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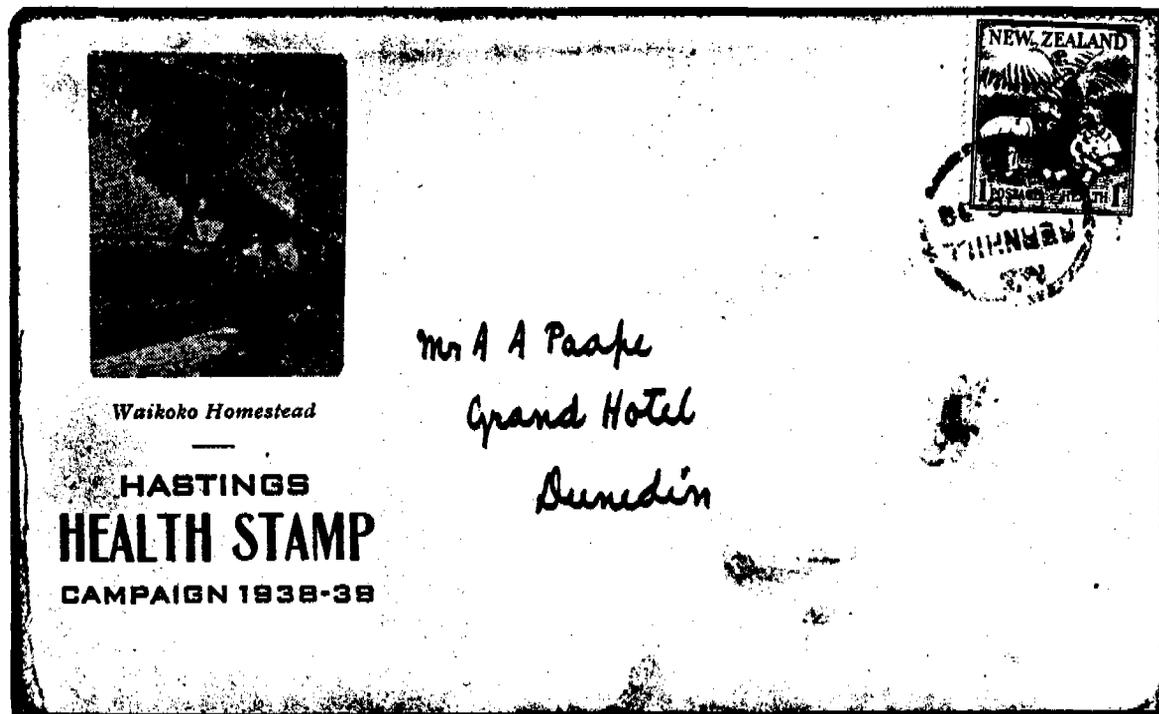
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1985,  
AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,  
LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

A FILM ENTITLED 'LANDSCAPE IN STAMPS' WILL BE SHOWN, GIVING  
POETRY, MUSIC AND PICTORIAL DETAIL OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

OUR VICE-PRESIDENT, JOHN D. EVANS, WILL GIVE A DISPLAY OF  
NEW ZEALAND HARBOURS AND LAKES AND OTHER SCENIC ITEMS ON  
EARLY AND MODERN NEW ZEALAND STAMPS, SUPPORTED BY POSTAL  
HISTORY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC ITEMS

VARIETIES OR ITEMS CONSIDERED BY MEMBERS TO BE OF SPECIAL  
INTEREST TO THE THEME ARE INVITED.

## HASTINGS HEALTH STAMP CAMPAIGN 1938-39 - WAIKOKO HOMESTEAD



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## EDITORIAL.

There is so much more to our hobby than just the accumulation of stamps and covers. There must be many of you who have either complete letter sheets or covers with their contents intact. Apart from the study of the postal markings on these items, it can be most interesting to research these letters, and much of historical interest can be learnt.

For this, access to historical records and books is needed. I have found the Library at the New Zealand High Commission in London of very great help, and I would recommend this to all members.

These remarks have been provoked by the help I was asked to give in researching what, on the surface, was a quite ordinary entire belonging to one of our members. It proved to be a fascinating document, which will need much more work by the member concerned.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

- G.R.Brown, 18, Cedar Grove, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3DB.  
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Nr. Wetherby, Yorkshire.  
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(previously of 81, Park Way, Pound Hill, Crawley.)

MEETING HELD SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1985 - THE ANNUAL COMPETITION

The Meeting was opened by our Chairman, John Smith, at 2.30 p.m. and he introduced our Judge for the afternoon, John Levett, R.D.P. a Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. Also welcomed were Mrs. M.L.Maguire, B.Longworth and Ross Valentine, members attending a meeting for the first time. Apologies for absence were received from A.E.Harrad.

Whilst the judging was in progress, the meeting was handed over to Gerald Pratt, who gave a display on the subject of Rural Delivery Mail and Instructional Markings. The first half of the display showed the contract forms given to private contractors for the delivery of rural mail, together with detailed maps showing the various routes of the rural mail deliveries in Taranaki, Hamilton and Invercargill. Such rural delivery mail can only be identified by instructional markings placed on items that cannot be delivered, such as 'Not Known', 'Gone, No Address', etc.

The second half of the display showed suggested drawings for rural mail delivery boxes, and many other instructional markings, such as 'Deceased', 'Posted in the Wrong Box', 'Dead Letter Office' (changed to 'Returned Letter Office' following complaints during the First World War), 'Directory Searches', 'Air Service Interrupted', 'Damaged in Postmarking Machine', and so on. The display concluded with ten pages of instructional markings from a number of post offices, obtained by Robin Startup.

The twenty-three entries for the competition were then displayed with the results as follows:-

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|------------------|---|--|
| Classic Section  | : | Stacey Hooker Cup - Stanley Cross-Rudkin,<br>King Edward VII issues. |
| Runner-up        | : | Paua Book Ends - John D. Evans,<br>Queen Victoria 1d. value.         |
| Modern Section 1 | : | Noel Turner Trophy - J.A.W.Smith,<br>King George V recess issues.    |
| Runner-up        | : | John D. Evans Trophy - R.T.E.Standing,<br>Penny Dominion.            |
| Modern Section 2 | : | Kiwi Shield - Ernest Leppard,<br>1970 Magpie Moth stamp.             |
| Runner-up        | : | Paua Musical Box - J.A.W.Smith,<br>1960 Pictorials.                  |
| Postal History   | : | John J. Bishop Trophy - Mrs. A.Mallin,<br>Sqn. Ldr. M.McGregor.      |
| Runner-up        | : | Barton Bowl - Allan McKellar,<br>External Air Mails.                 |

The David Forty Salver was awarded to Ross Valentine for his entry of the 1898 Pictorial Issue, being the best entry that failed to win a major award.

