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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 27th at 6.0 p.m.

Saturday, November 25th at 2.30 p.m.

First of all, the congratulations of the Society go to Mr.R.Chasmer, winner of the "Stacey Hooker Cup" and Mr.M.S.Burberry who won the "Kiwi Shield".

The Annual Competitions held at the Kingsley Hotel in July were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and it was an added pleasure to have Major Beaumont with us as judge - I am sure you will all be interested to read his notes and comments which appear on another page of this issue.

I should like to extend the thanks of the Committee to the following members who supported the Competitions :

Stacey Hooker Cup.

J.Ashcroft	of	Penwortham, Preston, Lancs.
Robert Chasmer	"	Plaistow, London E.13.
A.B.Johnstone	"	Crossway, Edinburgh 11.
Noel Turner	"	London N.22.
R.J.West	"	Kensington Court, London W.8.
and Mrs.Joan Willis	"	Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Kiwi Shield.

M.S.Burberry	"	Bickley, Kent.
Col.W.H.S.Burney	"	Potters Bar, Middlesex.

Kiwi Shield (Contd.)

John D. Evans	of East Sheen, London S.W.14.
H. Hayward	" Enfield, Middlesex.
J.R. Hinvest	" Greenford, Middlesex.
G.C. Nicklin	" Walsall, Staffs.
and Noel Turner	" London N.22.

The Committee very much appreciated the efforts of these members, but were rather disappointed at not having more entries, which may, however, have been due to the holiday season. To remedy this, it has been proposed that next year the Competitions be held in March. We hope, therefore, that the long winter evenings to come will be well spent preparing sheets as entries for next year's Competitions.

Whilst we are on the subject of "digging out" material, may I remind you that our AUCTION will take place on the afternoon of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Saturday, 25th November). Lots for the Auction should be made up as soon as possible and sent to W. Hasler Young at 23 Angel Close, London N.18. If the material cannot be sent at once, please inform Mr. Young as early as possible what items you will be sending, in order that the lots may be listed for our next "Kiwi".

We also offer our congratulations to our members Messrs. E.H. Pyrah and F. Chadwick, who carried off trophies at the Blackpool Congress in June. Miss D. Nicoll, one of our delegates at the Congress, has written, on another page of this issue, her impressions of the gathering.

The Society is happy to extend a most sincere welcome to the following new members :

Francois E. Atkins,
The Bungalow,
Luffenham Road,
Ketton,
Stamford, Lincs.

Issues of New
Zealand only.

Mrs. M.T. de Manuel,
18 Palace Court Mansions,
Kensington Court,
London W.8.

Modern issues
of New Zealand.
Speciality (simplified)
- Health Stamps.

George G. Fisher,
17224 Wildemere,
Detroit 21,
Michigan, U.S.A.

Penny "Dominion",
George V, Postal
Fiscals and General
New Zealand.

Ronald Freeman,
6 Angel Hill Drive,
Sutton,
Surrey.

General interest
in the issues of
New Zealand.

Alexander M. McLeod,
3 Gamble Road,
Thornton,
Blackpool, Lancs.

- do -

Edward J. Palmer,
Clandon,
Red Lane,
Claygate,
Surrey.

Issues of New
Zealand only.

Roy A. Watts,
32 Trevarthian Terrace,
Milehouse,
Plymouth, Devon.

All issues of New
Zealand and
Dependencies.
Speciality - Penny
"Universals".

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Brigadier H.C. Delabere of Ringwood, Hampshire, in June and the Society sends its condolence to his relatives.

Most of our members will have read by now of the death of Hugh Gordon-Kaye on Tuesday, 8th August, at his home in Woodford Green, Essex. His loss to the Society will be great as he had a profound knowledge of the Postal History and Stamps of New Zealand. Until his illness he regularly attended meetings of the Society in London accompanied by his charming wife, who, is herself a keen philatelist.

