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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1983,
AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

THE SUBJECT WILL BE VENDING AND STAMP AFFIXING MACHINE STAMPS.

DR. JEAN ALEXANDER

will show the history of vending machines,
which started in New Zealand. Although there will be a strong
New Zealand flavour to this display, it will not include New
Zealand material. This will be the subject of a future display.

GOLDEN JUBILEE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND PIGEONGRAM STAMP 1898-1948



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EDITORIAL.

The New Year, 1983, starts with the Old Guard still in harness. The day-to-day running of the Society's affairs is in the hands of the elected few, who have to carry out these duties in their limited spare time. There is room for more voluntary helpers on the Committee, and in particular, our Hon. General Secretary, Terry Brock, could do with help to lighten the load he carries. If you feel that you can help in any way, please let any Officer of the Society know. You will be welcomed with open arms!

ALLAN P. BERRY

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KIWI DAY - SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 1982

The 31st Annual General Meeting commenced at 10.45 a.m. at the Y.W.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR.

THE 31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Chairman, Stanley Cross-Rudkin, opened the meeting at 10.45 a.m. with 37 Members present. Apologies for absence were received from Rita Gilders, Eric Ward and Mrs. Grace Kaye, all of who are awaiting hospital treatment or are recovering from illness. In bringing Mrs. Kaye's apologies, Peter Marks informed the meeting that Mrs. Kaye had had the misfortune to break her hip recently, which hospitalised her for a month. She had returned home last week and was making a remarkable recovery. He brought her good wishes to all her old friends and could assure them that she was well cared for. The good wishes of all present were sent

to all three members.

Two members, attending meetings for the first time, were asked to introduce themselves. These were Pat Thurlow from Huntingdon and Roy Strange from Basingstoke.

1) The Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting having been previously circulated in 'The Kiwi' were taken as read and adopted.

2) In presenting his report for the year since the last 'Kiwi Day' the President said that he was thankful that the Society had encountered no major mishaps. He went on to say:-

"I believe that the Treasurer is going to report that the finances remain in a healthy condition, which is a matter surely for congratulation, but not for complacency. Apart from the subscriptions, the Society has only two considerable sources of income - the Annual Auction and the Exchange Packet. Many other Philatelic Societies are dependant on such activities and are having difficulties in maintaining this revenue in the face of keen competition for the collectors' spending money. We are very fortunate in having energetic and sagacious Officers for us and the Society's thanks must go to them.

"Auction and Packet profits are absolutely essential, the only alternative being a doubled rate of subscription. So I hope you will support both as strongly as you can.

"In the matter of subscriptions, unlike many Societies we have been successful in maintaining our membership total. In fact, we number three more than a year ago.

"We have had a very interesting mixture of subjects at our Meetings, well displayed. Our thanks to all who contributed to these shows.

"It is impossible to overstate the importance of 'The Kiwi' to the Society. In 1982, the wide range and the high interest of its contents have been maintained and a good deal of material of permanent reference value appeared in its pages. We continue to be grateful to the indefatigable Editor and to the Bournemouth publishing team.

"Apart from the two National Exhibitions, where New Zealand was down in quantity but very high in quality, the outstanding event in our calender was the eminently successful Palmpex '82 held at Palmerston North in May. It is evident that the New Zealanders have the capability to make a considerable impact on the international scene, and we wish them every success.

"Our own Competition was poorly supported numerically. It brought forth some very fine material, which is something to be pleased about, but we can have no pride in seeing our array of eight trophies competed for by so few entries. Let me appeal to you as strongly as I can. Please start thinking about it now, and get your entries ready for next March. There is alot of pleasure in putting together a competition display, and alot more in taking home one or two of these admirable trophies.

"Finally, let me end by expressing grateful appreciation to all the Executive Officers of the Society who have given their time and effort to serve us so well."

3) The Treasurer's Report and Accounts, enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi', were adopted unanimously.

