael Burberry, who was awarded a Gold Medal and the Aerophilatelic Club, London, Trophy for his exhibit of 'New Zealand - Great Barrier Island Pigeongrams'. It appears that this is the first time that this trophy has been awarded for an exhibit where the air mail was conveyed by muscle power!

Congratulations to the following members who also gained awards:-

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| Silver Medals | - A.P.Berry (2), J.G.Stonehouse. |
| Silver-Bronze Medal | - T.H.Brock. |
| Bronze Medals | - S.F.Cross-Rudkin, J.D.Evans, J.A.W.Smith. |
| Diploma of Merit | - E.W.Leppard. |

1984 STAMP PROGRAMME

Four stamps marking New Zealand's involvement in Antarctica will be issued by the Post Office on 1st February, 1984, the Postmaster-General, Hon. R.L.G.Talbot, announced recently. The four stamps will also be released in a special miniature sheet edition which will be of interest to stamp collectors.

The full stamp programme for 1984 is as follows:

- 1st February - Special topic issue of four stamps and a miniature sheet marking New Zealand's involvement in Antarctica.
- 4th April - Special topic issue of four stamps depicting vintage transport.
- 6th June - A scenic issue of four stamps featuring New Zealand ski fields.
- 11th July - Special topic issue of five stamps depicting endangered animal wildlife.
- 1st August - Three Health stamps depicting domestic animals.
- 3rd October - Three Christmas stamps.
- 5th December - Special topic issue of four stamps and a miniature sheet featuring New Zealand military history.

Further details about the new issue will be released by the Post Office in due course.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

This will be held on Saturday, 31st March, 1984, at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR. Details of the classes and the awards are as follows :-

CLASSIC SECTION.

AWARDS

Stamps issued up to 1908

Condition.....	30 pts.	Noel Turner Trophy and
Completeness.....	20 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	25 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	25 pts.	Runner-up :-
	100 pts.	John D. Evans Trophy

MODERN SECTION 1.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of the Three Kings.

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

MODERN SECTION 2.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

As Modern Section 1.	Stacey Hooker Cup and
	Silver-Gilt Medallion
	Runner-up :-
	Paua Book Ends

POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

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

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

RUNNER-UP :- The Barton Bowl

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 :-
Miss Margaret Cole, 13, Southey Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 1NN.

Such postal entries should arrive with Margaret Cole not later than Tuesday, 27th March, 1984. It is regretted that entries from overseas members cannot be accepted, due to the problems that have been encountered with the Customs and Excise Authorities.

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 are hoping for a massive entry. In the past, many members have been reluctant to enter. But we all have to start somewhere, and the friendly atmosphere of the Society is surely the best place.

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

PHAR LAP



A special pictorial date stamp featuring the racehorse 'Phar Lap' was used at Geraldine on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1983, to coincide with the premier of the film 'Phar Lap'. Mail posted in a special posting box at the Geraldine Post Office was cancelled with the special datestamp.

WORLD CONGRESS ON COLOURED SHEEP AND THEIR PRODUCTS



A special pictorial datestamp will be used at Lincoln College on Monday, 23rd January, 1984, to mark the World Congress on Coloured Sheep and Their Products. The date stamp design features the Congress logo. Mail posted in a special posting box at the Lincoln College Post Office will be cancelled with the special datestamp.

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS USED ABROAD / NOT USED ABROAD !

R.M.STARTUP

The articles published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 32, page 90, September, 1983, interested me, as I was one of hundreds who sent covers to the Antarctic in 1957 and received them back uncanceled and with the rubber stamp cachet as illustrated. What happened was that there had been fairly extensive newspaper publicity about the ability, for the first time, for philatelists to send covers to the Antarctic bases for postmarking and return. Though the releases noted that the covers had to bear return postage they did not say United States mint stamps had to be used. So all those with New Zealand stamps were so marked and returned.