John Levett, our Judge, gave a detailed review of each entry with a critical approach which was much appreciated by all present and a vote of thanks was proposed by our President, Stanley Cross-Rudkin. The Meeting was closed at 6.00 p.m. by our Chairman, who also proposed a vote of thanks to Robin Gwynn for all his help in the time he has been in England, this being the last meeting he will be able to attend before returning to New Zealand.

E.W.P.L.

## STAMPEX '85.

Congratulations to the following members who gained awards in this year's Stampex '85.

Small Silver-Gilt Medal - D.Churchill.

Bronze-Silver Medal - S.F.Cross-Rudkin; E.W.P.Leppard.

### SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

#### CENTENARY OF WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Chief Post Office, Nelson, on Monday, 11th March, 1985, to mark the Centenary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

#### MOSGIEL BOROUGH CENTENNIAL



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Mosgiel Post Office on Monday, 1st April, 1985, to commemorate the Mosgiel Borough Centennial.

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY EARLY BIRD (INTELSAT 1) LAUNCH



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Warkworth Post Office on Saturday, 6th April, 1985, to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Early Bird (Intelstat 1) Launch, as Workworth is where the New Zealand Post Office Satellite Earth Station is situated.

#### TARAPEX



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Chief Post Office, New Plymouth, initially on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1985, to publicise the Tarapex Stamp Exhibition to be held in October, 1986.

### REVIEW

Postage in Cash, by R.M.Startup. Published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand, P.O.Box 38-503, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand. Price NZ\$6-00, plus NZ\$1-00 surface postage.

Many collectors of postage stamps have been frustrated by receiving through the post articles of mail for which the postage has been paid by the use of a permit marking. This book of just over fifty pages seeks to make a virtue out of this means of

prepayment of postage, by indicating the interest that can be found from such covers.

The first part discusses the regulations over the years that cover the use of Postage Paid Permits, detailing the maximum and minimum numbers of articles that can be posted using this method, the format of the permit marking, and the means by which the postage charges are to be collected, which always have to be paid by means of cash or a cheque.

Since 1971, personalised permits have been allowed, provided that certain parameters are followed. The bulk of this book is a catalogue of these personalised permits, with illustrations where possible. These show the ingenuity of the artists who designed the various markings while staying within the regulations. It is the result of much searching by dedicated collectors of many waste paper baskets, but does not profess to be complete.

Prior to 1971, there must have been many such markings, all very much the same, and surely here there must be a tremendous field for research that is only touched on in this book. But as always with publications from the Postal History Society of New Zealand, the information is presented in a clear manner, and the standard of the illustrations is high. This is a very interesting book on a little studied aspect of the prepayment of Postage in Cash.

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#### STAMPEX '85 NATIONAL YOUTH EXHIBITION, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

This Exhibition will be held in Christchurch from 29th August to 1st September, 1985. As is the custom in New Zealand, financing of the Exhibition is by means of supporting membership, and the sale of various philatelic souvenirs.

The Organising Committee would welcome members from the United Kingdom for the supporting society, the subscription for which is £2-00. Among the souvenirs planned are New Zealand's first pictorial postal stationery since 1900, intended to depict Antarctic scenes and old Christchurch views.

Full details can be obtained from Stampex '85, P.O.Box 4400, Christchurch, New Zealand.

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#### TARAPEX '86.

This will be the second National Stamp Exhibition hosted by the Taranaki Philatelic Society. It will be held in the same venue as before, the Agricultural Hall Complex in Gill Street, New Plymouth and will cover a total floor space of 2,237 square metres. The dates of the Exhibition will be October 17th to 27th, 1986.

The usual competitive classes will be utilized as well as a section for the Junior Collector.

The New Zealand Post Office have offered the use of previously unseen King Edward VIII material which will provide a particular emphasis to this important event. They have also undertaken to provide every assistance possible and this could lead to some most exciting Philatelic items for those who are interested in becoming supporting members of Tarapex '86.

This supporting membership is available for the subscription of NZ\$20-00, which should be sent to Tarapex '86, P.O.Box 22, New Plymouth, New Zealand. A limited number of forms are available

from the Editor, who has agreed to act as Tarapex Representative in the United Kingdom. However, it is not necessary to complete such a form to become a supporting member, and it may be worth reminding interested people that British Postal Orders are accepted in New Zealand at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time.

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#### REGIONAL MEETINGS.

The following letter has been received from our member J.HOOK, of 13, Greenbank Avenue, Billinge, Nr. Wigan, Lancs., WN5 7BX.

"I must say how disappointed I was to read of the decision of the Committee with regard to Regional Meetings. I am sure like myself there are many members in the North who feel that their only contact with the Society is the arrival of 'The Kiwi'.

"If any members are interested in exploring the possibility of organising regular meetings in the North-West I would be happy to hear from them."

Any interested members are asked to write to Jeff Hook, and if such meetings can be organised, then they will be announced through the pages of 'The Kiwi'.

A suggestion has also been made that a philatelic weekend should be organised in the North. Any member who feels that they are able to support such a venture is asked to write to our Secretary.

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#### THE BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1985.

This will be held at the Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, London, SW1, from October 15th to 20th, 1985. This year it will include the Melville National Youth Stamp Competition. The Prospectus has been published, and copies may be obtained from The Secretary, 27, John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6HZ. The New Zealand Society of Great Britain will be holding a meeting during the Exhibition in Floral Room B, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 18th October. The nature of the meeting has yet to be decided.

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#### HASTINGS HEALTH STAMP CAMPAIGN 1938-39 - WAIKOKO HOMESTEAD

DAVID J. NORTHOVER

The cover illustrated on page 41 is franked with a copy of the 1938 'Children at Play' Health Stamp, first issued on 1st October, of that year. It is cancelled N.Z FERNHILL 26 OC 38 A, which is not the first day of issue.

The cover carries the legend 'Hastings Health Stamp Campaign 1938-39', and a picture identified as Waikoko Homestead. The post office of Fernhill is in Hawke's Bay, covered by the Napier Postal District, and is 10 kilometres from Hastings. It is therefore perfectly possible that any cover produced to support a Health Stamp Campaign at Hastings would also be available for use at Fernhill.

But can anyone give me details of this Health Stamp Campaign, and more particularly, the significance of Waikoko Homestead. Any information would be appreciated, through our Editor.

## HIGH VALUE DEFINITIVES FEATURE NATIVE BIRDS.

GEORGE P. BERTOS

Two of New Zealand's endangered native birds are the subject of new high value definitive stamps issued on 24th April, 1985.

Featuring the Kokako (§1) and the Black Robin (§2), the stamps were designed by the well known bird painter Janet E. Marshall, of Stratford.