Mr. Gordon-Kaye was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Societies in London and New Zealand and was awarded silver and bronze medals for his exhibits at the New Zealand International Stamp Exhibition in 1955. He also collaborated in compiling information for the "Postage Stamps of New Zealand".

He was immediate past President of the Leytonstone, Wanstead and District Philatelic Society in which he took the keenest interest and set an example to younger members by his regular attendance at Meetings with Mrs. Gordon-Kaye. They also frequently attended the Annual Convention of the Association of Essex Philatelic, providing entries for display and competition purposes.

Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner, sent a letter of condolence and a wreath on behalf of members of the Society to Mrs. Gordon-Kaye and the following most charming letter from Mrs. Gordon-Kaye has been received in reply.

A.A.H.

"Inglenook",
Chestnut Walk,
Woodford Green,
Essex.

18th August 1961.

Noel Turner, Esq.,
The New Zealand Society of Great Britain,
Gladstone House,
High Road, N.22.

Dear Mr. Turner,

I was deeply moved to receive your letter of 12th August bringing me such kind messages of sympathy from yourself and from the members of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

Your wreath of flowers was the first, and only, tribute to arrive on the day before the funeral and as it came in to the house I felt that the whole of New Zealand was paying him homage. It was a most magnificent tribute and as I feel that you chose it personally I shall not describe it, but its beauty and artistry were apparent to all and it was very greatly admired by the many friends and neighbours who saw it.

My husband would have loved to have visited New Zealand himself, but this was denied to him. In its place he revelled in the descriptions of that beautiful country so ably painted by Mr. Bartrop and other good friends who had had the good fortune to go there.

I hope to continue my association with the Society later on and meanwhile I wish to express to you all my very deep gratitude and my thanks.

Yours very sincerely,
Grace L. Kaye.

Members will be pleased to learn that Walter Farrow of Radlett, Herts. has made an excellent recovery from his recent

serious illness. We learn that he is sailing for Australia and New Zealand early in November and hopes to return to this country some time in March of next year.

The good wishes of the members are extended to Mr. Farrow for the success of his trip with the hope that it will assist in consolidating his return to good health.

Noel Turner.

Report by Major K.M. Beaumont C.B.E., D.S.O., F.R.P.S.L.
on Judging the Society's Annual Competition.

On 26th July I attended a most interesting meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain at the Kingsley Hotel, when I was asked to judge the exhibits of (a) The Classic Section comprising all early material up to the end of the issues of King Edward VII for the "Kiwi Shield" and (b) The Modern Section comprising the issues from King George V onwards for the "Stacey-Hooker Cup". The attendance was not very large, but all present seemed to be experts or enthusiasts.

- Each competition had to be judged according to
- (I) Philatelic Knowledge and Research up to 30%
 - (II) Arrangement up to 30% (III) Condition up to 20% and
 - (IV) Writing-Up up to 20%; and each exhibit was limited to twelve sheets.

In the Classic Section I had no hesitation in awarding the first prize to the Collection of Great Barrier Reef Pigeon Post Stamps, which included very rare complete sheets of the "Special Post" stamps of January 1899 and of the "Marotiri Pigeongram" overprint, of which only two hundred and forty stamps were printed. Other items in this exhibit also indicated considerable philatelic knowledge and research. The exhibit was beautifully arranged in perfect condition and written up by a born scribe. This was shown by Mr. M. S. Burberry.

The second prize in this Section went to Mr. J. D. Evans for his exhibit of the Chalon Head issue with large star watermark perf 12½, with variations, including shades graded into the years of issue. I placed equal third the exhibit of Mr. G. C. Nicklin of advertisements on the backs of stamps of the 1893 issue, and the exhibit of Mr. Noel Turner of Cancellations of Port Victoria (Lyttleton and Wellington) from 1851 to 1861; with Mr. J. R. Hinvest fifth for his exhibit of some of the earlier Penny Universal issues. There were eight exhibits in this Competition.