My understanding is that philatelic mail sent to the Antarctic must bear United States stamps for posting through United States Navy post offices, and Ross Dependency stamps for postmarking through Scott Base, Australian Antarctic through those bases - but here the covers will be postmarked in Melbourne and never reach the Antarctic - and so on. However, with people working with expeditions on the ice there is obvious very friendly camaraderie and a wide range of special and commemorative cachets are used. Thus souvenir mail originating on the ice gets cacheted and postmarked per favour very widely - but you have to be there or have someone there to do it for you!

What is interesting is that the official releases for the 50th Anniversary of the New Zealand Antarctic Society Special Datestamp for 2nd November, 1983, for Scott Base states that either New Zealand or Ross Dependency stamps are acceptable. New Zealand stamps have been acceptable in the past but this has been kept rather quiet!

FINDINGS FROM FILES.

MACHINES FOR EMBOSSING POSTAL STATIONERY

ALLAN P. BERRY

This extract starts with a letter from the New Zealand High Commission to the Post Office Stores Department, Stamps Section, Somerset House, W.C.2., dated 5th December, 1939. This reads:-

"A short time ago when you were over here, you raised the question as to what sizes of registered envelopes were issued in New Zealand, and at that time I believe I told you I could not say. I rather gathered that you were interested in connection with an enquiry for an envelope making machine, but according to a memorandum just received by the High Commissioner from the Post and Telegraph Department, copy of which is attached, it would appear that the Post and Telegraph Department have been enquiring from the G.P.O. for a machine for embossing only.

"Next time you are over, I should be glad if you could let me have any information you have available."

The memorandum referred to in this letter is dated 25th October, 1939, and is from the Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, to the New Zealand High Commissioner, London, signed by F.Jones, for the Prime Minister. This memorandum reads as follows:-

"The annual requirements of embossed envelopes for sale to the public in this Dominion have increased to such an extent that the Post and Telegraph Department finds it difficult to maintain adequate stocks with the one platen embossing machine at present in use, and the purchase of a second machine is under consideration.

"The present practice is to obtain the envelopes already made up and emboss them by means of a hand-fed machine. Envelopes of four sizes are in use - social, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4 "; business, 6" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; medium registered, 6" x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; and large registered, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6". Approximately 1,400,000 envelopes are issued annually.

"The Post and Telegraph Department has made enquiries of the General Post Office, London, regarding the machines used for the embossing of the British articles of stationery, and it has been ascertained that Messrs. Waite and Saville, Otley, Yorks, may be in a position to submit details of machines suitable for the requirements of this Dominion. I should be glad, therefore, if you would approach that firm and obtain particulars of their machines."

The Post Office Stores Department, Stamps Section, replied on 11th December, 1939. The letter reads:-

"...I enclose herewith a copy of a memorandum, which was sent by our Postal Services Department to the Posts and Telegraph Department at Wellington about September, containing the information supplied by the Stores Department on the subject of embossed envelope machinery.

"I presume you will now approach Messrs. Waite & Saville. Their embossing machines are in use at McCorquodales at Wolverton and, if you would like to see them, no doubt we can arrange a visit; or, I should be happy to help in any other way."

Unfortunately, the files do not contain a copy of the memorandum sent to the Posts and Telegraph Department in Wellington, and there is no indication that the offer to arrange a visit to McCorquodales was taken up, or any indication that any machinery was, in fact, ordered.

I am very grateful to the National Postal Museum for allowing access to these files, and for permission to publish extracts from them.

PROMOTIONAL SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS FOR HEALTH STAMPS

ALLAN McKELLAR

In December, 1931, a slogan to aid the sale of Health Stamps was issued for use at the four Chief Post Offices in New Zealand, Auckland, Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington, and in 1938 at Timaru. The wording was 'BUT HEALTH STAMPS FOR HEALTH CAMPS'.

There were many varieties of this first slogan -

1. Frame sizes 34, 35, 36 and 37 mm, with seven bars and a stop after 'CAMPS'.
2. Frame sizes 30, 33 and 37 mm, with six bars and a stop after 'CAMPS'.
3. Frame sizes 30, 37, 39 and 40 mm with six bars and no stop after 'CAMPS'.

One of the slogans used at Wellington, which was frame size 37 mm and with seven bars, became damaged. As a result, the top bar was removed.

