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Note Our New Meeting Place. . .

Meston Room,
National Liberal Club,
1 Whitehall Place,
London, S.W.1.

MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 25TH 1974 AT THE NATIONAL

LIBERAL CLUB

Display and talk by Mrs. Rita Gilders and Mr. A.M. Rose.

The underlying theme demonstrated at this meeting was decision and presentation. Both speakers outlined the factors which had influenced them on what issues to study and how best to present them with competition entry in mind.

The first half of the afternoon was passed over to Alan Rose who told us of a day four years ago shortly after he had retired, when his wife pushed a box of New Zealand stamps at him and said "Why dont you have a go at these? It will give you something to do". This lead him to one or two Auction visits, one or two purchases of miscellaneous New Zealand lots followed, which after some study resulted in the conclusion he now had one of each of the S.G. Catalogue. This surely was not all there was to the hobby, so he selected a single design for "In depth" study. On the criterion of availability of material a random choice of the 1d "Kiwi" was made. An interesting stamp and a fortunate selection. Accumulation of material and study, much of it original followed, which culminated in entry to the B.P.E. and the Bridger and Kaye Trophy. Hints on presentation were that long hand writing up for those with this ability was best. One alternative is typing, provided ready access to a good electric model can be arranged. His own preference Letroset. Letters of different size can be used on the same sheet and for notes against individual stamps the lettering can hardly be too small "letters size 6pts and 8pts had been used on Mr. Rose's exhibit! Also, letroset spray 10 will prevent the letters lifting (used only on letters, before stamps are mounted). Brevity of description was stressed and he thought it should be assumed the judges had some knowledge of the handbooks. Where information on items was considered controversial explanatory notes on the reverse of the album leaves were favoured.

A short interval for tea and social interchange was taken. The regality of the Meston Room was something of a contrast to our usual hotel room. In her post tea address Mrs. Gilders told us of her selection of second side faces as her subject. At that time they were relatively unpopular and therefore plentiful. Today, probably due to her efforts, they are somewhat more popular (and less plentiful) and won her the "Kiwi" Trophy at B.P.E.

Here also long hand writing up was preferred and the ability to carry it out was clearly demonstrated. The main notes were at the top of the sheets and it was emphasised that overcrowding should be avoided. Balance both on individual sheets and between the sheets themselves was stressed. Transparent mounts were firmly discouraged, but their use for showing up perforations or watermarks was conceded. Used and unused stamps should be shown on the same sheet. Caution in this matter was thought wise and there should be a valid point to illustrate to justify this type of presentation. Votes of thanks to our speakers were proposed by F.G.W. East. And also to Mr. B.T. Joyce for his gift of George Fisher's book "The Penny Dominion" for our library.

July Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th July, 1974 6p.m.-9p.m. in the Meston Room, National Liberal Club, 1, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1.

For plan of how to get there see the map in the May "Kiwi".

Subject. Postal Stationery. Leader George Phillips.

To build up the display George would be more than pleased if members would bring along any item they would like to show, even if it is only a small amount.

It may not have gone unnoticed that the May Meeting of the Society was held at a new venue, The National Liberal Club, 1, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1.

For the benefit of those who were unable to be with us on that day, I should like to say a few words on this subject.

Our new venue proved to be a large, light, room, many huge windows that could be opened if so desired, plenty of seating, large display boards, well placed and easy for viewing, tea and a fine selection of biscuits at half time, in fact all that could be desired.

All this, in my opinion, helped to produce a most enjoyable afternoon, I only hope that we shall hold many more meetings in these desirable premises.

The members present declared themselves more than satisfied so do try and come to the next meeting and you will have a fine chance to verify the above for yourself.

C.A.GILDERS.

May we draw the attention of members to a new Society that has recently come into being, and should prove of great interest to our Postal Historians.

It is the "Civil Censorship Study Group", subscription to which is £1. per year. A bi-monthly is included and in the autumn they hope to start an exchange packet, for at least a Society Auction. Any member interested should contact the Hon. Sec. Tony Tarrance, 10, Mylne Avenue, Dollar, Clackmannanshire.

J.E.Rowland, 11, The Rookery, Lumley, Emsworth, Hants. This member is interested in Shackleton's 1907/8 Antarctic Expedition. He does not want stamps or covers but would very much like newspaper articles, picture post cards and anything on Mr. George Buckley who was in charge of the huskies. If anybody has anything of interest to Jim please write to him direct.

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A note from our Secretary :-

Our Member, Mr. Ben Rae, has sent to the Secretary several interesting articles removed from back numbers of "Stamp Collecting".

These are offered to any Member who would care to apply to the Secretary, enclosing a stamp for postage.