These stamps replace the Scallop (§1) and the Circular Saw (§2) of the seashell series, issued in 1979, which were withdrawn on 23rd April, 1985.

New Zealand has a lamentable history of extinct birds. Some 45 species, including 24 species of moa, became extinct before 1800. Since the arrival of Europeans, New Zealand has seen the disappearance of eight species and six sub species. A further 23 birds are so reduced in number and distribution that they are now internationally recognised as endangered.

New Zealand has the highest number of endangered birds of any single country in the world. We also have the dubious distinction of possessing the world's rarest bird - the Chatham Island Black Robin.

The Black Robin is about 16 cm long, and feeds on a range of grubs and insects. Smaller than its New Zealand mainland cousins, the Black Robin nests in sheltered hollow logs or branches, laying two eggs during October or November.

The Black Robin has been the subject of a great deal of attention by the Wildlife Service. With a total population of 20 individuals, the birds were confined to the small and precipitous Little Mangere Island, in the Chathams group, about 850 kilometres from the New Zealand mainland.

In 1976, the Wildlife Service re-established the group on nearby Mangere Island, after planting 150,000 trees in an effort to rejuvenate the habitat.

More recently, a small section of the community was transferred to South-East Island (Rangitira Island). Twelve birds have now been established there for the past two years.

The Kokako illustrated on the §1 stamp is the North Island variety. There are actually two sub species, the other being found in the South Island and Stewart Island. The South Island Kokako's existence is assumed rather than proved - it has only been sighted four times since the 1940's, last at Picton in 1961.

The North Island Kokako is also known as the Blue Wattled Crow, referring to the two blue bags which hang from the head of the bird. The South Island variety has orange bags.

The Kokako grows to about 38 cm long. With long legs and a disproportionately long tail, it is not a good flier but tends to hop along branches and trunks and glide from one tree to another.

Living in dense pockets of kauri trees and rain forest, the Kokako is usually well away from the sight of man. Because of its protected status, the bird has also inadvertently been responsible for saving these last pieces of native bush from the timbermillers.

The stamps were printed in Australia by Leigh-Mardon Pty Ltd., Melbourne, using the lithography process.

The two new stamps measure 29.4 mm x 35 mm and are produced in sheets of 50 (five rows of ten stamps).

These stamps will remain on sale indefinitely, as part of the current definitive range of stamps.

A New Zealand Post Office Feature Article.

NEW ZEALAND LAKES ON STAMPS.

LAKE MATHESON AND LAKE ALEXANDRINA

JOHN D. EVANS

In 'The Kiwi', Volume 34, page 13, January, 1985, Lake Hayes, depicted on the eight cent value of the 1972 Scenic Stamps, was the subject. Remaining in the South Island as it were the next lake which springs to mind is Lake Matheson, a small bush-surrounded moraine lake on the north side of the Clearwater River near Fox Glacier on the West Coast. The lake was named after Murdoch Matheson who in the early 1870's ran a combined butchery and store here with a partner, McLellan, whose name is given to a nearby creek. Lake Matheson first appeared on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value of the Peace Issue of 1st April, 1946, S.G. 667. The centre of this stamp

shows the Lake, the Southern Alps including Mount Cook, and part of the Fox Glacier. The border of the stamp in the upper corners has sprays of New Zealand red Kowhai flowers and leaves and in the lower corners sprays of Manuka flowers. Early Maori fish-hooks are at each end of the 'Postage-Revenue' panel. The stamp symbolises the return to peace after six years of conflict in World War II and the scene of tranquility is well captured by



Re-entry (Plate 42725) Row 6, No. 3.  
(Row 7, No. 8, is similar).

James Berry, who designed the stamp. Indeed, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal of September, 1947, reported the design of this stamp as sixth in order of the twelve best stamp designs since 1939. See 'The Kiwi', Volume 33, page 63, July, 1984, for those interested in the other New Zealand stamps that featured in this list. Perhaps tranquility was not too difficult to capture because the lake was formed by the retreat of the Fox Glacier some 14,000 years ago, which left behind a slab of 'dead' ice insulated by a deep layer of moraine gravel. In time, this separated from the main stream of the glacier, the ice melted, and the lake was formed.

The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp was printed by Waterlow & Sons in sheets of 120, perf.  $13\frac{1}{2}$ , on thin, smooth paper made by St. Cuthbert's Mill. Re-entries on Row 5, stamp 1 and Row 6, stamp 3 show the Kowhai spray doubled at the right and left respectively of the frame, plate number 42725, whilst general doubling of the design in the left hand corner and the '2' of ' $\frac{1}{2}$ d' of this plate appears on Row 12, stamp 4. These re-entries are all illustrated in Campbell Paterson's Catalogue, one of which is illustrated above through the courtesy of that firm. These re-entries and others are referred to in Volume 11 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand.

The centre plate of the stamp was printed in deep green and the two frame plates in shades varying from pale brown to chocolate

brown. A second coarse paper with distinct mesh, made by Wiggins Teape & Co., on which the multiple NZ and star watermark shows up much more plainly, was used for some printings.

The tranquility of the lake, philatelically speaking, remained undisturbed for some thirty-nine years, until 1983. The lake was then depicted on the 45 cent value of the Scenic Stamps, issued on 1st June of that year. This set was printed by Heraclio Fournier S.A. of Spain, perf. 14½, with silver surround. This small, not unattractive window pane of a stamp in colourful blue shows it seems the Southern Alps in the background, but the Lake Scene is nothing like so clear as on the ½d. stamp of the Peace Issue. One wonders if the ½d. Peace Issue stamp would have been much more effective if it had had the natural blue background of the lake with surroundings in natural colours, rather than the green centre and pale to chocolate brown frame.

Finally, small is beautiful at any rate in lake terms, for the last lake in the South Island depicted on stamps is Lake Alexandrina, a small, beautiful satellite of Lake Tekapo in South Canterbury. The lake was named in honour of Princess Alexandrina, daughter of Christian IX of Denmark, who, in 1868 married Edward, Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII, and then became Alexandra, Princess of Wales and subsequently Queen Consort.

This lake is depicted on the seventy cent value of the 1983 Scenic Stamps, S.G. 1319, and was also issued with silver surround on 1st June, 1983. Lake Alexandrina is now a wild life reserve and an exceptional trout fishing resort. Trout fishing is high-lighted on the 1/3 1960 Pictorial stamp, S.G. 792, and provides unequalled sport for anglers, to the extent that to my surprise and ignorance quite recently a keen fisherman of my acquaintance in England eagerly accepted a gift from his family on retirement of a trip to New Zealand for the trout fishing. Whether or not he got to Lake Alexandrina I do not know, as I have never seen him since. Perhaps he is still fishing.....