4) The Packet Secretary's Report and Accounts, also enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi', were adopted unanimously. The attention

- of Members was drawn particularly to the Rules of the Packet.
- 5) All Officers of the Society, as listed in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, January, 1982, pages 2 and 3, were re-elected. The Meeting was informed that the work load of the Hon. General Secretary was now so great that there was a need for an Assistant Secretary to take over some of the duties of that office. If any member feels able to help, would they please contact Terry Brock.
- 6) E.A.Greatrex and A.McKellar were again elected Members of the Committee.
- 7) There was a debate on the possibility of holding regional meetings, during which several locations were mentioned. Bournemouth was suggested as a test location, but the matter was referred back to the Committee for more detailed study.
- 8) There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Presentation of the Society Awards for 1982 was made by Miss R.A.Langman, our Member attending the Meeting from Liverpool.

Classic Section	:	Stacey Hooker Cup - J.D.Evans.
Runner-up	:	Paua Book Ends - S.Cross-Rudkin.
Modern Section 1	:	Noel Turner Trophy - A.E.Harrad.
Runner-up	:	John Evans Trophy - A.G.G.Riley.
Modern Section 2	:	Kiwi Shield - J.A.W.Smith.
Postal History	:	J.J.Bishop Trophy - J.D.Evans.
Runner-up	:	The Barton Bowl - T.H.Brock.

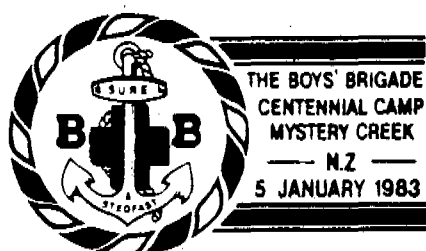
On a motion proposed by John Evans and carried unanimously by the Meeting, the F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best contribution published in 'The Kiwi' in the last year was awarded to the Editor, Allan P. Berry, as the author of the series 'Findings From Files'. (This over-rode the Editor's own advice to the Committee as to who should receive this award!)

After the lunch break, the Annual Auction took place, attended by 48 members. There was keen bidding for Second Sideface Queen Victoria definitives with adsons, for postal history and early postal stationery. But modern Lots of basic sets of stamps and Post Office First Day Covers remained unsold. It is clear that such material is NOT suitable for inclusion in the Annual Auction of a Specialist Society. A raffle was held during the tea break.

The Auctioneer, Noel Turner, thanked all those who had helped and those who donated Lots for sale on behalf of the Society's funds. The Meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.

SPECIAL DATESTAMP.

THE BOY'S BRIGADE CENTENNIAL CAMP



A special pictorial datestamp was used on Wednesday, 5th January, 1983, to cancel mail posted at the temporary post office established at the Boy's Brigade Centennial Camp, Mystery Creek, Hamilton.

The datestamp design incorporates the Boy's Brigade logo.