We thank Mr. Rae for this most kind gesture.

Details of the articles are as follows, first come, first served :-

New Zealand Marine P.O. Markings. By J.D. Riddell.

What's Cooking? Concerning the new Philatelic Bureau, 1966.

Varieties among N.Z. Christmas Stamps. By Peter Collins.

Especially for Anglers. The story behind the Brown Trout Stamp.

By A.G.K. Leonard.

New Zealand 1966 3/- inverted Wnk. error. Small item.

A Century of Service to Science. Article of the Centennial Stamps of the Royal Society of N.Z.

Too Many Cooks. By "Pacificus". A further article built around the Cook Islands Philatelic Bureau.

I understand from Mr. Rae that he has many more items of this kind for disposal, these will be available just as soon as he has the time to deal with them.

STAMPA 74

The third Irish National Stamp Exhibition - "Stampa 74" - will take place in the Gresham Hotel Dublin on November 14th - 17th inclusive 1974. Exhibits are invited from any member of our Society. Entry forms and full details can be obtained from Mr. I.W. Whyte, Secretary Stamp 74, Irish National Stamp Exhibition, 11, Harrington Street, Dublin 8 to whom all applications should be addressed and not to our Society.

Congratulations once again to Ted Hossell for receiving a Silver Bronze Medal at Internaba 1974 for his display of New Zealand 1950/60.

PACKET. The Packet Secretary has asked me once again to remind you that material for the Packet is still very urgently required.

Bournemouth Philatex

Just to remind you that the fourth Exhibition will be held at the Bournemouth Town Hall on July 29th-31st inclusive. This is an excellent show and well worth a visit.

S.S. SIMLA

Further Echo of January 1974 Chalon Heads Meeting.

In the May 1974 "Kiwi" on page 53 John Evans reported the news of R.M.S. Simla. John Evans has now obtained a "Photo-Caption" of the vessel from the Information and Public Relations Department of the P. & O. and this appears on the following page. Below is a short note from the P. & O. Photographic Library.

The 2,450 tons gross P. & O. S.S. Simla built by Tod & MacGregor on the Clyde in 1854.

An iron screw steamer with three masts and one funnel, she was taken up for Crimean trooping as soon as she was ready for sea. In 1856 she was chartered by the European and Australasian R.M. Company for the Suez-Sydney service. Simla's maiden P. & O. sailing did not take place until May 1858 when she went on the Suez Calcutta run. Two years later CANDIA towed her into Aden with a broken shaft and she was laid up for some time. In 1875, in part payment for new compound engines of PANJORE she was given to Howdens of Glasgow. She was converted into a four masted full rigged ship of 2,172 tons gross by her owners Alexander of Glasgow. In 1884, while being towed into Southampton after a collision near the Needles with the City of Lucknow she foundered with the loss of 20 lives.

(End of note from P.&O.)

Compared with the National Maritime Observers particulars in the May 1974 "Kiwi" there is very little variation but the fact that the S.S. Simla was converted into a fourmasted vessel in 1875 shows that the photograph of her at Southampton is before that date. The photo caption is very like the Museum photograph. It is sad to read she was lost by foundering in 1884 but she wasnt concerned with the second side face anyway !

Our thanks are due to John Evans for his research.

Editor.

POST OFFICE COUNTY CHANGES

As members are aware the G.P.O. have to conform to the new County names for Postal Addresses and as they become part of the postal address it would be appreciated if members would advise the Treasurer of this change of counties as soon as possible.

EDITORS NOTE (With acknowledgements to the "Katipo and Mail Coach"). If you find a mistake in this Journal, please consider it put there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes. Also remember that this is not professionally or commercially typed, however it is printed and collated commercially, but the enveloping, addressing, stamping and carrying to the post is done by the Editor and his Wife plus a tame typist in their spare time.



