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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain will be held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London, on SATURDAY, the 28th November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m. for the ordinary business set out in the Agenda.

21st. October, 1964.

G.E.C. Pratt.
Hon. Secretary.

A G E N D A.

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive a report from the President.
3. To receive a financial report from the Hon. Treasurer.
4. To receive a report from the Hon. Packet Secretary.
5. To elect a President.
6. To elect a Vice-President.
7. To elect the following Honorary Officers:-

Secretary	Bulletin Editor
Auditor	Treasurer
Packet Secretary	Publicity Officer
8. To elect a Committee of FIVE members.

AGENDA (contd)

9. To consider a motion proposed by Mr. Noel Turner of which notice was given at the September meeting to elect as Honorary Life Members Mr. & Mrs. G.B. ERSKINE.
10. To consider the contents of the Programme for the 1964-1965 Season.
11. Any Other Business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

RETIRING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

President:	Mr. H.L. Bartrop
Vice-President:	Mr. Michael Burberry
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Gerald Pratt
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. Noel Turner
Hon. Packet Secretary:	Mr. W. Hasler Young
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Hon. Auditor:	Mr. G.B. Erskine
Committee:	Mrs. E.C.M. Moore
	Mrs. I.J. Willis
	Messrs. J.D. Riddell
	Royton Heath
	R.D. Williamson.

The Officers of the Society, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election if that is the wish of members of the Society. Nominations to be received.

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, LONDON.
KIWI DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1964.

- 11.45 a.m. Exhibition of Members' sheets - Auction lots on view.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch (informal in the Restaurant).
- 2.30 p.m. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 3.10 p.m. (approx) Display of Prize winning exhibits and presentation of Stacey Hooker Cup and Kiwi Shield.
- 3.15 p.m. General Display (for further details see elsewhere in this issue).
- 4.30 p.m. Auction.
- 5.30 p.m. Close of meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The President presided at the September meeting and apologies were received from Mr. Agabeg and your Editor. Mr. J.H. Glover was welcomed as a new member.

A feature of the meeting was the number of members who contributed to the display of Air Mails under the leadership of the President and an account of what was shown follows.

The Society was pleased to welcome two guests of Mr. Campbell Paterson. Miss Keller and Miss Russell who used to be on the staff of Pimms the well known New Zealand dealers.

POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

This Society was established in Auckland at the beginning of September, and many members of this Society were glad to take forms of application for membership from our Secretary who had already asked to join. The main interest to members here will be their monthly magazine "THE MAIL COACH". This is assured of a high standard as it is being edited by Mr. Startup, whom we were recently pleased to welcome to this Society and who is very well known for his superb range of publications on this subject.

A NEW STYLE BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

The B.P.A. are sponsoring a new style Philatelic Exhibition at the Seymour Hall near Marble Arch on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd January 1965. Its distinctive feature will be the 500 display frames available to private exhibitors, so as to encourage entries by those who do not often exhibit their stamps. Postal History and Thematic entries as well as conventional adhesives will be included.

A prospectus and entry form can be obtained from The Secretary, British Philatelic Exhibition, at 50, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

Will all Officers and Committee Members please endeavour to attend the A.G.M. at 11.00 a.m. to consider a programme for next season and discuss any other business. All members will be welcome to lunch with us.

Our Hamilton N.Z. member Mr.K.J. Mc Naught F.R.P.S.N.Z. has sent to me for your inspection and enjoyment at the A.G.M. a collection of Maori name postmarks of Towns named after N.Z. plants, also after native birds, and fish or shell-fish, reptiles and insects. Incidentally, "Papatōetoe" does not mean that Dad has gout!! He has written a chapter on the 1923 type map stamp of N.Z. in volume 4. Handbook. If any member receives a copy of this book before the A.G.M. please bring it along for others to see.

A NEW STYLE BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION (contd)

Stanley Gibbons will be holding an exhibition of rare stamps from all over the world at the Festival Hall in London during February, to celebrate the Centenary of their stamp catalogue first published in 1865. I am told that admission will be free.

If you have any ideas to give us to make our meetings next season more attractive please let me have them before the A.G.M. Please try to be with us on November 28th., and bring some sheets for display.

REPORT OF MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 30th.

The theme for Mr. Bartrop's opening of our evening meeting devoted to the study of Airmails was the progressive expansion of Airmail services via Karachi, Calcutta, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies to Australia, New Zealand and return. This development stimulated Air Feeder services within New Zealand. The details of the events leading to the international agreement at the Universal Postal Union Congress held at London in 1929 are given in "The Air Mails and Pigeon Posts of New Zealand" by R.J.G. Collins (published in 1931). which came into force on the 1st of July 1930. Postage plus Air Mail fees could - from that date- be pre-paid by postage stamps issued by the country of origin.