In the Modern Section there were seven exhibits, including four of the Health Stamps. In this case I awarded first prize to

Mr.R.Chasmer for his exhibit of Surcharged Mail. He was followed closely by Mr.Noel Turner with his exhibit of Health Stamps, which lost marks because it was written up partly in script and partly in type. Third was Mr.A.B.Johnstone's Collection of Elizabethan Counter Coils, and fourth Mr.R.J.West with his exhibit of 1915 Issues of King George V.

I found both competitions most interesting and was envious of some of the exhibits and some of the writing-up; and was gratified to gather that no serious fault was found with my placings.

The evening terminated for me at a dinner in most congenial company.

K. M. B.

Submitted by Miss Dorothy Nicoll of Burnley, Lancs. who attended Congress as a delegate of the N.Z. Society.

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain held in Blackpool in June was a happy and friendly four day event. As "Stamp Collecting" gave a full report, these are just my personal reflections.

The business sessions went smoothly under the expert chairmanship of Mr.J.Alfred Birch, and the two papers presented by Mr.R.Warhurst and Major Adrian Hopkins, M.C. were well contrasted.

Mr.Warhurst told us of the many interesting people he had met during his years as a collector and called his paper "A Philatelic Retrospect".

Major Hopkins dealt with International Exhibitions including much information about London 1960. This brought forward many speakers to join in the discussion, led by Mr.Ewart Gerrish, O.B.E. who did so much as Chairman of the London International Exhibition 1960.

The Congress Exhibition was well arranged and had great variety.

The North West Federation Rose Bowl for Club Competition was won for the Manchester Central Society by Mr.E.H.Pyrah with New Zealand Coils and a new trophy for individual entries within the N.W.Federation was won by Mr.F.Chadwick with Western Australia.

The three newly elected Distinguished Philatelists, Mr.L.E.Dawson, Mr.L.Linder and Mr.A.W.Robertson signed the Roll with due ceremony and the final business session was concluded by Mrs.O.C.Loader, formerly Miss Eileen J.Evans thanking those

responsible for our entertainment and enjoyment.

The toasts at the banquet were proposed and honoured, and finally Mr. Birch with his quiet charm, called on Miss Rose Titford so that the last word should be with the ladies.

This was a very happy Congress and we were all grateful to the local committee, who had done so much work in preparation for it.

Mr. R. C. Emery was busy putting over propaganda for 1962 at Worthing, where we would be sure to have sunshine. To those of us in the North, Worthing will not be so convenient, but I would encourage anyone to go to a Congress, who can possibly do so and enjoy four days of unforgettable Philatelic Friendship.

Members of the Society will be interested to know that we recently received an enquiry from the Secretary of the Collectors' Club in New York which is established in the Philatelic Foundation - a gift to the Philatelists in America from the late Mr. Alfred Lichtenstein. The Club has asked to be supplied with all new issues of the "Kiwi" for the use of their members and this has been organised through our Editor, Mr. A. A. Hard. The Club has also requested a copy of every "Kiwi" issued since we were founded in 1952 and a bundle has been sent to them. However, certain numbers are missing and an appeal is made to all members of the Society to send any of these missing numbers of the "Kiwi" that they may have to our Treasurer - Mr. Noel Turner of Gladstone House, High Road, Wood Green, London, N.22.

In the first year - 1952 - we were short of issues numbered 2 and 3 and copies of these are particularly required.

For the later years we were able to SEND the following numbers and we now require copies of all those not quoted in the list given below:-

1953 (Vol.2)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
1954 (Vol.3)	1, 2, 3, 4.
1955 (Vol.4)	1, 2, 3.
1956 (Vol.4)	1, 2, 3.
1957 (Vol.5)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
1958 (Vol.6)	No.1 only.
1959 (Vol.7)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
1960 (Vol.8)	1 and 2 only.

From the foregoing it would seem that there may be missing copies for 1955 and 1956, several missing copies for 1958 and all copies since March, 1960.

The assistance of the members of the Society will be greatly appreciated, so that we may satisfy our friends in New York.

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF
NEW ZEALAND.

