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## NEWSLETTER

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### LONDON NEWSLETTER

by CAMPBELL PATERSON

Since I last wrote I have been living in a hectic whirl of activity both philatelic and personal, so much so that it is difficult to remember all that has happened and the order of events. Perhaps I can just ramble a bit before getting on to the highlights, my visit to Bradbury Wilkinson & Co.'s Works at New Malden.

I have seen quite a bit of Mr. Robson Lowe, of Robson Lowe Ltd., since my arrival and am indebted to him for two very pleasant meals at his Club and his invitation to a meeting of the Postal Historians' Society. I have never met anyone so dedicated—if I may use the expression—to philately in all its forms. Quite indefatigable, his stamp interests seem completely to fill his days. He obviously enjoys every minute and is a pillar of strength to the hobby.

The Postal Historians' Society is a delightfully informal and important body of students. I have had the privilege of attending two of their meetings. The first included the reading of a paper on the Postal History of the Venetian Republic by a learned member whose name, I am ashamed to say, I failed to note. An amazing paper and display this. It has to be realised that the Republic passed out of existence as a separate state during the Napoleonic Wars and its Postal History is therefore all of pre-adhesive days; the earliest piece shown was of the 14th Century. The paper kept everyone quite enthralled and the pieces shown (all in incredibly fine condition) covered the available display space. It is a great loss to us that in N.Z. we get so little opportunity to see what is being done in these bypaths of philately. The second Meeting I attended was one this week when the S.P.H. were hosts to some five members of the T.P.O. (Travelling Post Offices) Society. The visitors showed again what possibilities lie in an apparently small field. At this meeting I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Erskine, both charming and well known to members of the N.Z. Society of Great Britain. I just missed a meeting of the Latter Society but will be at their next meeting. Also I have invitations to the Royal Philatelic Society and to the Jubilee Dinner of the Herts Society, both very soon. So I should have plenty to write about.

I had intended at least to start my story of my tour of Bradbury Wilkinson's this month. It was an experience that I will remember all my days. But I must of course submit my copy to Messrs. Bradbury's for their approval so it will be better to leave it until our next issue.

I wonder if many readers would be interested in some of my impressions of this country—non philatelic I mean?

The first impression is of crowding. Even to one coming from Auckland with its mushroom growth and chronic problems of transport, housing, drainage, etc., Surrey does seem to be a teeming hive. Just people everywhere in their thousands. I find myself aching for a bit of open space! But this perhaps is only because so far I have had little opportunity to get out into the country. Woking is quite definitely a dormitory suburb of London. In fact it seems that all Surrey is like that today. I did get into Sussex one day and found it delightful with its 17th Century farmhouses, wide deer parks and estates and little or no "housing settlements." No doubt Surrey too has its unspoiled spots, away from the railways and main roads. My lady readers might be interested in some prices for clothing, foods, fares, etc. Food: Eggs 2/6d doz.; butter 2/6d; bread 11d; potatoes 5lbs 1/-; grapes 2/6d lb; bananas 9d lb; meat is dearer than in N.Z., vegetables cheaper, fruit cheaper, more varied and more plentiful: nothing seems

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Lot No.

374 **Queen Elizabeth Booklets.** With the first warnings of an order being placed for a new (and changed) supply of booklets now given, there is no better time to check up to see that you have all the variations issued up to date. The following offers are of COMPLETE BOOKLETS.