All mail to be conveyed by air on a part or the whole of a route must have the route indicated on the address side of the envelope and bear a blue label or bear the words "By Air Mail" clearly written. Examples were shown of the first mail to be despatched by sea on the 11th July, 1930 from Auckland per the S.S. "ULIMAROA" to connect with the Karachi - London Air Service; also from Wellington on 4th, July 1930 per S.S. "MAUNGANUI" via Adelaide - Perth and Karachi - London services. Gradually these services extended further and further east. In 1939 for a few brief months - under the "1½d all-up Scheme" until interrupted by war - it became possible to send letters anywhere within the Commonwealth in Egypt and Palestine, India and Ceylon, Africa, Malaya, Australia, and New Zealand by air at a cost of 1½d per half ounce. The last link in this chain - the Air Route from Australia to New Zealand - was not forged until April 1940. Until then excepting pioneer flights by Kingsford Smith and Ulm, the Tasman Sea was crossed only by ship. Airmail stamps were first issued in New Zealand

REPORT OF MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 30th. (contd)

on November 10th 1931 but a cover was shown postmarked Highfield N.Z. on the 9th November 1931. Incidentally, it was demonstrated that the 14 x 15 perf 3d Airmail stamps from a late printing in 1935 can be recognised because they were in a darker shade of Chocolate. They are scarce because most of this printing was destroyed in October 1935 when the issue was withdrawn.

A commercial route across the Pacific to San Francisco was pioneered in July 1940 crossing the international date line to the east of New Zealand so that letters exist which were landed at Pago Pago one day earlier than the date on which they left New Zealand! Messrs. Turner, Chasmer, Hayward, Pratt, and Burberry tabled interesting flown covers. It was agreed to devote another evening to the study of internal flights about which a handbook has been published by the Airmail Society of New Zealand in addition to the earlier publication by R.J.G. Collins previously mentioned.

There were some unanswered questions which are recorded here to invite those who may know the answers to write to your Secretary for future publication.

- (a) Why was a G.B. K.G.V halfpenny stamp sometimes added to First Flight envelopes from New Zealand? Was it to obtain a date of arrival postmark which a Post Office regulation may have prevented otherwise?
- (b) Do any N.Z. covers from the 1954 Singapore Air Crash bear the two line wreck cachet which has been recorded on a small number of the covers from Australia which were salvaged from this aeroplane? The covers displayed bore the single framed cachet "Salvaged Mail Aircraft crash Singapore 13.3. 1954," in three lines.
- (c) What explanation can be given for apparent differences in the signature of E. Dickson, the pilot of many early internal flights?

NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE RATES OCTOBER 1964.

POSTAGE RATES INCREASED.

The Postal History Society of New Zealand tell us that the following principal changes operated from 1st October, 1964.

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Printed Paper each 8 oz.	2½d	3d.
Inland and British Commonwealth letters, First ounce.	3d.	4d.
Inland Airmail, First half ounce	4d.	5d.
Registered letters.	1/3d.	1/4d.
Air Letter Card to U.K.	8d.	9d.
Air Mail Letter.	1/9d.	2/-d

We must now watch for interesting changes in the use of issued stamps and postal stationery and can wonder if a 1/4d stamp will be provided.

One casualty may be the usual wide use of the 2½d Christmas stamp whose design would be unsuitable for overprinting.

Gerald Pratt.



POSTAL HISTORY.

The above "frank" is installed at P.O. Christchurch, to enable the public to pay postage on letters in lieu of the present public coil machines issuing stamps after hours, which are then duly posted and cancelled. At present only Christchurch P.O. have these machines, and if satisfactory they will be installed at other offices.

The above "frank" may prove fairly scarce as it is franked 3d and now the postage is 4d.

Douglas Edsall.

NOTES FROM NOEL TURNER.

The question has been discussed by several Members of the Committee as to whether there is a large demand for regular articles to appear in 'KIWI' on matters concerning New Zealand stamps and Postal History of a rather less technical nature than those which have appeared in the past. It is not suggested that the current type of contribution should be omitted but that occasionally there should be articles of a more general nature for the benefit of those of our Members who collect the stamps of our country in a rather more simplified form. If I may have letters from Members on this subject something will be organised if the demand appears to be great enough.

Compliments should be paid to our Publicity Manager or our Secretary for the lengthy report of our July Meeting which appeared in "Philately", the official organ of the British Philatelic Association. 'Philately' also featured reproduction of Mr. Riddell's article which appeared in a previous issue of 'KIWI'.

Members will note that a special Exhibition is being held in January which is to be known as the British Philatelic Exhibition and is sponsored by Philatelic Publishers in this country. Early application should be made for entry forms and from these it will be seen that classes are of wide variety and are intended to encourage collectors who have not previously exhibited or who have done so without particular success. The Exhibition is being organised to meet the certain need related to International Exhibitions and deserves the support of all collectors in the British Isles.

Members who ordered Volume IV will have received individual letters from me giving them the good news that deliveries may be expected between now and Christmas. Many of our Members have already received their copies.

In Volume IV it is interesting to note that the definition given to the word "surcharge" has been taken from the Glossary of Philatelic Terms. The definition is applicable to all surcharge stamps except - strangely enough - to one issue in New Zealand where the surcharge did not alter or confirm the value of the stamp - but gave it a value. There is no prize for telling which stamp is concerned!

NOEL TURNER

1963. NEW ZEALAND HEALTH VARIETIES.

R.E. HEATH.