AUCTION REALISATIONS

LOT		LOT		LOT		LOT	
1	- £ 3.00	59	- £ 16.00	112	- £ 9.50	245	- £ 5.50
2	- £ 4.00	60	- £ 14.00	114	- £ 6.20	246	- £ 9.00
4	- £ 1.50	62	- £ 30.00	116	- £ 5.50	247	- £ 6.50
5	- £ 4.50	63	- £ 18.00	117	- £ 5.00	248	- £ 6.00
6	- £ 3.00	64	- £ 22.00	118	- £ 5.00	249	- £ 5.50
8	- £ 8.00	65	- £ 20.00	119	- £ 5.00	250	- £ 10.00
9	- £ 5.75	66	- £ 19.00	120	- £ 10.00	251	- £ 4.50
10	- £ 9.00	67	- £ 22.00	122	- £ 5.00	255	- £ 4.00
11	- £ 5.50	68	- £ 21.00	123	- £ 8.50	258	- £ 13.00
12	- £ 4.25	69	- £ 18.00	124	- £ 27.00	259	- £ 18.00
13	- £ 4.25	70	- £ 12.00	125	- £ 15.00	261	- £ 50.00
14	- £ 2.50	71	- £ 15.00	126	- £ 6.50	263	- £ 12.00
15	- £ 3.30	72	- £ 72.00	128	- £ 10.00	264	- £ 5.00
16	- £ 5.25	73	- £ 50.00	129	- £ 5.00	269	- £ 5.50
17	- £ 5.00	74	- £ 60.00	130	- £ 6.50	276	- £ 1.00
18	- £ 10.00	75	- £ 130.00	131	- £ 8.50	279	- £ 6.00
19	- £ 4.00	76	- £ 26.00	132	- £ 7.50	280	- £ 6.00
20	- £ 2.00	77	- £ 95.00	134	- £ 7.50	281	- £ 5.50
21	- £ 4.30	78	- £ 11.00	135	- £ 11.00	282	- £ 4.50
22	- £ 2.00	79	- £ 8.75	137	- £ 10.00	283	- £ 4.50
23	- £ 1.50	80	- £ 13.00	138	- £ 7.00	284	- £ 1.00
24	- £ 2.00	81	- £ 25.00	139	- £ 10.00	285	- £ 4.75
25	- £ 2.00	82	- £ 82.00	140	- £ 14.00	287	- £ 8.00
26	- £ 30.00	83	- £ 18.00	141	- £ 7.50	301	- £ 2.00
27	- £ 6.00	84	- £ 45.00	144	- £ 5.00	302	- £ 4.00
30	- £ 5.50	85	- £ 21.00	145	- £ 6.50	307	- £ 4.00
31	- £ 5.50	86	- £ 50.00	146	- £ 25.00	313	- £ 2.00
32	- £ 4.50	87	- £ 60.00	148	- £ 29.00	314	- £ 4.75
34	- £ 4.25	89	- £ 11.00	160	- £ 19.00	318	- £ 5.50
35	- £ 21.00	90	- £ 9.00	161	- £ 16.00	319	- £ 4.50
36	- £ 16.50	91	- £ 6.00	186	- £ 7.50	320	- £ 6.00
37	- £ 17.00	93	- £ 8.50	188	- £ 10.50	321	- £ 9.00
38	- £ 14.50	94	- £ 28.00	190	- £ 6.00	324	- £ 1.50
39	- £ 8.00	95	- £ 72.00	192	- £ 9.25	326	- £ 60.00
43	- £ 2.50	96	- £ 47.00	193	- £ 2.00	334	- £ 65.00
46	- £ 1.50	97	- £ 74.00	194	- £ 10.00	337	- £ 23.00
47	- £ 1.00	98	- £ 100.00	197	- £ 8.00	346	- £ 20.00
48	- £ 37.00	99	- £ 15.00	201	- £ 12.50	347	- £ 21.00
49	- £ 30.00	100	- £ 82.00	206	- £ 10.00	348	- £ 20.00
50	- £ 36.00	101	- £ 40.00	209	- £ 9.00	349	- £ 22.00
51	- £ 12.00	102	- £ 27.00	220	- £ 8.00	350	- £ 22.00
52	- £ 33.00	103	- £ 7.00	225	- £ 15.00	355	- £ 15.00
53	- £ 47.00	104	- £ 14.00	229	- £ 4.00	356	- £ 10.00
54	- £ 36.00	105	- £ 9.00	232	- £ 12.00	358	- £ 25.00
55	- £ 26.00	108	- £ 4.00	234	- £ 3.00	362	- £ 6.25
56	- £ 17.00	109	- £ 4.25	236	- £ 3.25	363	- £ 4.50
57	- £ 15.00	110	- £ 4.60	237	- £ 2.00	371	- £ 2.50
58	- £ 11.00	111	- £ 4.20	242	- £ 8.00		

Lots sold for the Society Funds realised as follows :-

A - £ 3.00	B - £ 8.50	C - £ 0.50	D - £ 1.00
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LOT		LOT		LOT		LOT	
E - £	0.25	I - £	1.25	M - £	0.25	P - £	0.25
F - £	2.75	J - £	0.25	N - £	0.50	Q - £	1.00
G - £	1.50	K - £	0.25	O - £	3.00	R - £	2.00
H - £	0.25	L - £	1.75				

Lots for which no realisations are listed either failed to attract a bid, failed to reach the vendor's reserve, or were withdrawn prior to the Auction.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

This will be held on Saturday, 26th March, 1983, at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR. Details of the classes and the awards are as follows :-

CLASSIC SECTION.