References - The Postage Stamps of New Zealand, Volume 11.  
Post Office Philatelic Bureau - 1983 Scenic Stamps.  
Wises New Zealand Guide, 1979.  
Place Names of New Zealand, by A.W.Reed.

#### FINDINGS FROM FILES.

#### UNSTAMPED AIR LETTER FORMS

ALLAN P. BERRY

Unfortunately, this particular extract from the files suffers from the fact that the original letter from the New Zealand High Commission is missing. It starts, therefore, with an internal memo from the Supplies Department to the Postal Services Department, (O.M.B.), dated 17th April, 1952. This reads:-

"May wish to see the accompanying letter from the New Zealand Government Offices.

"Messrs. McCorquodale & Co. would have no difficulty in supplying Air Letter forms without 6d. stamps but with the additional printed matter required.

"Presumably there would be no objection from the Post Office

point of view to the unstamped special forms but, before authorising the N.Z.G.O. to proceed, the P.S.D. will perhaps confirm."

On 22nd April, 1952, the P.S.D. (O.M.B.) replied to this note in the following terms:-

"It is confirmed that there is no objection to the N.Z.G.O. having unstamped Air Letter forms manufactured for their own use. A copy of the general memo on the subject is enclosed. If the N.Z.G.O. have it in mind to purchase forms from McCorquodales current stocks and merely have the printing added no further action need be taken but, if the forms are to be produced specially, for the applicants, 6 specimen forms cut and gummed ready for use should be submitted to this office for approval. On the assumption that the forms will meet Post Office requirements, the P.M.G.'s approval no. 71995/66 has been allotted."

It is clear that specimen forms were submitted very quickly indeed, since the next note on the file, dated 23rd April, 1952, reads as follows:-

"The specimen contains the words 'On Her Majesty's Service' above the stamp. They have presumably been inserted in error and should be deleted. Please confirm with the N.Z. people."

The Post Office Supplies Department wrote to the New Zealand High Commission on 28th April, 1952, and it is this letter that shows that there must have been a preliminary enquiry. This letter reads:-

"In reply to your letter of the 17th April, it is confirmed that there is no objection to your having unstamped Air Letter forms of the current type with the extra wording printed on them, provided you exclude 'On Her Majesty's Service' from the address side.

"A copy of a general memorandum on the subject is enclosed which you will no doubt return in due course.

"The Department's suppliers are Messrs. McCorquodale & Co. of WOLVERTON, Bletchley, Bucks. who will be able to meet your requirements without difficulty."

The copy of the memorandum referred to in this letter is not on the files. It is not clear whether or not the New Zealand High Commission ever ordered Air Letter forms in England. The final note on this matter in the file is a memo from the Post Office Supplies Department to the Postal Services Department (O.M.B.), dated 29th May, 1952. This reads:-

"The points referred to were duly conveyed to the N.Z.G.O. who are, however, still considering whether to proceed in the matter."

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

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION YET? PLEASE DO SO NOW

THE KING GEORGE V POSTAL STATIONERY PROVISIONALS

J.L.WATTS

The King George V era of Postal Stationery is of particular interest in view of the number of variations that came about as a result of the 'provisionals' that were prepared. For this article, I have taken the postcard with the 1/2d. die engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., first issued in July, 1924.

In the New Zealand Stamp Collector, Volume XIII, pages 33 - 36, June, 1932, and pages 54 - 58, September, 1932, R.J.G.Collins published an extensive listing of the variations found in the provisionals that were issued. This listing formed the basis of that published in Chapter XXIX of Volume 1 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, which was written by P.R.Jackson.

The most extensive reference that is available today is the New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue produced by Robert Samuel, and as applicable, I have used his listings. It is interesting to note that often the varieties reported by Collins and Jackson have not been substantiated by Samuel, but from time to time sightings are reported enabling the catalogue to be updated.

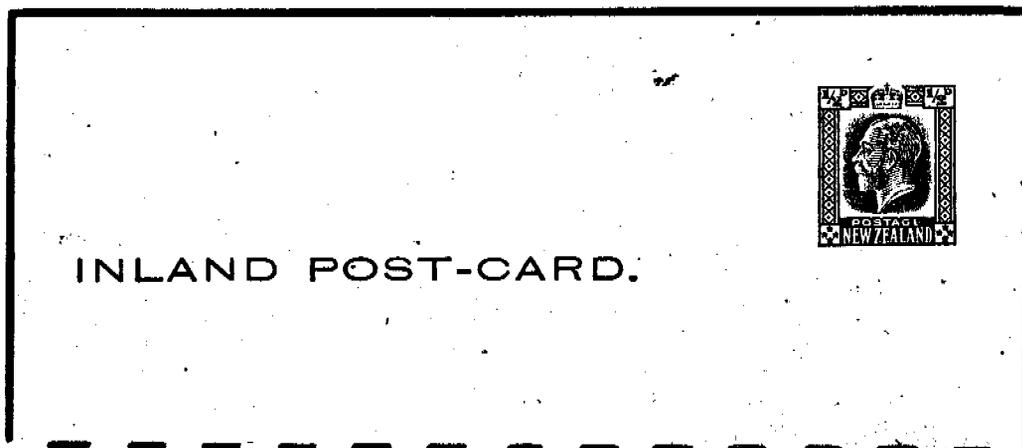


Figure 1.

AC.13a was the first use of the stamp postal stationery die with the word 'POSTAGE' instead of 'POSTAGE & REVENUE'; Figure 1.

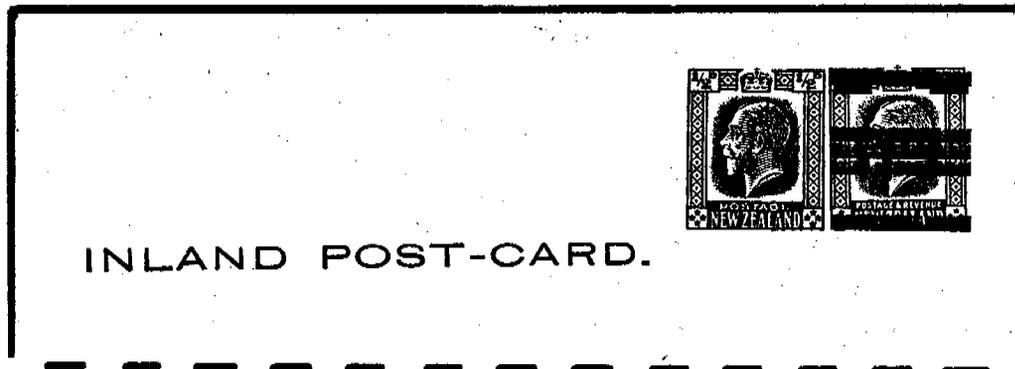


Figure 2.