VOLUME IV.

Previous volumes of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" have earned a high reputation in Philatelic circles, both here and overseas, and in 1956 gained the coveted Crawford Medal awarded by The Royal Philatelic Society of London.

The success of previous volumes has led The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand to proceed with the publication of a further volume in the series - The Postage Stamps of New Zealand. This will be Volume IV.

Present indications are that the book will be issued in March 1962.

The edition will be a limited one and each copy will be numbered. Where possible numbers will be matched for those subscribers desiring them.

PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER.

The Society will accept orders for this limited edition at a pre-publication price of £5.5s. (New Zealand Currency) per copy post free. It can, however, accept orders at this price only from those who order before publication of the book is completed.

As soon as the limited edition is fully subscribed no further orders will be accepted.

The DEAD-LINE date for this special pre-publication price is 20th December 1961. Thereafter it will be available at the price of £6.6s., if the edition has not previously been completely sold.

1d. MAP, 1923-5.

By K.J. McNaught, F.R.P.S.N.Z.

When Volume I was published in 1939, the story of this issue fascinated me. I was especially interested in the fact that a distinctive flaw (the "serif" flaw on the Figure 3) could be found

in two different positions, namely R.10 No.2 and R.10 No.10. Obviously if I could obtain blocks showing the two different positions I knew I could use them as proved examples of printings from the two "states" of Plate 1. It was evident also that stamps with the top selvedge attached could be identified as from early, intermediate, or late states of the plate, according to whether they had selvedge coloured bars or not, and whether the bars were long and narrow or separate wide bars above each stamp.

It was not till about 5 years ago, however, that I presumed to question any of the information in Vol.I. About that time, I noticed a distinct flaw in one stamp in a top right corner pair of the 1d in the distinctive pale carmine-pink of the printings on Cowan unsurfaced paper. The flaw seemed familiar and on checking against my collection I confirmed that this same variety was found in prints on Roughway and Jones Paper. According to Vol.I, the last plate of 120 units was made from "two fresh lead moulds each containing 60 impressions". I reasoned that this could not be true, otherwise how could a flaw found in one impression in the previous plate (Plate 2 in Vol.I) recur in this plate? At first I thought the explanation was simply that the previous plate of 240 units was out in half (one complete electrotype of 80 units plus half of another), but when I eventually found a part sheet of Plate 2 I found this variety in row 6, not in row 1.

Through the kindness of Mr. R.J.G.Collins, R.D.P., F.R.P.S. N.Z, who located a complete mint sheet of the 1d Plate 3 and passed it on to me at cost, and the assistance of other N.Z. dealers and collectors with material for study, I have been able to work out how Plate 3 was prepared from Plate 2. It is hoped that this information can be included in Vol. IV.

In the course of this study I found evidence that duplicate electrotypes (each of 80 units) were used in making up Plate 2. Certain flaws found in the second of the three electrotypes are repeated in the same relative positions in the third electrotype. This raised the query whether the "Second State" of Plate I was in reality a second plate made from the same moulds as used for Plate I, but assembled with the corresponding electrotype groups 1 and 2 interchanged. (Incidentally it is theoretically possible to have 2 practically identical electrotype plates with identical flaws). A careful study of complete sheets and blocks from different sheets convinced me that my theory was correct and that there were 3 plates of 240 units, not 2. The evidence has been assembled as a specialised collection of 1d Map stamps and written up for examination by the Editors of Vol.IV and for the Exhibition at Christchurch.

FROM MR. GERALD PRATT.

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Dear Honorary Editor,

I have been disappointed not to be able to attend recent meetings as I had hoped to ask for comments on various cancellations, but now hope your readers can interpret them for me.

1. Figure 25 in rectangular box within oval "Killer" on Fourpence First Side Face. This is similar in design to item 36 on page 86 of the Handbook, Vol.III.

