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WE ARE MOVING!!

The Kingsley Hotel (our home for the last 10 years) recently informed us that a substantial increase would have to be made for 1963, in the fees payable for the use of rooms for our meetings. Wishing to avoid any increase in subscriptions, a search has been made for alternative accommodation and we are happy to announce that this search has been successful.

As and from our NEXT Meeting on January 26th, 1963, we shall be meeting at -

THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL,  
MONMOUTH STREET,  
LONDON. W.C.2.

The Shaftesbury is already the home of The Postal History Society and the rooms should suit our purpose very well. The Hotel is fully licensed and there are large and small restaurants where meals of varying cost can be obtained.

WHERE is Monmouth Street, and the Shaftesbury? Within 150 to 200 yards of LEICESTER SQUARE UNDERGROUND STATION. On leaving the Station proceed along Cranbourne Street (in the direction of Long Acre, NOT towards Leicester Square), take the first turning on the left and keep straight on up Monmouth Street. The Shaftesbury is on the left.

As you know, our Meeting on the 26th is at 2.15 p.m. and Michael Burberry will be talking to us on "From Amateur to Professional Stamp Production". Knowing Michael, you may be sure that the show will have a distinct New Zealand flavour!

Follow the directions carefully - don't get lost! See you at the Shaftesbury!

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NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN MEETINGS FOR 1963.

January 26th (Saturday).	2.15 p.m.	Michael Burberry
	Subject:	"From Amateur to Professional Stamp Production".
March 30th (Saturday)	2.15 p.m.	Competition.
May 29th (Wednesday)	6.15 p.m.	Gerald Pratt.
	Subject:	"Postal Stationery of New Zealand".
July 31st (Wednesday)	6.15 p.m.	Members' Evening.
	Subject:	"Short Displays and Questions by all Members".
September 25th (Wednesday)	6.15 p.m.	Messrs. John Evans and Jim Riddell.
	Subject:	"Maritime and Early Postal Cancellations" of New Zealand.
November 30th. (Saturday)	11.00 a.m.	Annual General Meeting and Auction.
		Displays by Members.

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OUR LAST MEETING.

The attendance figures at our Annual General Meeting on 24th November, were not quite up to last year, but once again we had a very enjoyable get-together.

Our day commenced at 11.45 a.m. with a display of members' sheets - a most excellent display with something for everybody - Chalons, Studies, prints, postmarks, "Philatelic Humour", and the winning entries in this year's Competitions. The Auction lots were also on display and I should like to thank the contributors and purchasers - the commission on sales is a great help to the Society. An especial "thank you" to those most generous members who donated items in aid of the funds.

## OUR LAST MEETING (contd).

The Business Session commenced at 2.30 p.m. with the President, Mr. H.L. Bartrop, in the Chair.

- (1) The Hon. Secretary announced that apologies for non-attendance had been received from Col. Gilman, Dr. Selby, and Messrs. Blease, Burberry, Davidson and Hard.
- (2) The Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting held in November, 1961, were read, proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.
- (3) A report of the Society's progress during 1962 was then given by the President, and a copy of the report will be found elsewhere in this issue.
- (4) Mr. Noel Turner, our Hon. Treasurer, then reported on the Society's financial position. A copy of his report, together with the Statement of Accounts, is also enclosed with this issue. The report was adopted unanimously.
- (5) The Hon. Packet Secretary's report, a copy of which is enclosed, was presented by Mr. Hasler Young. The cry is still "more booklets, please," and this gave rise to considerable discussion. Several members suggested that smaller (6 or 8 page) booklets would produce more response, and Dr. Jacob proposed that vendors should be "top of the list" for receiving packets. A note was made of the various suggestions, which are being given consideration. The Hon. Packet Secretary's report was adopted.
- (6) Election of President. Mr. H.L. Bartrop was willing to stand for a further term and he was re-elected with acclamation.
- (7) Election of Vice-President. Mr. J.D. Riddell was unanimously elected.
- (8) Election of Hon. Secretary. There had been no nomination for the post, but Mr. G.E.C. Pratt offered to fill the vacancy on a temporary basis, but he made it clear that he would be unable to attend winter meetings. Mr. Pratt's offer was gratefully accepted by all present.
- (9) Election of Hon. Bulletin Editor. Mr. A.A. Hard was willing to stand for a further term, and there being no further nominations, he was re-elected unanimously.
- (10) Election of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Noel Turner was re-elected unanimously.

## OUR LAST MEETING (contd).

- (11) Election of Hon. Packet Secretary. Mr. W. Hasler Young was re-elected unanimously.
- (12) Election of Hon. Auditor. Mr. G.B. Erskine was unanimously re-elected.
- (13) Committee of Five. Mr. Royton Heath was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation from the Committee of Mr. Denis Givan. Mrs. E.C.M. Moore, Mrs. I.J. Willis and Messrs. G.B. Erskine and R.D. Williamson were re-elected to the Committee.
- (14) Election of Publicity Officer. This is a new post and Mr. Michael Burberry was elected to fulfil the duties of Publicity Officer.

This concluded the Business set out in the Agenda.

The Auction got off to a speedy start under the experienced hammer of our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner. Many postal bids had been received and there was some brisk bidding from the floor. The efforts of all concerned were very much appreciated.

This concluded another A.G.M. day, a day all too short, perhaps, but we have a full programme for 1963, when we can again meet our fellow members.

Peter Garnett.

