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THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Our next members' Meeting will be on 15th July and full details of the Auction will be found on the next page, together with a list of the lots which will be offered. In addition to the Auction we hope to have a Guest Speaker with us for a short display and talk.

Members unable to attend this Auction and wishing to bid can do so by post, by merely sending to me the Lot Number and the maximum figure they are prepared to pay. May I remind members that at our last Auction we had 68 postal bids for 46 lots; 32 of them were successful and of these, 22 were secured for less than the maximum price stated; therefore, do not be afraid to quote maximum if you are really interested.

Any lot may be viewed by post on the understanding that it will be returned with or without a bid within 48 hours. No applications for postal viewing can be dealt with after 10th July. The less valuable lots can be sent unregistered; where it is deemed necessary to send by registered post the cost of this must be borne by the member viewing. All bids and applications to view must be sent to me (address above).

NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to welcome the following two new members: Dr. K. J. L. Scott, Morholme, Guildford Road, Woking and D. H. F. Forbes, 194 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester. If you require an application form for a friend I shall be pleased to send one.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Hon. Treasurer has asked me to include a note in this issue regarding overdue subscriptions; twelve remain unpaid. If you find a red X at the top of this page you are one of the "culprits". Mr. Hard also asks me to urge members to send in more material for the exchange packets; he is anxious to make up several more at once.

Margaret Erskine (Mrs.)
Hon. Secretary.

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

— AUCTION SALE —

OF NEW ZEALAND MATERIAL ONLY

to be held at the Members' Meeting 15th July 1953
6.p.m.(for 6.30.p.m.)

at the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, W.C.1.

Postal bids will be accepted and there is NO RESERVE PRICE on any of the lots offered. For instructions with regard to viewing please see Secretary's note on page One of this Bulletin. (Catalogue Nos. where quoted are Gibbons).

*Part 11
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No of 4

No. "

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Part 30/1

- Lot 1 1940 Centennial, Official. "ff" variety in mint pairs; 1/2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d and 8d values. (0141 and 0145 to 0149 Cat. £4.7.6d) *5/5*
- 2* Postage Dues. 6d and 10d values, mint (807 and 808 Cat. 11s.0d) *6/6. 5/5*
- 3 1940 Centennial Mint. 7d and 9d values. (Cat. £1.2.6d) and 2 1/2d value in block of 6 and 9d in block of 4 (Cat. £2.6.0d) *2/1- 2/2-*
- 4 Healths Mint. 1934, 1936, 1939, 1940 complete. *2/1-*
- 5 Canterbury Centennial. Set, in blocks of 4, with Plate Nos. *1/1-*
- 6* Mint block of 6 4d value Geo.V Official. (Cat. 11s.0d) *1/2-*
- 7 1d Universal. Colourless watermark. Mint. 528b (Cat. £2.0.0d) *2/1-*
- 8 Cook Island. 3 blocks of 4 2/-d value (128); Black and Red/Brown, and Black and Chocolate (138). (Cat. £2.8.6d) *1/1-*
- 9 1933 Health. Mint. Variety. (Cat. for normal. £11/9.0d) *1/1-*
- 10 1939 Health Mint. Block of 4. Plate H1, also top right hand corner block of 4. (Cat. £4.15.0d) *1/1-*
- 11 1946 Health. 2d + 1d. Re-entry, row 14/1. *1/1-*
- 12 7d Orange Brown Air (550. Oct. 15s.0d) *1/1-*
- 13 Strip of 4 Geo.VI 1/2d Green from coil showing joined paper variety.
- 14 1935 Pictorials. 2 1/2d value Block of 4 showing plate No. 5 reversed; pair registered watermark, wet printing. perf 13 1/2 x 14; pair top stamp showing "stalk to flower" variety.
- 15 — ditto — 626. 9d single watermark; 3/-d registered watermark, perf 13 1/2 x 14. Both mint. Two scarce stamps.
- 16 — ditto — 1/-d mint perf 12 1/2 4d reverse watermark on woodpulp paper; and 2 copies 3/-d perf 12 1/2, used.