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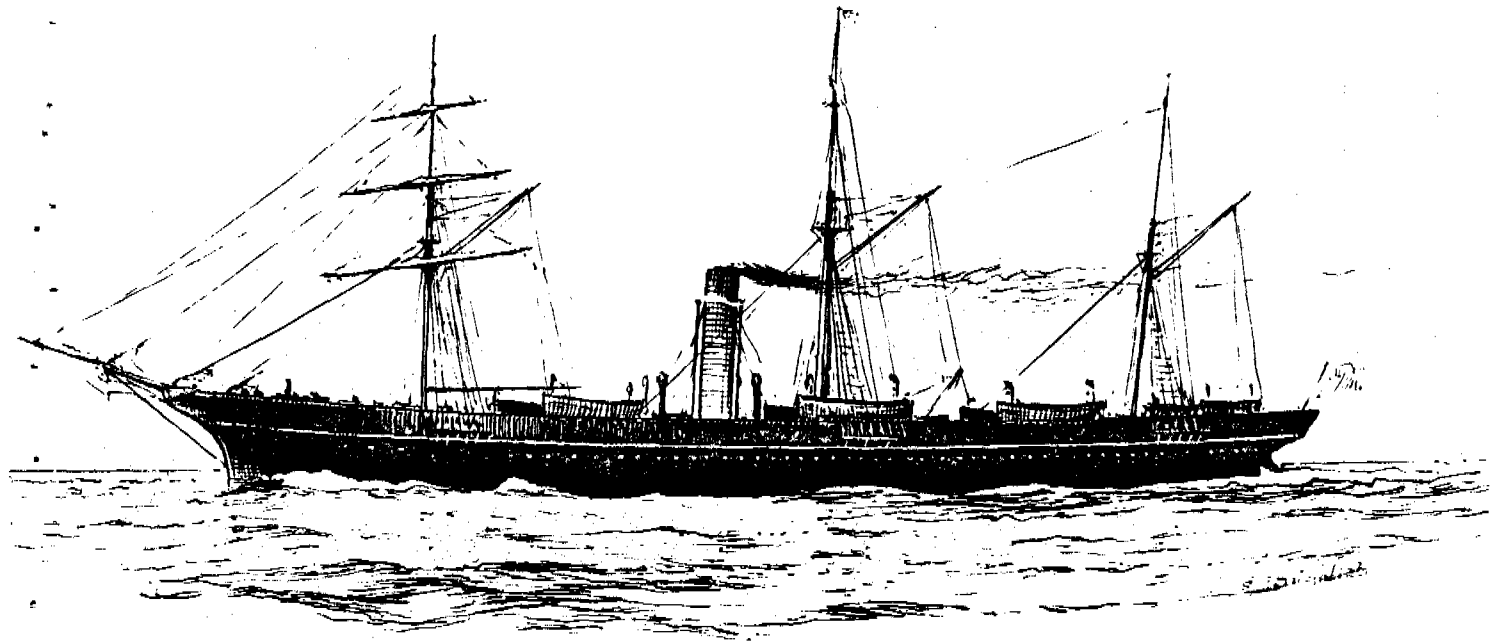
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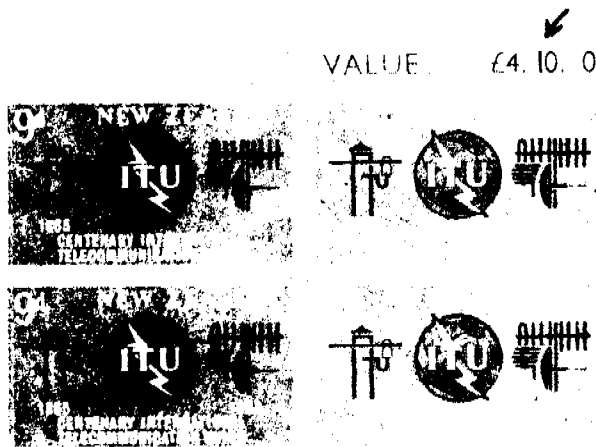
AN INTERESTING MARGINAL MARK

J.M.Shelton.

Marginal markings and their varieties have, for long, had catalogue status. It is a little surprising therefore, to find one that seems to have escaped the notice of Catalogue compilers and also, presumably of collectors. I refer to the plate value marking on the 1965 Telecommunications Centenary Issue by New Zealand.

Whether by oversight, or perhaps of arithmetic error, the sheet value was originally entered as £4. 0. 0. This mistake must have been noticed at some stage of manufacture and the figure 1 was entered in by hand. The figure is a little larger than necessary and it has a more or less solid appearance by comparison with the dotted effect produced by the other figures.

This example of the correction of an important error might very reasonably be deemed to hold more interest than a plate block, and thus merit catalogue mention.



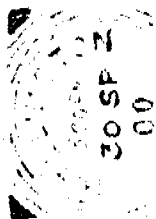
Another Fake 'Postal' Cancellation on the 5/- Mount Cook?

J. M. Shelton.

The 5/- Mount Cook (no matter which printing) is not an easy stamp to find in apparently postally used condition and one may suspect that far more were used fiscally than ever passed through the post. Fiscally used copies which have been defaced by crayon or pen marks have long been favoured by the faker. The removal of such marks and the addition of a "Post Mark" can very easily be done, thus making a common item appear worth while. I recently came across what appeared to be such a one which does not seem to have been described previously. The cancel is as illustrated. It purports to be a squared circle but is immediately unusual because WELLINGTON follows round the circumference instead of going across the circle. The first W of Wellington is reversed and the letters seem to be thinner than they should be. In the letters formed by straight lines, such as E, L and N, the lines often do not join at the corners. Compared with the others the letter W is too wide.