When the slogans were made, there were nine dies, designed to be fitted to Universal cancelling machines.

Type 1 - seven bars.

- Die 1 Auckland - in use from December, 1931, to January, 1936.
- Die 2 Christchurch - in use from December, 1931, to January, 1938.
- Die 3 Dunedin - in use from December, 1931, to December, 1936.
- Die 4 Wellington - in use from December, 1931, to January, 1934.
- Die 5 Wellington - in use from 24th October, 1934, to January, 1935.
- Die 6 Wellington - in use from 30th September, 1935, to November, 1935.
- Die 7 Wellington - in use from December, 1935, to November, 1938.
- Die 8 Auckland - in use from November, 1936, to January, 1938.
also - in use from October, 1945, to December, 1947.
- Die 9 Timaru - in use from October, 1938, to October, 1941.
Dunedin - in use from October, 1946, to December, 1949.
Dunedin - in use from October, 1960, to August, 1971.

In 1938, another set of six dies were made, measuring 30 mm to 32 mm. These were placed in use with the Health Stamps of that year.

Type 2 - six bars.

- Die 1 Auckland - in use from 1st October, 1938, to February, 1941.

- Die 2 Auckland - in use from October, 1941, to January, 1948.
- Die 3 Christchurch - in use from 1st October, 1938, to January, 1950.
- Die 4 Dunedin - in use from 1st October, 1938, to November, 1955.
- Die 5 Timaru - in use from October, 1946, to December, 1946.
- Die 6 Wellington - in use from December, 1938, to December, 1945.

The next set of dies was made in 1944, and unlike the previous two types, these were unframed. There were seven dies of this type and they were placed in use as the old dies became worn, as follows:-

Type 3 - unframed.

- Die 1 Auckland - in use from October, 1948, to October, 1954.
- Die 2 Timaru - in use from October, 1947, to 1st November, 1949.
- Die 3 Christchurch - in use from October, 1952, to December, 1955.
- Die 4 Hamilton - in use from September, 1959, to October, 1961.
- Die 5 Wellington - in use from October, 1944, to January, 1948.
- Die 6 Wellington - in use from October, 1948, to February, 1955.
- Die 7 Gore - in use from 14th September, 1959.
Stoke - in use from September, 1975.

These dies were transferred to other post offices with the issue of a new slogan at the Chief Post Offices in 1955.

- Die 1 - transferred from Auckland to Hamilton, in use from October, 1955, to September, 1958.
- Die 2 - transferred from Timaru to Christchurch, in use from October, 1950, to December, 1951.
- Die 3 - transferred from Christchurch to Invercargill, in use from September, 1956, to 1970.
transferred from Invercargill to Otautau, in use from November, 1970, to 1971.
transferred from Otautau to Maitua, in use from November, 1972.
- Die 6 - transferred from Wellington to New Plymouth, in use from October, 1955, to November, 1968.
- Dies 4, 5 and 7 remained at their original post offices.

In 1954, yet another type of slogan appeared. This was in two lines instead of the previous four lines.

Type 4 - slogan in two lines.

- Die 1 Christchurch - in use from 31st August, 1954, to September, 1970.
- Die 2 Motueka - in use from September, 1954, to 1963.
transferred from Motueka to Nelson, in use from August, 1964, to 1966.
transferred from Nelson to Richmond, in use from September, 1966, to 1972.
transferred from Richmond to Takaka, in use from September, 1973.

In 1955, a new Health slogan was produced for use at the Chief

Post Offices, the old slogan being transferred to lesser post offices. This slogan read 'GIVE CHILDREN / HEALTH - USE / HEALTH STAMPS'. Three dies were made:-

- Die 1 Auckland - in use from 1st October, 1955, to September, 1968.
- Die 2 Wellington - in use from 3rd October, 1955, to October, 1972.
- Die 3 Christchurch - in use from October, 1961, to December, 1963.

Die 2 of this slogan appears to have been loaned out on two occasions:-

- Lambton Quay - November, 1967, for one month.
- Moera - January, 1968, for one month.