The 1963 New Zealand Health stamps have certainly surpassed themselves this year with their far from characteristic portrayal of Prince Andrew. These have had many uncomplimentary names since their issue, but their real value to Philatelists lies in the numerous flaws, re-entries and a weak entry that exist.

Two plates were used for each large sheet value, numbered 1A and 1B each sheet containing 120 stamps in 12 horizontal rows of 10 and a plate containing 16 miniature sheets in 4 horizontal rows of 4. These were made and the stamps printed by Messrs. Thomas De la Rue the line engraved method being used.

A variety which reached national press coverage here was a prominent flaw between the index and middle fingers of Prince Andrew's right hand this was on the 3d + 1d. Claret from plate 1B Row 3 No.5 giving the hand the appearance of being covered with blood. The strange part about this is that attempts have been made to remove the flaw by hand using a sharp instrument, this with partial success but the printers have so far refused to comment as to whether they are responsible or not. For what it is worth all copies of the flaw seen to date are in a dull shade of claret whereas the "touched up" are much brighter. There is also a constant flaw on one of the miniature sheets of this value consisting of a patch of colour on the right side of Prince Andrews' shirt Row 2 No.1. miniature sheet 14.

The 2½d + 1d plate 1B Blue has produced a number of re-entries including one in 2 states Row 10. No.10. the first being a weak entry in the bottom right hand corner affecting the cross hatching from G E of POSTAGE to the edge of the stamp. The second state shows that the first weak impression was removed and a fresh entry made. In a positional block of 6 the stamp below, Row 11 No.10 shows a re-entry affecting the cross hatching under POSTAGE and HEALTH, this is constant in both states. Here again there is a marked difference in the shades the colour showing the weak entry is much lighter than that with the re-entry. There are two other interesting re-entries from this plate, Row 5 No. 8 shows some doubling of ZEA and all the cross hatching between ZEALAND and Row 12 No.7 the cross hatching above ZEALAND is doubled.

This article is not meant to be an exhaustive review of the 1963 New Zealand Health stamps but it should help to provide added interest to what will, I am sure become a controversial issue in the future.

MEMBERSHIP LIST No. 11 11/64.

NEW MEMBERS.

We extend a sincere welcome to the following new members and trust that they will learn to enjoy N.Z. to the full.

2403269 Ch/Tech. H. Barrett,	Sgts Mess. R.A.F. Lyneham. Wiltshire.
Alan Brown,	116, Stricklandgate, Kendal, Westmoreland.
4032511 Sgt. T. Grassie,	R.A.F. El-Adem, B.F.P.O. 56. Libya. after March 1965 address will be:- 35, Brompton Road, Southsea. Hants.
J.H. Glover,	75, Craven Gardens, Wimbledon. S.W.19.
M.A. Jamieson,	40, Parklands Avenue, West Worthing. Sussex.
G.A. Cosh,	43, Granada Road, Hedge End, Southampton, Hants.
D.N. Davidge,	25, Milberry Street, Church Lane, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

Mr. Jamieson is a retired member of the Staff of Brabury Wilkinson and went to N.Z. by sailing ship in 1898 and would be pleased to meet members in Worthing area.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

D.T. Naylor	now at	c/o J.B. Thomson, 124, Claremont Avenue, Winnipeg. 6. Manitoba. Canada.
L.A. Wells	now at	3, Ambrose Road, Swindon, Wilts.

CORRECTION.

Mr. R. Chasmer's address should be:-

18, Kennedy Cox House,
Burke St, London. E. 16.

CHRISTMAS STAMP 1964.

The Christmas stamp this year commemorates the 150th anniversary of the first Christian service held in New Zealand. The service took place at Rangihoua Bay, in the Bay of Islands, on Christmas Day, 1814, and was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Marsden.

The stamp was designed by the Wellington artist, Mr. L.C. Mitchell, and is his conception of the scene as described in Marsden's journals and other historical records. The denomination is 2½d. and the stamp is being produced by the photogravure process by Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd., London, on paper of 50% Esparto and 50% sulphite. The sheets will be in six rows of ten. The stamp was issued on 12th October and, unless stocks are exhausted earlier, it will be withdrawn on 7th January, 1965. The plate number is LA LA LA LA.

Marsden had arrived from Australia in the Ship "Active" a few days before Christmas and had made friends with the Maori Chiefs on land. One of the Chiefs, Ruatara, had prepared for the service by enclosing within a fence, an area of about half an acre. At 10 o'clock on Christmas morning Samuel Marsden left the "Active" with the entire ship's company and attended by three Maori Chiefs. A pulpit 6 ft. high, and a reading desk 3 ft. high, made from part of a canoe, were erected in the centre and covered with a native cloth, and upturned canoes were placed on each side to accommodate the Europeans. A flagstaff had been erected on the highest hill in the village and the British flag was flying. When the Europeans had occupied the enclosure the Chiefs marched in with their warriors behind them, and formed a circle around the whole.

Marsden preached from the text, "Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy." Chief Ruatara interpreted the service to the Maoris.

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ALBERT A. HARD

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