At the same time that AC.13a was issued, card AC.6a was issued with the 1d. value obliterated and the 1/2d. die of AC.13a printed alongside, creating AC.12a; Figure 2. Incidentally, I believe that

the numbers given to these cards by Samuel are in the wrong order.

1931 found the world suffering one of its worst financial depressions in its history and as a means of increasing revenue, the New Zealand Government increased the postal rates from 1st March, 1931.

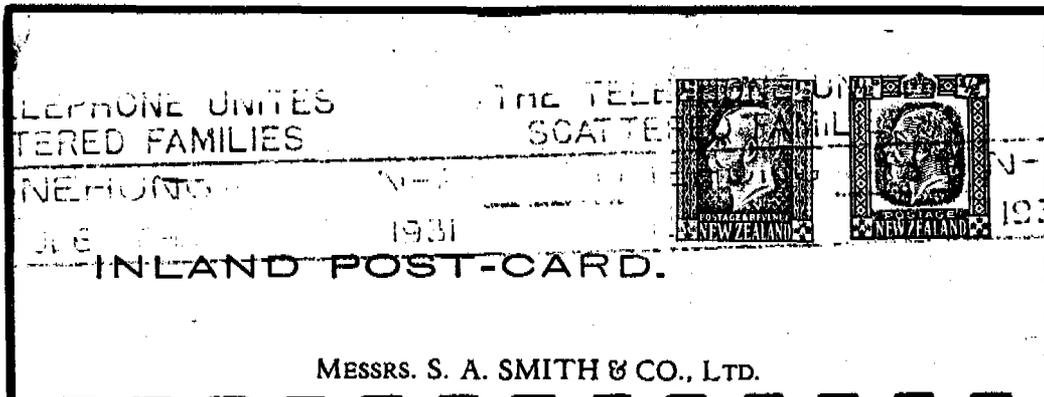


Figure 3.

The first step that was taken by the Post Office was to instruct staff to add a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. adhesive stamp to the stock of AC.13a. This variety is not listed by Samuel. It is strictly only genuine if used during its period of validity, and even then, members of the public could add the stamp themselves. The example illustrated, Figure 3, is considered genuine and is dated 6th July, 1931.

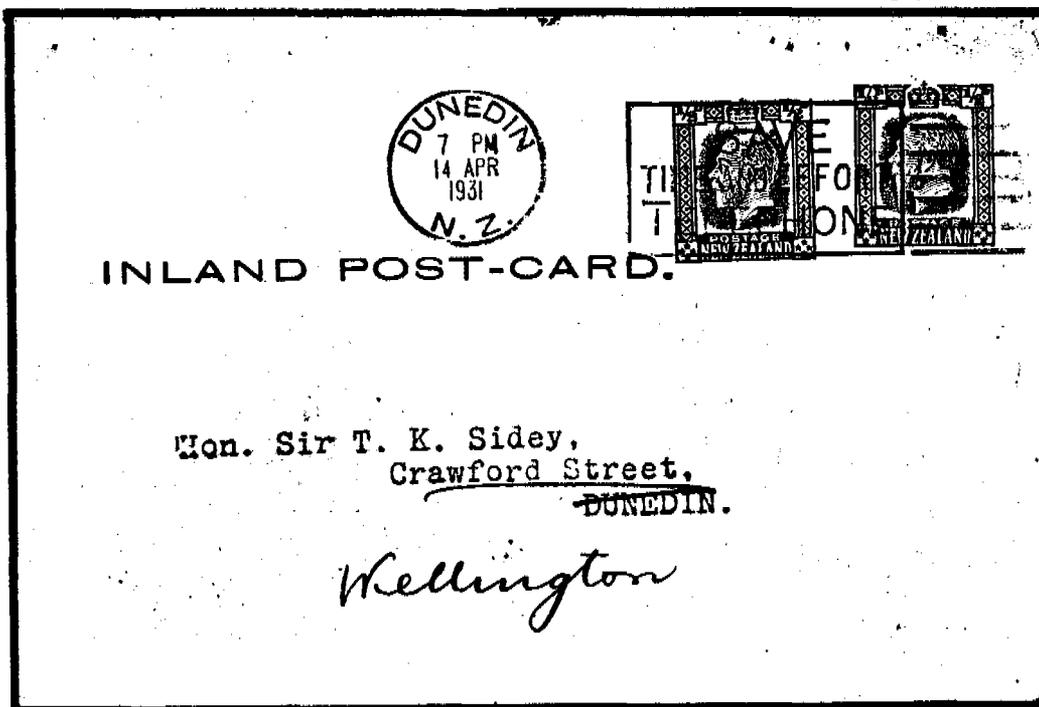


Figure 4.

The large stock of AC.13a held by the Post Office Stores was returned to the Government Printer for an additional  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. impression to be printed alongside the existing  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value. The actual date of issue has not been positively established, and

Samuel hedges his bets and lists the date as April ?, giving it the number AC.15a.

Illustrated at Figure 4 is the earliest example of this card so far recorded, postmarked 14th April, 1931.

**The University Club (Inc.)**

Your attention is drawn to the following engagements:—

On the evening of **THURSDAY, 30th APRIL**, Mr. R. ELLIS will give a Lecture on "Mount Aspiring," illustrated by moving pictures taken by him and his party. This entertainment is open to lady friends of members, and can be highly recommended to lovers of New Zealand mountain scenery,

**LUNCHEON ADDRESSES:**

**FRIDAY NEXT, APRIL 17** - Mr. W. G. GRANT (of Rangoon)  
"A Talk on Burma"

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24** - "The New Vienna" - Mr. LLOYD ROSS

**FRIDAY, MAY 1** - "Science and the Farmer" - Mr. G. HOLMES

**FRIDAY, MAY 8** - - - - - Professor R. J. ELDER  
"Origin of the Monroe Doctrine"

Members are reminded that Luncheon is served Daily in the Club from 12.30 p.m.  
Tea every evening (Saturdays excepted) from 5.30 p.m.  
Morning and Afternoon Teas at any time.  
Coffee and Biscuits, 9 to 10 p.m.

J. A. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Figure 5.

By reference to the back of this card, illustrated at Figure 5, it must be concluded that the card was supplied to the printer some days prior to having the details printed on the back. Therefore a date somewhere about the first week of April could have been the date of issue.