A second style of this slogan appeared in 1956. Whereas the first type had a single dash between 'HEALTH' and 'USE', in this second type the dash was doubled. Two dies were used:-

- Die 1 Christchurch - in use from September, 1956, to October, 1956.
- Die 2 Dunedin - in use from September, 1956, to October, 1956, transferred from Dunedin to Christchurch, in use from September, 1957, to September, 1958.

Another slogan associated with Health Camps was '+ SUPPORT + / KING GEORGE V / MEMORIAL FUND'. This slogan was produced to help raise funds for the construction of Health Camps. Four dies were produced and used at the four Chief Post Offices as follows:-

- Auckland - used from 25th March, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Dunedin - used from 26th March, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Christchurch - used from 2nd April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Wellington - used from 24th March, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.

The Auckland die became damaged twice during its short life. The first time was on 10th April, 1937, when it was withdrawn, being returned to service on 14th April, 1937. It was damaged again on 22nd April, 1937, when it was withdrawn, being returned to service on 29th April, 1937.

A second slogan with this wording was used at nine other Chief Post Offices, nine dies being produced. The layout was different, in that it had three lines instead of one, and was in two lines of words rather than three:-

===== SUPPORT =====
KING GEORGE V. MEMORIAL FUND

These dies were used as follows:-

- Hamilton - 3rd April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Napier - 3rd April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- New Plymouth - 3rd April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Greymouth - 6th April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Timaru - 6th April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Nelson - 6th April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Wanganui - 6th April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.
- Palmerston North - 6th April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.

Invercargill - 7th April, 1937, to 3rd June, 1937.

The above listing is probably far from complete. If any member can add further information, or make any corrections, I would be pleased to hear from them.

THE HEADQUARTERS OBLITERATOR

JOHN D. EVANS

The Second Taranaki or Maori War began on 4th May, 1863, and considerable detail of the Campaign is to be found in R.M.Startup's 'Maori Wars Postal Services', published in October, 1961. As the Colonial Defence Forces moved south from Auckland and east from Raglan in the Waikato, General Cameron, the Commanding Officer, and his Headquarters arrived at Queen's Redoubt near the present town of Pokeno on 11th July, 1863, and by November, 1863, the battle at Rangiriri virtually put an end to Maori resistance in that area. Various postal arrangements were made for mail to be taken twice weekly by Royal Artillery Mounted Trooper via Queen's Redoubt and Drury to Auckland. According to R.M.Startup the Post Office supplied the Headquarters Army Post Office with the obliterator for use in cancelling postage stamps on letters handled, and the date given is 18th March, 1864. This obliterator was an oval with the word 'HEADQUARTERS' between six horizontal bars as illustrated. Sergeant Robert Hunt was gazetted Postmaster Headquarters from that date. It is perhaps worth mentioning that on 25th May, 1864, six-horse coaches started to run daily from Auckland for Otahuhu, Drury and Queen's Redoubt, these being Cobb's vans of Messrs. Quick & Company.



As General Cameron pushed the Field Force southwards with the result that his Headquarters moved, so Waikato Field Post Offices were opened and on 16th April, 1864, the Headquarters Post Office moved to Te Awamutu and the Headquarters staff was withdrawn. It appears that the Headquarters Army Post Office had an establishment of Officers and orderlies with which to arrange military mails and its temporary headquarters would not necessarily be the same as the Headquarters of General Cameron and his Staff under whose command it must have been.

Early in April, 1864, General Cameron decided to create a diversion in the Bay of Plenty and prevent the Waikato Tribes being re-inforced from the east and he moved the Field Force to Tauranga landing there with his Staff on 21st April, 1864, from H.M.S. 'Esk'. The Field Force was about 1,600 strong and launched an unsuccessful attack on 29th April on the Maori fort known as Gate Pa. General Cameron and his Staff sailed from Tauranga on 16th May for Auckland leaving Colonel H.H.Greer in charge of a garrison of about 600 men which in June finally dispersed Maori forces constructing fortifications at Te Ranga a short distance inland.

Sergeant Neville took over postal equipment and was gazetted Postmaster at Tauranga on 18th May, 1864, and was replaced on 1st November, 1865, by John Bliss on the withdrawal of British troops. Incidentally, it is accepted that Chalon Head stamps with the Tauranga c.d.s. between the above dates are Maori War

cancellations.