## NOTES FROM THE RETIRING SECRETARY.

It is just two years since I was granted the honour of being elected Hon. Secretary, and it is now with regret that I must relinquish the post. These have been two full and happy years and I should like to express my grateful thanks to the Officers and Committee for their unfailing help and support. To the many members who have written to me on so many subjects, I would like to express my appreciation. Your interest and goodwill have done much to smooth my path. I know that you will extend the same consideration to my successor.

Peter Garnett.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

This year I wish to pay tribute first of all to our retiring Secretary - Peter Garnett - for all his hard work and the loving care with which he has carried out his duties and contributed to Kiwi his regular excerpts from Capt. Cook's logbook as recorded by Hawkesworth. Peter has medical advice to give his eyes more rest during periods of leisure, and we must respect his concern to safeguard his eyesight.

Secondly, I wish to thank Mr. Hard, our Honorary "Kiwi" Bulletin Editor. Our members live in widely separated areas of Great Britain, and overseas; and a great many members can seldom meet together here, so that "Kiwi" is the vital link without which our Society could not thrive. Mr. Hard does a fine job of work in a quiet unassuming manner and we are greatly indebted to his unflagging zeal. I am glad, too, that more members have come forward with articles of interest in response to our appeals, and we hope that more members will follow suit.

Our Honorary Treasurer, too, is a man of indefatigable energy who is consistently seeking to prod all of us to greater effort; and we are fortunate to have a qualified Auctioneer to conduct our annual auction, and to guard our funds.

Our Packet Secretary continues year after year to put into circulation members' duplicates and I think our members who live far from London might take advantage more than they do at present to circulate their duplicate stamps. I think our members in the professional rank of philatelists might do more in future to help our Packet Secretary. To them I would say:- "Look out some scarce stamps, which have perhaps been in stock for some time and offer them at reasonable prices and you might be pleasantly surprised".

To our Committee and Auditor whose work for the Society is equally valuable, I pay tribute and give thanks.

To members who have displayed "New Zealand" to their own local Societies and to others more distant, our thanks are due also.

During the past year we have lost two members who have died, two who have resigned, and we have gained eleven new members.

The regular Society meetings have been well reported in Kiwi, and I do not propose to comment on them except to say again "Thank you" to all our members and visitors who have entertained us so well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (contd).

I think you would wish me to say a very warm and sincere "Thank you" to our professional member, Mr. Michael, who brought such a galaxy of talented people to entertain us at our last A.G.M.

We propose today to create a new Office, that of Publicity Officer - if agreeable to you - so that our meetings and activities may be made more widely known.

Lastly, I hope that a member will be willing to offer his services as General Secretary, for without one we cannot function efficiently as a Society.

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ROBSON LOWE'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA VOL. IV.

There appears to be an inconsistency between the table of postage rates and the dates of the introduction of the consequential provisional overprints on postal stationery post-cards.

The postcard rate was reduced on 1st February 1923 from 1½d. to 1d and, again on 1st October 1923 to ½d.

However the date of the introduction of the provisional overprints on the postcards is shown as May 1923. These overprints seem unlikely to have preceded the change in postal rates by so many months. It is indicative that there is something wrong with the dating of the Postcard provisionals that the corresponding Letter Card provisionals are dated October.

Has anyone any used copies of the ½d. provisionals showing early dates of use?

Robson Lowe's are understood to be making an appropriate adjustment to Colume IV of their Encyclopaedia.

Gerald Pratt

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5th November, 1962.

Dear Mr. Garnett,

It is not often that we provincial members get the opportunity to hear about, and see, the stamps of our more noted members, and consequently it was with great expectation that I went along to the recent meeting of the Leeds P.S., addressed by our Society. Needless to say, the Speakers, Dr. Evans and Mr. Burberry, did the Society proud.

The latter member, speaking first, dazzled the meeting with a display comprising the Pigeon Posts, the Christchurch Exhibition and the Penny Universal. The stamps, however, were over-shadowed by the immaculate illustrations and writing-up - what an artist is Mr. Burberry.

Dr. Evans' discussion, which featured the postal history of Auckland and various later cancellations, including N.Z. used abroad, was equally well received.

A word of thanks, too, for Noel Turner, who sent along a selection of the Health stamps, which attracted much attention - chiefly of a covetous nature!

Altogether an enjoyable afternoon - surely meetings of such calibre will attract more people into membership. Let us hope that the Society receives many more opportunities to address "the masses".

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN D. HEPWORTH.

FROM MRS. G.L. KAYE.

I was very interested in Mr. Evans' article in the Newsletter for November 1962 regarding the "L" date-stamps, which always intrigued my husband. I have a reference to an "L 14" date-stamp for Dec. 9 1862, which precedes Mr. Evans' copy by one day, and both would appear to have been included in the same mail.

The need for a cancellation without the Township name was mentioned in the Postmaster's Annual Report for 1860. Townships were springing up in a matter of days. There were 67 new offices opened up in 1862, of which 28 were in Otago, consequent on the Gold Rush. The settlements would seldom have definite names, and even if they had they often changed them.

The range of dates of these "L" date-stamps is from late 1862 to 1865, after which year they seem to be only occasional.

They would seem to belong to the Lyttleton area. I know of the existence of a part cover, bearing a 2d. Star Imperf., cancelled "L .." (figure illegible)

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and on the front of the cover is a circular postmark reading "Lyttleton MR 20 1863".

Grace L. Kaye.

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FROM THE EDITOR.

Owing to pressure of space with reports on the A.G.M., Peter Garnett's excerpts from "Capt. Cook's Logbook" and Campbell Paterson's Part 2 of "New Zealand Stamps as I See Them" are held over for a future issue of "The Kiwi".

What a great relief to have material in hand, thanks to these two members.

Albert A. Hard.  
Hon. Editor "KIWI".