2. Figure 10 in circle within oval "Killer". The "Killer" is of vertical type, i.e. it is taller than it is broad. The stamp - a 2½d. pictorial - also bears C.D.S. WAIMA.. ? (There are two, or at most three, illegible letters after the second A). It could be WAIMATE but the Killer is still unexplained.

3. Full face cancelled 062 with oval Killer similar type 30 on page 78 of Vol.III.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD PRATT.

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LIEUT. JAMES COOK.

.....Continuing the story of Capt. Cook's re-discovery and circumnavigation of New Zealand - from "Hawkesworth's Voyages" published in Dublin in 1775.....October 1769.

Monday 9.

As we had unhappily experienced that nothing was to be done with these people at this place, and finding the water in the river to be salt, I proceeded in the boats round the head of the bay, in search of fresh water, and with a design if possible, to surprise some of the natives, and take them on board, where, by kind treatment and presents, I might obtain their friendship, and by their means establish an amicable correspondence with their countrymen.

To my great regret, I found no place where I could land, a dangerous surf everywhere beating upon the shore; but I saw two canoes coming in from the sea, one under sail, and the other worked with paddles. I thought this a favourable opportunity to get some of the people in my possession without mischief, as those in the canoes were probably fishermen, and without arms, and I had three boats full of men. I therefore disposed the boats

so, as most effectually to intercept them on their way to the shore. The people in the canoe that was paddled perceived us so soon, that by making to the nearest land with their utmost strength, they escaped us; the other sailed on till she was in the midst of us, without discerning what we were; but the moment she discovered us, the people on board struck their sail, and took to their paddles, which they plied so briskly that she out-ran the boat. They were, however, within hearing, and Tupia called out to them to come alongside, and promised for us that they should come to no hurt; they chose however, rather to trust to their paddles than our promises, and continued to make from us with all their power. I then ordered a musquet to be fired over their heads, as the least exceptionable expedient to accomplish my design, hoping it would either make them surrender or leap into the water. Upon the discharge of the piece they ceased paddling, and all of them, being seven in number, began to strip, as we imagined to jump overboard; but it happened otherwise. They immediately formed a resolution not to fly, but to fight; and, when the boat came up, they began the attack with their paddles, and with stones and other offensive weapons that were in the canoe, so vigourously, that we were obliged to fire upon them in our own defence; four were unhappily killed, and the other three, who were boys, the eldest about nineteen, and the youngest about eleven, instantly leaped into the water; the eldest swam with great vigour, and resisted the attempts of our people to take him into the boat, by every effort that he could make; he was, however, at last overpowered, and the other two were taken up with less difficulty. I am conscious that the feeling of every reader of humanity will censure me, for having fired upon these unhappy people; and it is impossible that, upon a calm review, I should approve it myself. They certainly did not deserve death, for not choosing to confide in my promises, or not consenting to come aboard my boat, even if they had apprehended no danger; but the nature of my service required me to obtain a knowledge of their country, which I could no otherwise effect than by forcing my way into it in a hostile manner, or gaining admission through the confidence and good-will of the people. I had already tried the power of presents without effect; and I was now prompted, by my desire to avoid further hostilities, to get some of them on board, as the only method left of convincing them that we intended them no harm, and had it in our power to contribute to their gratification and convenience. Thus far my intentions were certainly not criminal; and though in the contest, which I had not the least reason to expect, our victory might have been complete, without so great an expence

of life, yet in such situations, when the command to fire has been given, no man can restrain its excess, or prescribe its effect.

.....To be continued.

HON. SEC.

CHRISTCHURCH STAYS ENGLISH.

Since the first English immigrants settled in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1850 under the planned settlement scheme of the Canterbury Association, the city has been proud of its English associations.

Recently, with much development taking place, the city found it increasingly difficult to choose English names for new streets and districts. The city fathers approached the Automobile Association for help.

Copies of the A.A. roadbooks of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, are now on their way to New Zealand. From the 899 gazetteer pages of the three books Christchurch should find enough English street names for this century.

PETERBOROUGH'S COLUMN

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Albert A. Hard,

Hon. Editor KIWI.