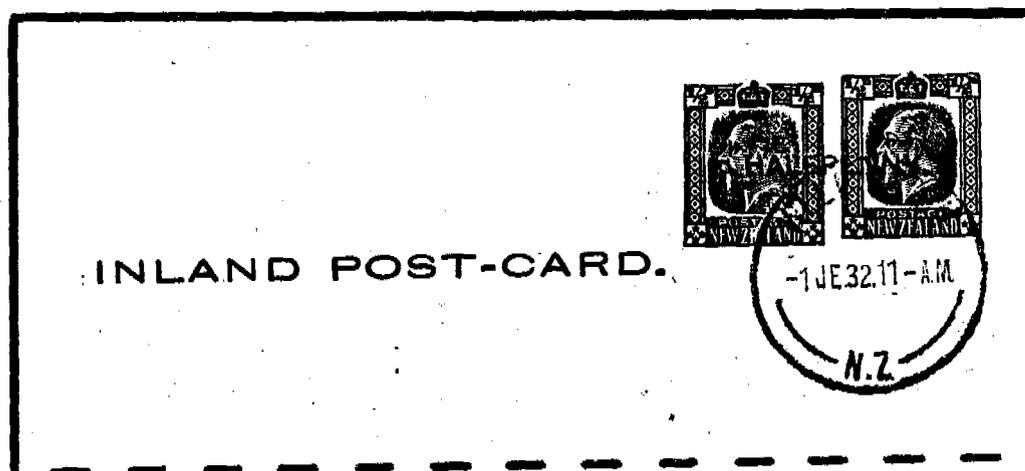


Figure 6.

With an improvement in the financial situation, the New Zealand Government passed regulations reducing the postal rates with effect from 1st June, 1932. Card AC.15a was revalued 'HALFPENNY' by the application of a rubber stamp at various Chief Post Offices

and Samuel lists the revalued card as AC.21a. It is the exercise of creating AC.21a that has brought about so many of the varieties.

The stocks of cards held at post offices were too large for the Government Printer to carry out the devaluation exercise in the initial time required. Therefore, a circular was issued instructing Postmasters in the use of rubber stamps, which was basically for a 'BLUE' ink pad to be used for 'POST - CARDS' and 'RED' ink pads to be used for 'LETTER CARDS'. See Figure 6.

The situation that occurred was that the ink pads were received by some post offices before the circulars. In any case, it is apparent that the instructions in the circular were either given only perfunctory attention or were ignored altogether, with the result that the many varieties were created. The following illustrations show some of the examples that are less common.

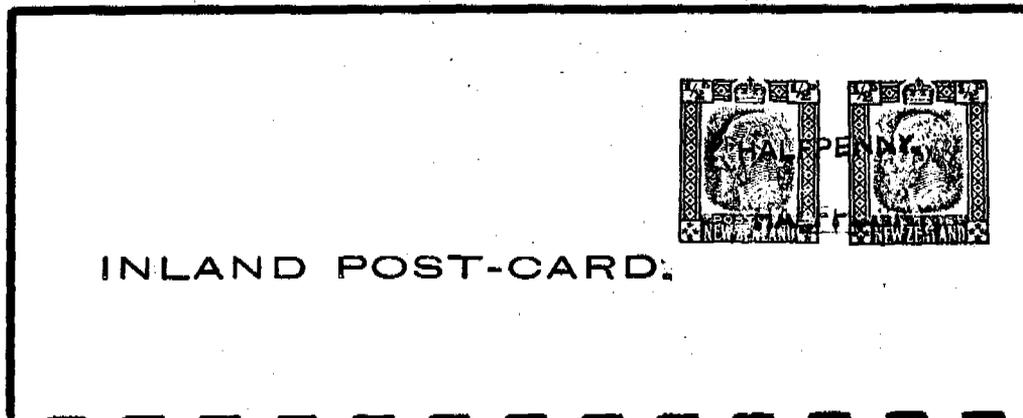


Figure 7 - AC.21a(b) - double overprint - violet

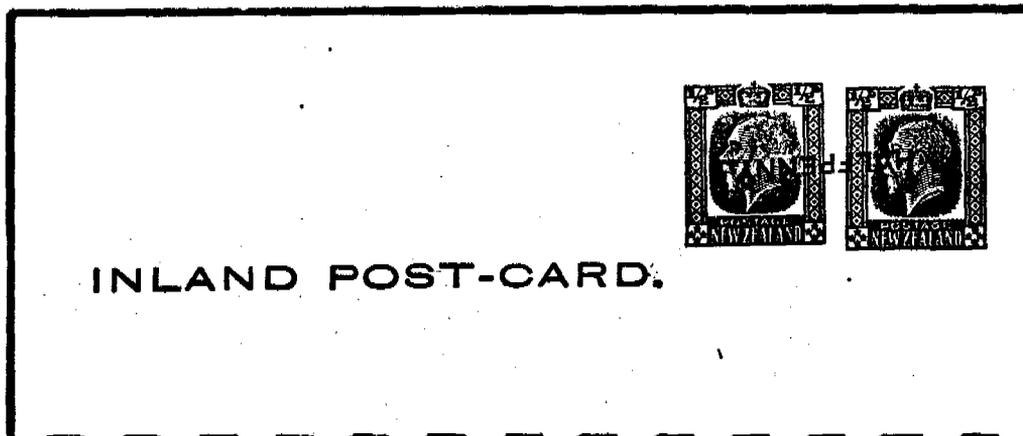


Figure 8 - AC.21a(a) - inverted overprint - blue

This is only listed in violet by Samuel, but we know from the instructions issued to Postmasters that blue was the colour to be used for post-cards.

A number of post offices found that they still had stocks of the card AC.13a to which had been added the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. adhesive stamp. These had to be treated in a similar manner as AC.15a, creating AC.19a, Figure 9, and in so doing, a number of varieties.

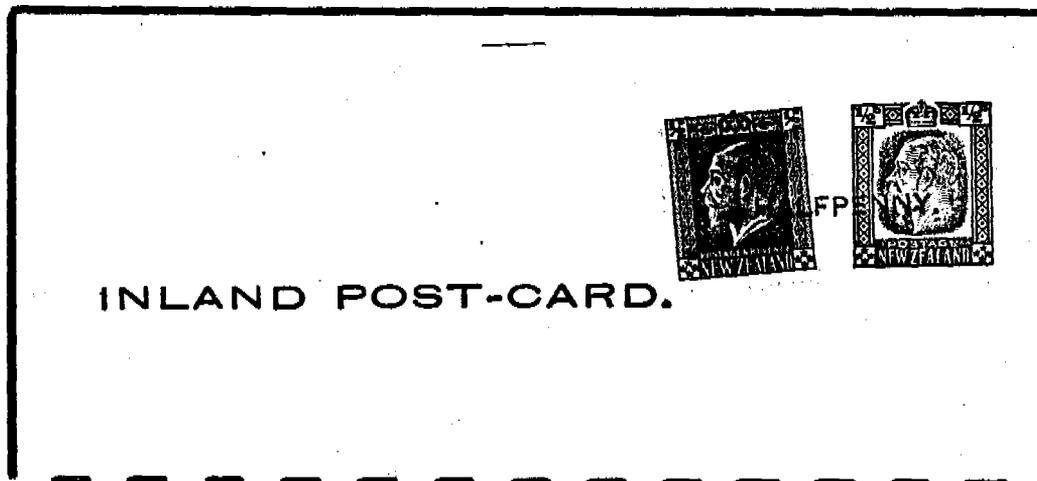


Figure 9.