These very sparse facts have their interest in that in Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, page 419, the question is raised whether the Headquarters Obliterator was at an advanced Military Post Office accompanying General Cameron's Staff, or whether it was located at a Waikato Supply Base Headquarters. From the references in R.M.Startup's 'Maori Wars Postal Services' it would seem that the former is more likely. Reference is also made to Headquarters covers on page 419 from 2nd May to 1st August, 1864. The May, 1864, cover is most probably Lot 222 of the Meredith collection sold by Robson Lowe on 16th March, 1960, addressed to Torquay. "Headquarters in a barred oval two strikes tying 1862 star imperf. 2d. pale blue (2) and 6d. red brown to almost complete 1864 cover to England which shows an 'Auckland Free' c.d.s. and another strike of the Headquarters obliterator close to where another adhesive has been cut off at left". The 1st August, 1864, cover is most probably Lot 187 of the R.C. Agabeg New Zealand sold by Robson Lowe on 26th October, 1971, described simply as "Headquarters barred oval cancellation on 1862 1d., 2d., 6d. black brown and 6d. red brown". This cover is addressed to Bridgend, South Wales, via Marseilles, and has an Auckland c.d.s. with date 1 AUG 1864.

Now from what has been said above both these covers cancelled with the Headquarters obliterator were almost certainly sent from Tauranga, as General Cameron moved there with his Staff on 21st April, 1864.

The Headquarters cancellation on stamp is in my opinion scarce and on cover definitely rare and it may be that one or other of our New Zealand members can enlarge on additional covers; it may be possible to tell from the above dates whether these were sent during the Waikato Campaign or later from Tauranga.

Now let us turn to another use of the obliterator. In 1961, R.M. Startup mentioned that four very interesting covers or cover fronts were known between 1870 and 1872 having stamps cancelled with the Headquarters obliterator, the inscription "being partly removed". The earliest of these was dated at Tauranga AU.4.70, and the latest dated at Tauranga JU.24.72. It seemed that after the Headquarters obliterator was withdrawn from the Waikato area it was held in reserve, later being defaced and issued to Tauranga by 1870 as the normal Tauranga obliterator was defective.

On looking into this I have been able to trace from the Robson Lowe Auction on 11th March, 1975, Lot 304, described as "1870 cover (faults) to Auckland bearing 1864-67 1d. orange pair (damaged) cancelled with the 'Headquarters' h.s. with the name removed, and 1864-1867 2d. blue similarly cancelled, also 1862 2d. blue cancelled 'Headquarters' in bars - fair to fine - photo". The photo shows the 1d. orange pair and the whole word 'Headquarters' does not appear and so must have been removed.



There is no photo of the 1864-67 2d. blue similarly cancelled but the change in colour of this value did not take place until 1st July, 1871, and 2d. stamps in blue remained on issue until supplies were exhausted. By taking a photo-copy of the Headquarters obliterator and attaching a small strip of paper over the word 'Headquarters' and then making a photo-copy

of the result, we get as illustrated a clear impression of the obliterator with the word 'Headquarters' removed and from the photo of the cover in Lot 304 it is clear that the whole of the word was removed and it was not 'partly removed' as stated by R.M. Startup. Incidentally, Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand states at page 419 that the Headquarters obliterator with the name erased was later, i.e. after the Maori War, used at Tauranga.

The Robson Lowe Auction of 7th April, 1982, Lot 1204, included the 1864-67 3d. and 6d. and 1871 2d. Chalon Heads with oval of bars with 'Headquarters' removed and used at Tauranga and as I acquired three stamps of exactly similar description from a North of England Auction in June, 1983, the three stamps are almost certainly the same as those included in Lot 1204. Lot 1205 included a pair of the 1864-67 2d. with the 'word removed'.

At some time after 1st November, 1865, one presumes that Joseph Bliss received the Headquarters obliterator from Sergeant Neville and it remained in reserve until some time before AU.4.70. It is worth looking through later Chalon Heads for a Headquarters cancellation 'with word removed' and I have heard that our Editor has a 1d. Chalon Head with part of this interesting cancellation 'with word removed'.