(a) Original designs all panes normal watermark and "B.P. Energol" appearing as a back advertisement .....	7/6d
(b) As above but both 1d panes normal, both 3d inverted .....	9/6d
<b>Original designs but back advert. now reading "Visco Static" etc. and a pane of airmail stickers included.</b>	
(c) All panes normal watermark .....	5/6d
(d) As above but 1d panes one normal, one inverted—3d both normal .....	6/6d
(e) As above, 1d panes inverted, 3d normal .....	7/-
(f) As above, 1d panes normal, 3d inverted .....	7/6d
(g) As above, 1d panes normal, one 3d normal, one inverted .....	6/-
(h) As above, all panes inverted watermark .....	9/-
<b>rd Original Design, 3d New Design</b>	
(i) All panes normal .....	5/6d
(j) As above, but one 1d normal, one inverted, 3d both normal .....	5/6d
(k) As above, 1d panes normal, 3d both inverted .....	6/-
<b>Individual Panes</b>	
(l) 1d "small figures of value" normal watermark .....	10d
(m) 1d, as above but inv. watermark .....	1/-
(n) 3d, as above, normal watermark .....	2/6d
(o) 3d, as above, inv. watermark .....	3/-
(p) 3d "large figures of value" normal watermark .....	2/6d
(q) 3d, as above but inv. watermark .....	3/-

### 1898-1907 PICTORIALS

It seems a pity to break up the following sets—especially as they are offered at such give-away prices. These will be sent mounted on Rapkins "Favourite" leaves if requested.

376 <b>1898 Pictorials London Prints Mint.</b> An outstanding collection in mint condition. It is not often that we have the chance to offer such a wonderful collection in this condition and comprising most of the major shade variations. A total of 34 stamps. Includes: 1d (2), 1d (3), 2d (2), 2½d Wakatipu (3) 2½d Wakatipu (3), 4d (4), 5d (3 including a SEPIA), 6d (3), 8d (2), 9d (2), 1/- (3), 2/- (1), 5/- (1). (Cat. £20) .....	£15
377 <b>A Grand Slam Collection. Mint.</b> A grand mint simplified selection of every value of the 1898-1907 Pictorials including the redrawn designs and in practically all the shade varieties. We strongly recommend this lot. The condition is top grade throughout. Set of 63 values mint (Cat. £32) .....	£27
378 <b>1898 Pictorials London Prints. Used.</b> Fine used set comprising 1d (2), 1d (2), 2d (2), 2½d (3), 3d (2), 4d (2), 5d, 6d (2), 8d (2), 9d, 1/- (2), 2/- and 5/-. Total of 23 stamps Cat. £10) .....	£8/10/0
379 <b>1899-1900 Pictorials 1st Local Perf. 11 No Watermark. Used.</b> Again a fine used set comprising 2½d (2), 3d (2), 4d (2), 5d (2), 6d red (2), 6d green, 8d (2), 9d (2), 1/- (3) 2/- (2), 5/-. Total of 21 stamps (Cat. £8/10/0) .....	£7/10/0
380 <b>1902 Pictorials and Local Perf. 11 Watermarked. Used.</b> As before, finest used set comprising 2½d, 3d (4), 4d, 5d (3), 6d (4), 8d (2), 9d (2), 1/- (3), 2/- (2), 5/- (watermark upright). 23 stamps (Cat. £10/10/0) .....	£9/10/0
381 <b>1906 Pictorial Perf. 14 Watermarked. Used.</b> Finest used set containing 1½d, 2d (3), 2½d (2), 3d (2), 4d (3), 5d, 6d (2), 8d (2), 9d (2), 1/- (2), 2/- (2), 5/-. Total 23 stamps (Cat. £7) .....	£6
382 <b>Redrawn Pictorials of 1907-08. Used.</b> Fine used set of 18 stamps in perfs. 14, 14 x 13½ and 14 x 15. Set comprises of 1½d (2), 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/- all perf. 14 x 13½; ½d (2), 3d, 6d (3), all perf. 14 and 1½d (2), 1d surface Universal, 3d, 6d, 1/- in perf. 14 x 15. This lot (Cat. £3/7/0) .....	£3