W.D. withdrawn

CAMPBELL PATERSON'S
CATALOGUE OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

Reviewed by F. Stacey Hooker

This most excellent book in loose-leaf form has recently come to hand; somewhat novel in its layout I do feel that it should be commented upon.

When I first read it I did not like the innovation of arranging the sequence of the various classes of issues in order of face value - that is to say - all 1d values of the full face stamps follow each other from 1855 to 1872, and then on the next page all the 2d stamps covering the same period, and so on to the 1/-d stamp.

I was a little muddled at first when referring to the book, but as time went on I came to like the new method of presentation and, finally, having got used to it, I have come to the conclusion that the "new book" has considerable merit. I do not advocate setting out one's collection on this basis and still prefer to have the old and accepted sequence as in all catalogues for so many years. For quick reference in turning up a particular stamp the new "Paterson method" is good, and I congratulate him on being so bold as to break away from die-hard tradition.

Next is the way he sets out the various types of water-marks; they are all together on one page and plainly illustrated. The presentation of the re-entries of various issues is good, the re-entry markings being very plainly superscribed over the normal stamp so that any collector not too familiar with re-entries can readily see what to look for. This sort of thing popularizes philately and gives considerable encouragement to the collecting of stamps. These remarks also apply to re-touches and are a wonderful help to the student of these stamps.

The art paper used on pages which carry the many illustrations is most suitable for the purpose the blocks being very clear which is rarely the case on ordinary paper. --Additional pages are to be available to subscribers from time to time so that the book may be kept up-to-date and also to enable new features to be incorporated.

I strongly advise all those interested in any of the New Zealand stamps to get this book either from Campbell Paterson, Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand or from distributors in this country. (See the N.R. Dawe advertisement in this issue). Price including postage is 46/-d.

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A LETTER FROM R.G. BARNES.

As a curiosity I have a set of 6 Sideface Queens and SG. 185, 186 overprinted "SPECIMEN"; can anyone give any information. Only suggestion I have from New Zealand is that they were a Presentation Set.

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I have recently received from New Zealand Imprint blocks of the 3d overprint, Plate Nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118. In addition to these I understand there are also Plates 108, 109 (very scarce) and 116.

My correspondent in New Zealand has sent me a supply of Plates 112, 113, 115, 117 and 118 and I should be pleased to supply blocks to members at 2/6d each.

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2d Rose (Sideface) 1874/5

by

F. Stacey Hooker

I recently purchases about 1000 copies of this stamp for the purpose of study and the results of my examination of them may be of interest.

I have found that the right hand vertical frame has been re-touched, that is to say, the outer line is double the thickness of the normal frame. I also notice about 25 copies with no shade lines on the Queen's forehead; this may be due to plate wear. A plate flaw occurs in the outer centre of the bottom right hand triangle; it is quite prominent but I only found one copy.

There is a nice frame variety because I found 6 copies with the line over the word "twopence" severed from the frame by a gap.

With regard to the colour of this stamp Gibbons quotes Rose only, Pin - Rose (shades), Verne Collins - Rose, Pale Rose and Deep Rose, and Campbell Paterson in his new catalogue also refers to these three shades. My own list of shades is - Pale Rose, Dull Rose, Rose, Deep Rose, Carmine Rose and Pink; the last two are rare.

In the 1000 copies I examined there were 24 stamps with inverted watermark which Pin Catalogues at 50/-d.

As to perforations I have not the patience to schedule these as there are 11½, 11¾ nearly 12, 12 and 12½. Numeral postmarks (in bars) range from 1 to 24 and letters are GN, N, NN, C, W, B, L, D, I, TU, AN, MS, Z, AR, AK and AH.

I shall be pleased to demonstrate these stamps at one of our meetings if members are sufficiently interested.

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DEPENDENCIES: INVERTED CENTRES.

by Rev. W. G. Iremonger.

The notes by Mr. S. W. Salmon in the last issue of "The Kiwi" prompt me to write on the subject of the so-called varieties of the 1920 issues for the Dependencies - to wit the stamps with inverted centres.