INANGAHUA - COBB & CO. AND NEWMAN BROTHERS

JOHN D. EVANS

Shortly after the article of this title, published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 32, page 61, July, 1983, was written, our Editor, who had been in touch with the Head Secretary of Newmans Coach Lines Ltd. of Nelson, and I received the welcome surprise in the form of the Newmans Centennial Cover illustrated on page 1.

This depicts the first coach service from Foxhill to Hampden on 1st July, 1879. The name of Hampden was changed to Murchison on 1st May, 1883, and apologies are due for the omission to point this out in the article, whose map on page 62 refers to Murchison without reference to Hampden. The stamps are of the three statesmen, Sir Julius Vogel, Sir George Grey and Richard John Seddon, the strip of three being issued se-tenant, perf. 13 $\frac{1}{4}$, in sepia, on 7th February, 1979.

Within the Centennial Cover is a card recording that the first mail bag on that historic journey to Hampden to get mail to gold miners and early pioneers and includes a tribute to all Newmans horse and motor coach drivers who played their part during those hundred years to ensure the mail got through. Surely a fine example of enterprise.

A CHAPTER IN NEW ZEALAND AIRMAIL HISTORY

JOHN WATTS

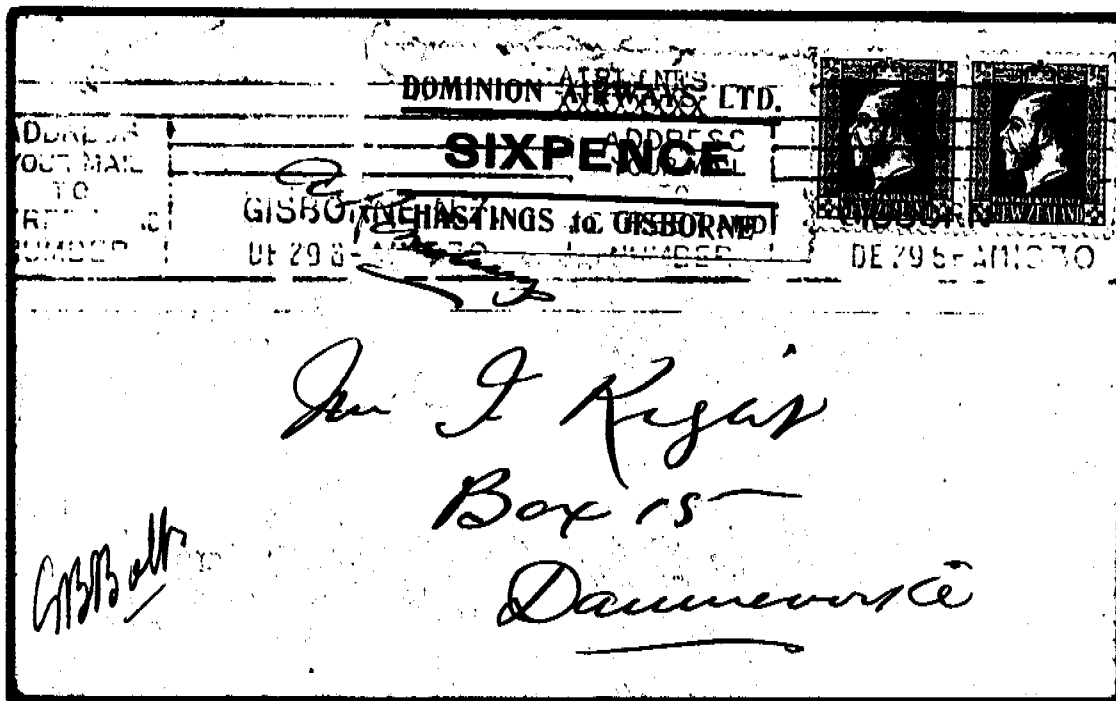
In 1929, Dominion Airlines Ltd. was formed to operate a Cook Strait air service. The Directors were J.P. Luke of Wellington, Ivan Knight of Dannevirke, H. Duncan and J. Newman of Nelson and M.H. Oram of Palmerston North.