### COMMEMORATIVE PLATES & IMPRINTS—VARIOUS

383 <b>1935 Silver Jubilee.</b> ½d Pl. 2 .....	1/-;	1d Pl. 3, 6 .....	1/3d each.	Complete sets 7 plates .....	£3/7/0
<b>384 Chamber of Commerce</b>					
½d Pl. 1, BR. TR., 9d ea. Set 4 .....	3/-	1d Pl. 1, TL. BL. BR. ....	1/- ea.		
2½d Pl. 1. BL. BR. ....	8/6d ea.	6d Pl. 1 BR. ....	7/6d		
<b>385 1946 Peace Issue</b>					
½d Imprint Fine paper .....	6d	1½d Pl. 1A, 1B stars left or right			
1½d Imprint Coarse paper .....	2/6d	each .....	2/6d		

1d Pl. 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 ea. ....	8d	3d Imprint ea. ....	1/3d
Pl. 1, 3 ea. ....	2/-	4d Imprint ea. ....	2/6d
Pl. 4 ea. ....	2/6d	5d Imprint ea. ....	2/9d
Pl. 5 ea. ....	1/9d	6d Imprint ea. ....	3/-
2d Pl. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ea. ....	1/-	8d Imprint ea. ....	7/-
Pl. 7 ea. ....	7/6d	9d Imprint ea. ....	7/-
Pl. 8 ea. ....	8/6d	1/- Pl. 1A, 1B ea. ....	7/6d

**386 1953 Coronation Q.E. II.**

2d Pl. 1A 1B in blocks of 4 ea.	1/1d	Strips of 8 with imprint	2/3d
4d Pl. 1A 1B ditto	5/-	Ditto	10/6d
3d Pl. 1 ditto	2/6d	8d Pl. 1 in blocks of 4	9/-
1/- Pl. 45791/45792 in blocks of 4 ea.	11/6d		

**A SPECIAL OFFER**

387 Most people know the story of the 8d Tuatara 1936 Pictorial Official perf. 14 x 13½. It is one of the two great rarities of the Pictorial Official Series, only nine used copies known to be in existence and all emanating from Whangarei. The copy we have to offer is not perfect. It is sound except for some staining due to an unknown agent but would be an acquisition to any collection. The rarity Cat. £60 ..... £30

**YOUR CHANCE TO SELL**

We find ourselves in need of the following items. The prices we are paying are right so if you have the goods now is the time to cash in. The buying prices in brackets are for best copies:

½d Edward VII mint	(6d)	1955 Health plates (1½d & ½d @	
1935 Jubilee 6d value used	(7/6d)	1/2d, 2d & 1d @ 1/9d, 3d & 1d @	
1920 Victory 3d and 1/-		2/3d)	
used	(2/6d, 11/6d)	1956 Health Plates (5/- per set of 3)	
1925 Dunedin Ex. 4d used	(12/6d)	1956 Health Sheet value blocks (4/3	
10/- QE used	(4/-)	per set)	
Ross Sea Plate and Imprint blocks		1/- QE showing R7/2 frame prior to	
of four (Face plus 25 per cent)		flaw, with flaw, with retouch in	
		blocks of four or full strips of	
		16—from Plate 1A, 1A (blocks of	
		four 10/-, 10/-, 8/- Strips 25/-)	

**THE 1949 HEALTH "NO DOT" VARIETY**

Lot 388

The December number of Stamp Collecting warns that this outstanding re-touch is being offered less and less often.

(a) In selvage pair or block of four. Cat. S.G. 50/- mint, 55/- used	27/6d
In mint single 25/- used (creased)	15/-

**EDWARD VII MINT COLLECTION**

389 This is really an outstanding collection, containing all our listed shades in singles (and a few extras!). It is minus only the 4d ochre-yellow and 8d 1909 line perf.