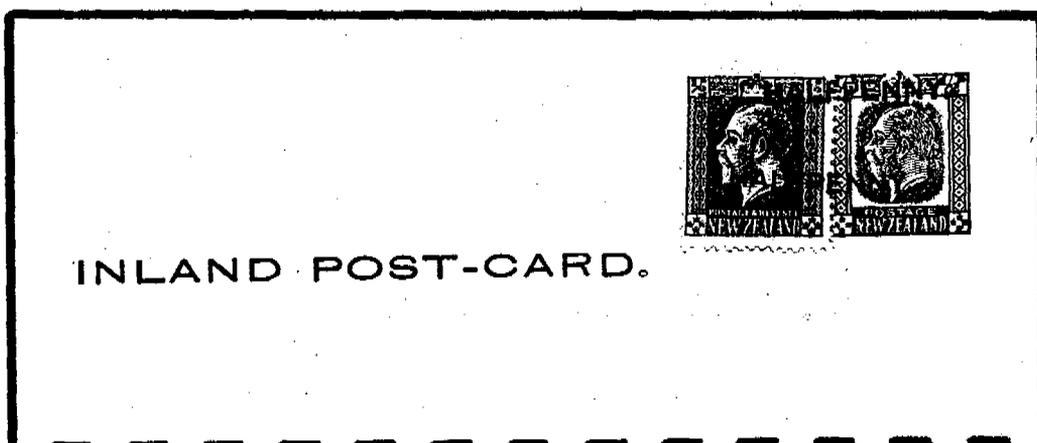


Figure 10 - AC.19a(c) - double overprint - red  
Collins states that the source of this card was Wellington.

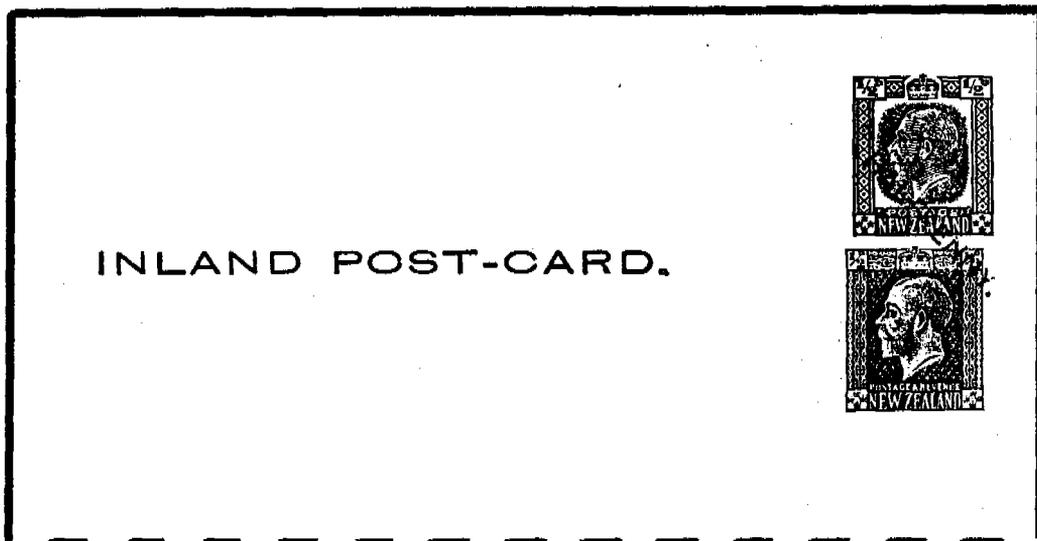


Figure 11

This variety of AC.19a, Figure 11, is not clearly identified in

the listings of either Collins or Samuel. Collins lists a diagonal overprint; Samuel lists a vertical overprint, but does not state if the one strike affects both the stamp and adhesive. It is not stated in either listing if the adhesive is below the printed  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value

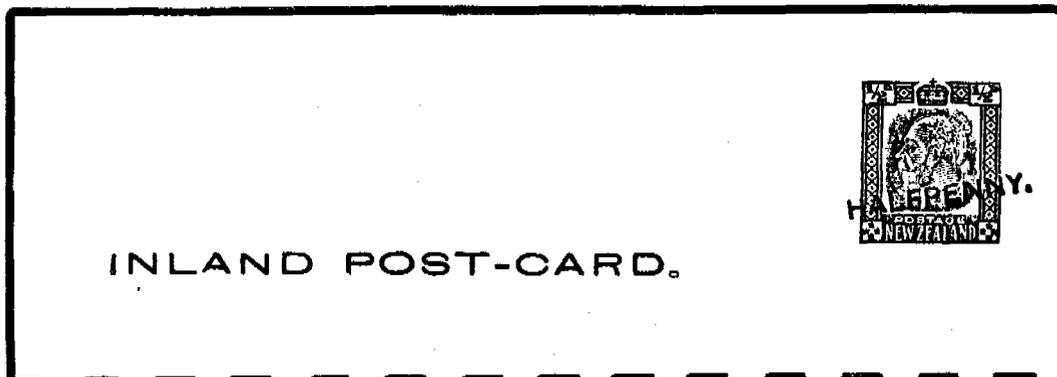


Figure 12 - AC.21a(f) - overprint on AC.13a without adhesive in violet.

This variety, listed by Samuel as AC.21a(f), raises the question as to how it occurred. Was it part of the stock returned to the Government Printer when creating AC.15a? Was it one of the cards overlooked when the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. adhesive was being applied to the stock of AC.13a? I expect that we will never know, but it is good for an argument. Collins lists this card as being purchased at Wellington.