George Bolt was appointed pilot and technical advisor. In this capacity he went to England to try out a six seater Saro Windhover

seaplane, the first of its type. One of these machines was intended for a six weeks demonstration tour of New Zealand and later for operating a service over Cook Strait on a tri-weekly service. One did arrive in Auckland boxed but was never unpacked. In the meantime, Dominion Airlines secured a Desoutter fitted with a Gypsy III engine, the only one of this type recorded as having come to New Zealand. It was late in 1930 that this plane inaugurated a Hastings - Gisborne service. There was no hangar at Gisborne to house the plane and it was necessary to tie it down each night after making its return trip from Hastings. A hundred trips were made but public response was poor.

During this period an interesting era of New Zealand Postal History was created.

To assist in covering the expense of the flight from Hastings to Gisborne a special charge of 6d. was made which was in addition to the ordinary 1d. postage rate. A special printed sticker was made available, printed in sheets of six from type on white wove unwatermarked paper, perf. 12 between rows. The total printing comprised 100 sheets. The postal authorities initially accepted the mail being flown and identified during the period December 22nd to 29th, 1930, when the post office duly cancelled the items. However, it was quickly realised that the operation was contrary to the New Zealand Postal Regulations for a charge to be made for the conveyance of letters by any organisation other than the Postal Department without the consent of the Postmaster General. Because such consent had not been obtained the use of the stamp (or sticker) as printed was suppressed. Subsequently it was used with the words 'SIX PENCE' cut away or otherwise defaced, and no charge made.



The number of items carried with the original sticker between December 22nd and 29th was approximately 50. 250 were used with the value defaced and a further 300 stickers were sold in unused

condition by Dominion Airlines Ltd. It should be noted that the original printing of the Company's name was incorrect and the majority of stickers had the name Airways ammended by typewriter to Airlines.

The flown covers were signed by the Company Agent across the sticker. The cover illustrated on the previous page, which was flown on the last day, December 29th, and cancelled at 6 - AM, is signed by A.Rosenburg and by the pilot, George Bolt.

The sticker is seen to be imperf. on the left and lower sides and therefore can be played as being from the lower left hand side of the sheet.

Following the suppression of the extra charge from December 30th a second type of sticker was provided for the Gisborne - Hastings leg. These stickers were imperf., and 600 were printed. Of these, approximately 100 were used on flown covers, and the remainder sold by the Company in unused condition.

At the time of the Napier earthquake of 3rd February, 1931, the Desoutter was undergoing an overhaul. With maximum effort the plane was made airworthy. George Bolt flew mails and telegrams between Hastings and Gisborne for some days, until on February 8th, Ivan Knight, the Managing Director, decided to pilot the plane for one trip. He was a qualified pilot but had no licence.

With two passengers and mails, Knight took off from Hastings. The aeroplane came down low to drop mail at Wairoa, stalled and crashed. It was a complete write-off. Dominion Airlines ceased to function and litigation over the affairs of the Company went on for years. With the accident closed a chapter in the history of New Zealand regular air services.

FISCAL CANCELLATIONS

TONY DIBLEY



The piece illustrated at $1\frac{1}{4}$ times normal size shows the £1 and 7/6 values of the 'Arms' type issue. What is startling is the date which reads unequivocally 11 JE 23 - plain evidence that contrary to every handbook and catalogue, these two values at least were around nearly eight years prior to the recorded

issue date!!!??

Not really - the piece also has the full perfin strike which reads 'DUTY PAID / 11 + 7 + 34'. Much more likely. One imagines a clerk in the Auckland Stamp Duties Office being subjected to the ire of his superiors when the error was found. In setting the second '1' of '11' the month and year date have been rolled back a notch to produce this result. The perfin date saves the day, however.

Is this kind of occurrence evidence of the reasons for which the Stamp Duties Office saw it necessary to handstamp, emboss and perforate the stamps affixed to an instrument in payment of duty?

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION YET? PLEASE DO SO NOW