2d 14 x 14½ (4); 3d 14 x 14½ (3); 3d 14 line; 3d 14 x 13½; 4d red orange 14 x 14½ (2); ditto 14 line (2); 4d yellow 14 x 14½ (2); 5d 14 line (2); 5d 14 x 14½ (2); 5d 14 x 13½ (2); 6d 14 line (2); 6d 14 x 14½ (2); 6d 14 x 13½ (2); 8d 14 x 14½ (4); 8d 14 x 13½ (4); 8d 1916 14 line (2); 1/- 14 line (3); 1/- 14 x 14½ (3). Total of 43 stamps mounted or unmounted on "Favourite" leaves. Cat. £19 ..... £18

To complete this wonderful collection we can supply the vertical pairs as under:

3d one shade only	£3/0/0 ea.	5d 2 shades	15/- ea.
6d two shades	£3/0/0 ea.	8d 2 shades	25/- ea.

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ever to be out of season owing to easy access to supplies from the Mediterranean. Clothing: Men's suits, top grades at £30—£40 but very good looking two-pieces as low as £8; good overcoats for the colder climate £10; women's and children's clothing generally cheap and well made. Timed fruits, strangely enough are about 2/3rds the N.Z. price. Fares seem to be much the same as in N.Z. except that the minimum, 3d, is lower than in Auckland. Wages: Average here is about £9 in the less well-paid jobs (such as railways) against (I think) a N.Z. average much higher. So on the balance I would say there is not much in it financially. Things are cheaper here and I think there is more choice but wages are lower and life must be pretty grim in the lower brackets (I expect it is not too hot in the lower brackets anywhere). There is the constant crowding and queuing but transport is frequent and efficient. As against the lack of space, especially for sport and holidays, there is the easy access to the very best in art, literature and the stage. By and large, with all their differences the two countries are amazingly alike. The people seem to me to be just the same. Walking down the main street in Woking is just like walking down Victoria Street, Hamilton. I do however feel that in N.Z. at present things are quieter and morale is higher. Politics here are more bitter, industrial relations appalling. It is difficult to know why this should be so—but we in N.Z. had a similar period in 1949 if I remember rightly. These things perhaps go in phases. But just as I have no doubt of the wonderful future before New Zealand so I believe that notwithstanding its present state of unrest and defeatism, this country is soon due for one of those characteristic resurgences that will take it to the top gain. One does not need even to consider the immense atomic developments planned—the picture is clear enough to anyone who has studied English history. It has all happened several times before.

I think I still have enough space to mention the day I had in Sussex. My purpose there was to visit Mr. Frederick Walker, Custodian of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, who lives in a 400 year old cottage in the village of Petworth. Mr. Walker will be remembered by hundreds in New Zealand for his genial presence at both Canpex in 1950 and at the Auckland Stamp Centennial Exhibition in 1955. I found him just the same and in good health, though only recently recovered from a serious operation and subsequent illness. We had a delightful walk through the old and unspoilt village then out into the country where we skirted the wall round the late Lord Leonfield's Estate. The Estate—an immense park really—is open at all times to the residents of the village. Large herds of deer can be seen grazing among the trees and can be quite closely approached. We got a distant view of the South Downs—a part of England that for some odd reason I have always had an urge to visit. Then back to "June Cottage" for lunch and philatelic chatter. The cottage is the real thing with the old original beams still visible and all the rooms on different levels. Quite delightful and a very happy day. Mr. Walker's niece, who will also be well remembered, was a charming hostess and gave us a beautiful lunch.

### FURTHER Q.E. COIL CHANGES

The P.O. Authorities have now brought the 9d vertical coil into line with the 1/- and 1/6d having the new type numeral inverted. When showing us this item Mr. B. G. Cox points out that the 9d and 1/6d have the full width of bottom selvedge separating the stamps whereas the 1/- with number inverted issued some little time ago has the selvedge reduced considerably by guillotining. It seems possible this operation will be discontinued so that all three values conform in appearance.

### MEAT EXPORT VARIETIES

Two apparently constant varieties have been brought to our notice in the 8d value of this issue. They are: R10/1 dot between 1 and 8 of "1882" (reported by Mr. C. S. Mayer of Auckland and R8/11 dot over 8 of "1882." Both are quite visible with the naked eye.

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