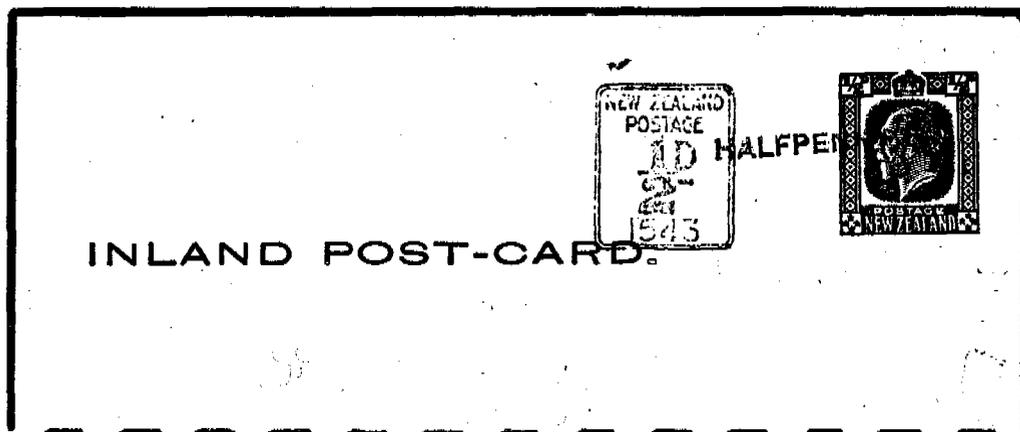


Figure 13 - AC.21a(g) - card AC.13a +  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. franking machine impression overprinted 'HALFPENNY'

The first change in value would have occurred when commercial establishments who had stocks of AC.13a on 1st March, 1931, increased the postage value on the card utilizing a meter mark machine, in this case the Moss machine. When the rate was reduced it was in order to return any stock of cards to the post office for devaluing and a refund of money.

Samuel lists this card as AC.21a(g), and states that the only example found at the time his catalogue was prepared emanated from Samuels & Kelly Ltd. of Wellington. The illustration, Figure 13, is a new find and was used by Wright & Stephenson Co. Ltd. of Auckland.

With the stock of the provisional post cards of 1932 being used

up, AC.13a was re-issued and used until withdrawn from post offices in May, 1935. The card was finally demonetised on 1st January, 1942.

It is interesting to note that the card AC.13a had the longest postal use life of all the post cards issued - from 1924 to 1935, a total of eleven years.

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YET MORE MUSINGS - A CORRECTION.

TOM HETHERINGTON, the writer of the article of the above title published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 33, page 101 - 103, November, 1984, has written to point out that there was an error in his article. The 'New Zealand Lane' mentioned on page 102 is not in Driffield, but in DUFFIELD. Apologies for this error, which came about when the script was transcribed.

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THE ONE PENNY KING GEORGE VI HEALTH CAMP POSTCARD.

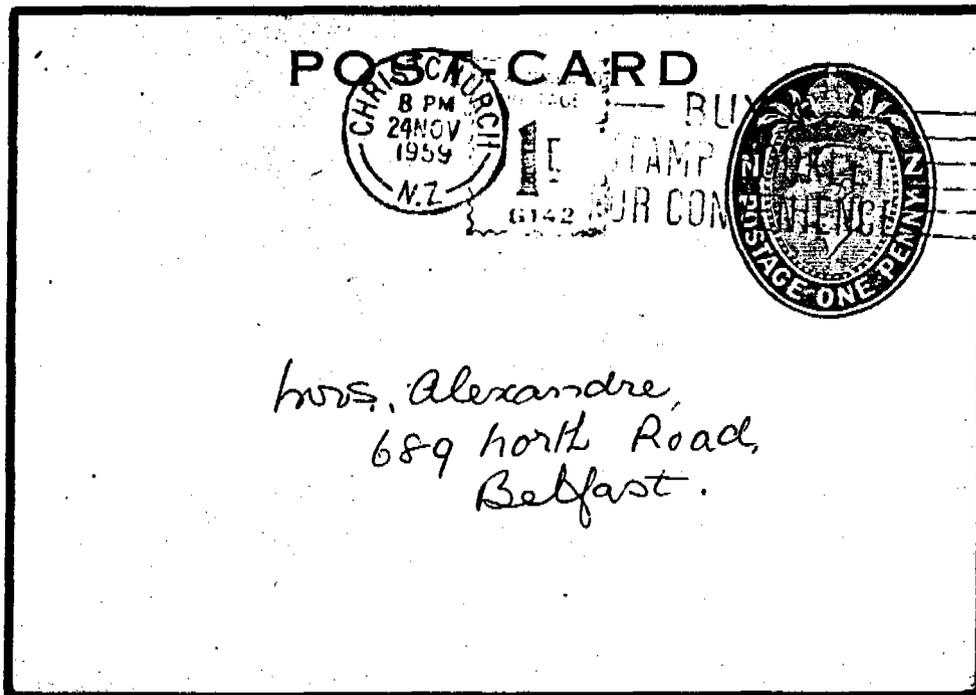
R.D.SAMUEL

In my 'New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue' I record an example of private postal stationery issued for the New Zealand Federation of Health Camps Inc. The item is a postcard, impressed with the 1d. King George VI stereo die and with the word POST-CARD in black at upper centre. This differed from the postcards then issued by the New Zealand Post Office, the Post Office cards being inscribed INLAND (Coat of Arms) POST-CARD, in green. On the reverse of the Health Camps card is a message advising the date a child will be discharged from the Health Camp and a request for the parent to meet the child at a stated destination.

I have only ever seen two examples of this postcard, the example in my own collection having a franking machine impression along side the printed stamp and bearing a Christchurch datestamp of 24 NOV 1959. My catalogue note states "It is assumed ... that this card was introduced many years earlier, prior to January, 1953, when the 1d. rate of postage still applied."

At the time my catalogue was written I had not located the Government Printing Office record of this printing. Earlier this year I was able to inspect photocopies of a second volume of printing records which is held in the library of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand. Here I found the records of several printings of private postal stationery, the Health Camp postcard included. I can now state that the printing was made in October, 1951, and comprised 5,899 cards. The register showed the printing as having been made for the 'Health Department'. This is possibly a simple error, or perhaps the printing was in fact made for this Department.

The Health Camp postcard is interesting in that there was no real reason why a special printing should have been necessary. A supply of stamped postcards could have been obtained from any post office and a message printed on the reverse. A possible



KING GEORGE V. MEMORIAL HEALTH CAMPS H.C. 10

**THE NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF  
HEALTH CAMPS (Inc.)**

19 November 1959

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your child/children will be discharged from the Glendalgh  
Health Camp G. Bristchurch, on  
3rd December 1959.

He/she/they will return to Health Department  
by the Bus which arrives at 193 Herford St.  
at 11 a.m.

Will you please meet your child/children on arrival. (Please be punctual).

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs. J. H. Edwards  
P.P. Secretary.

explanation is that the card was supplied by the Post Office, or by Government - perhaps even by the Health Department - as a donation to the Health Camps Federation and, as it was ordered on a special requisition (and as the Federation was not itself a Government Department) it was felt that the inscription should not contain the Coat of Arms. Whatever the reason behind its issue, this card is a scarce and interesting item of private postal stationery, of interest to both the collector of New Zealand postal stationery and the student of New Zealand Health stamps.