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Unfortunately they are catalogued by Stanley Gibbons, but they were certainly never issued. Verne Collins' catalogue of the stamps of the Dependencies states under the heading of Cook Islands - 1920 issue "Varieties of this issue, and of those in the same types for Aitutaki, Nuie and Penrhyn Island, with inverted centres come from rejected sheets. As printers' waste they should have been destroyed. They were not sent to the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department, and were certainly not released through regular channels".

With regard to the imperf. varieties, they probably come under the same category. The 1932 pictorials contain one genuine inverted centre viz. the 1d; all other varieties come under the same category as those of 1920. In fact these so-called varieties are similar to the printers waste varieties of the 1876 issue of Fiji, and are only worth collecting as curiosities; they are certainly not worth the prices which some of them fetch nowadays.

LOOSE LETTER.

With regard to your query as to "Loose Letter" cancellations, I have always understood that as a general rule they were applied to letters posted on ships and cancelled at the port of arrival - in fact much the same as the "Paquebot" Cancellations. But I have also heard that in the case of New Zealand, loose letter cancellations were also used for letters collected in some Railway Station letter-boxes, or on trains.

PAQUEBOT CANCELLATIONS

While on the subject of cancellations can any member explain how a 5/-d stamp came to have a Paquebot cancellation? I have a copy SG.290 with such a mark.

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POSTAL HISTORY OF NEW ZEALAND

At the Society's March meeting a very fine display and talk was given by Dr. K. J. L. Scott of Woking (Dr. Scott has since become a member of the Society). Major T. H. Pine was kind enough to take the following notes which will give those members who were unable to be present some idea of the scope of Dr. Scott's collection and the extent of his knowledge of the subject dealt with.

NOTES ON THE DISPLAY.

A. History.

1. Early pre-stamp covers. Picture of a Post Office in 1843.
2. The officially issued Crown on Circle paid marks.
 - (a) on Cover and dated.
 - (b) on Cover WITH STAMPS and dated
3. A Series of PROVING COVERS. Many rare and valuable stamps.
 - (a) First serial numbers

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3. (b) Local Maori Runner posts with despatch and arrival dates.
(c) Local Steamship. (b and c illustrated the internal post in early days)
(d) Second series of numbers with duplications.
(e) Maori War Soldiers' letters including Queen's Redoubt.
(f) The local numeral cancellations.

B. Adhesives.

4. Prominent re-entries on Chalons 1d, 2d, 6d and 1/-d following from origin to end of series. All printings presented.
5. (a) Forged perfs.
(b) Stamp used a second time.
6. Pictorials of 1898-1907. 6d (a) Double print.
(b) Re-entries followed through the series.
7. 4d Geo.V. re-entries in both colours and later re-entries on violet only.

C. Trials.

8. Revenues long type all on cover. Some definitely genuine normal mail rates. Others not so clear but who can say they were not legitimate? They have the correct postmarks!

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NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND.

by D.Edsall

Now that the 5d value Geo.VI is on issue in Counter coils with printed numbers in selvedge that completes the set of counter coils to date 15 stamps in all, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d and 6d values with handstamped numbers 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 1/-, 1/3, in printed numbers in selvedge, I understand the 1d value will not be issued in printed numbers, and I think it unlikely these counter coils will be continued in the Elizabeth II stamps.

A new printing of the 4d value has come on the P.O. counters; printed on plate 90 the shade is distinct from the earlier printings, these new 4d value are in a deep violet shade, rather hard to describe but quite distinct from the earlier magenta shade. Although it has been officially stated that our Coronation issue will remain on issue to pay postage until the issue of the new definitive set in September, it does not say if the Geo.VI issue will be withdrawn from sale in June, so this new 4d may have a comparatively long life. The 3d surcharged stamp is "out" at many P.O.'s; they are back on the usual Geo.VI 3d blue. There does not appear to be any difference in shade in this new supply of Geo.VI 3d. Although this 3d surcharge did not have a very long "life" later the numbers issued will be available and we will know how many were printed. Plate 109 will be scarce. The postal stationery letter-cards with the 2d red oval stamp has been overprinted in black 3d.