The most notable defect however, is the imbalance between the word WELLINGTON and the dateline. The W starts just about level with the upper portion of the date but the N finishes very nearly at the lower level thereof. It is of interest to note that a second application of the cancel has been placed so that it's top left triangle falls just below the W of the first strike, just the place to distract the eye from noticing the lack of balance. Mr. R. Startup of Masterton has expressed considerable interest in this mark. He agrees with me that this is a bogus cancellation which is quite new to him, and has mentioned it in the May issue of the Mail Coach.

It seems unlikely that so much effort would have been confined to the manufacture of only one "Postally used" stamp. Where are the others? I would like to express my thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gilders and to Mr. Gerald Pratt for their assistance ; also to Mr. R.M.Startup for his very helpful letter and comments.



NEW PUBLICATION

THROUGH GORGE AND VALLEY - A History of the Postal District of Nelson from 1842. By R.M.Startup.

Eighty four illustrated pages, maps indexed, card covers etc., price \$ N.Z. 150 Post paid from Postal History Society of New Zealand, P.O.Box 1605 Auckland New Zealand.

The Post Office has played an important part in the development of New Zealand. The need for regular communications to carry the mails has seen rough bush tracks turned into coach roads and now into modern sealed highways; the coastal schooner has come and gone; and mails formerly carried by motor vessel is now flown as air freight. The rural Post Office was often the nucleus of many small settlements, quite a few of which are now only a memory in books such as this. The Post Office whether at a local store, in a settlers home, at a school or railway station, brought the folk together at a common meeting place. Often, too, the provision of a Post Office fixed the name of a locality, for an office name should not be capable of being confused with any other and, for a time, Maori names had preference over European names. Unfortunately official Post Office archives suffered badly in Wellington fires and it is only through long and patient research that the story of the Postal Services in any area can be put together. This is the first district history to be published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand and it is to be hoped that this will lead to other areas being researched and their histories published.

The book follows the changing boundaries of Nelson, from the time it was under the control of Wellington, to provincial districts, through loss of both Marlborough and the Buller to the Postal District. Each area is dealt with in turn - the opening of the area by settlers or miners, the arrival of the Post Office, who the Post Masters were or where the Office was located, and how the mails were carried between there and Nelson.

The areas covered are : Nelson, Tasman Bay, Golden Bay, The Wairau, Nelson South West, south to the Gorge while there are also chapters on the carriage of mails by sea, Postal equipment such as the Victorian era obliterators, wax sealing stamps and date stamps. This is followed by a complete list of offices with a brief account of each office, while the book is concluded with a 6½ page index and a bibliography.

Copies are available from the address given at the head of this page. Cash should be sent with your order which a Post Office or your Bank will tell you how much the conversion will be to English currency. An English cheque or Postal Order is acceptable. There are other publications also available and a complete list can be obtained from Mr. Startup.

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The "UNLESS....." means that if payment is not made very shortly, your name, with regret will appear in September "Kiwi" as a lapsed member. ACTION PLEASE ! This day !

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RESIGNATION

Mr. J.W.Brodie, 26, Croydon Street, Wellington, N.Z.

We regret to announce that the following members have passed away and we extend our sympathy to their families .

P.K.Henson of Oxford, R.W.T.Spaul of Great Shelford, and H.J.Vallance of St. Austell.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the Taranaki Philatelic Society P.O.Box 628, New Plymouth, New Zealand, to inform you that there are still a few copies of their publication of pictorial and special hand stamps of New Zealand left.

Anybody interested in the above should write to Mrs.G. Stalling at the above address.

Item of interest with acknowledgement to the Pacific Stamp Journal.

"BUSH FIGHTING" by Major-General Sir James Alexander.

A reprint of this work which was first published in 1873 has recently been made and makes available a very interesting and readable account of the major actions of the Maori wars of the 1863-1866 period.

Valuable insights into Rangiriri, Orakau, Gate Pa, Merimeri and Weraroa campaigns are given by this distinguished author who first arrived in New Zealand in 1860 as a Battalion Commander.

Detailed maps and plans provide excellent reference material and indispensable background reading for all, and particularly Postal History students who are interested in the Maori wars.

Copies of this work may be ordered through John J. Bishop Ltd., P.O.Box 25-085 Auckland 5, New Zealand, the price being \$ NZ 10.75

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