AWARDS

Stamps issued up to 1908.

Condition.....	30 pts.	Kiwi Shield and
Completeness.....	20 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	25 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	25 pts.	Runner-up :-
	100 pts.	Paua Musical Box

MODERN SECTION 1.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of the Three Kings.

Condition.....	20 pts.	Stacey Hooker Cup and
Completeness & Rarity...	30 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	25 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	25 pts.	Runner-up :-
	100 pts.	Paua Book Ends

MODERN SECTION 2.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

As Modern Section 1.	Noel Turner Trophy and
	Silver-Gilt Medallion
	Runner-up :-
	John D. Evans Trophy

POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

Knowledge and personal study displayed.....	40 pts.
Originality and importance of the Exhibit.....	25 pts.
Relative Condition.....	15 pts.
Presentation, including write-up.....	20 pts.
	100 pts.

AWARD :- John J. Bishop Trophy and Silver-Gilt Medallion

RUNNER-UP :- The Barton Bowl

Each entry shall consist of twelve normal sheets, each sheet to be contained within a protective cover and numbered in order of sequence. It is desirable that a short note, of not more than eighty words, should be placed at the back of the first sheet, between the sheet and the plastic cover, giving for the aid of the Judge, the theme of the entry, and calling attention to any items

of interest and rarity.

Postal entries should be sent to the Hon. General Secretary :-

Terry Brock, 26, Old Cross, Hertford, SG14 1RD.

Such postal entries should arrive with Terry Brock not later than Tuesday, 22nd March, 1983. It is regretted that entries from overseas members cannot be accepted, due to the problems that have been encountered with the Customs and Excise Authorities.

Entries will be accepted on the day if produced to one of the Society's Officers immediately on arrival, and before judging commences.

Once again, all Officers are hoping for a massive entry. In this connection, your attention is drawn to our President's remarks reported on page 3 of this issue of 'The Kiwi'.

1983 STAMP PROGRAMME

A set of four scenic stamps with the theme 'Beautiful New Zealand' will be one of the highlights of the 1983 stamp programme announced by the Postmaster-General, Hon. R.L.G. Talbot, recently.

Like other Commonwealth Countries, New Zealand will release a special issue of four stamps to mark Commonwealth Day on 14th March, 1983.

The full stamp programme for 1983 is as follows :-

- 2nd February - A commemorative issue comprising
- One stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Salvation Army.
 - One stamp commemorating the Centenary of the University of Auckland.
 - One stamp commemorating the Centenary of the introduction of Rainbow Trout into New Zealand.
 - One stamp marking World Communications Year.
 - One stamp to mark the closer economic relationship between New Zealand and Australia.
- 14th March - A set of four stamps commemorating Commonwealth Day.
- 6th April - Special topic issue of four stamps depicting traditional works by New Zealand artists.
- 1st June - A scenic issue of four stamps on the theme of 'Beautiful New Zealand'.
- 3rd August - Three Health Stamps depicting domestic animals.
- 5th October - Three Christmas Stamps.
- 7th December - Replacement of middle-value definitive stamps.

Further details about the new issues will be released by the Post Office in due course.

AN UNADOPTED ESSAY BY JAMES BERRY.

Following the publication of the article about James Berry, written by Peter Collins and published in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, page 19, January, 1982, our Member S. SUGGITT was kind enough to send in a copy of James Berry's essay for the 1935 Health Stamp, illustrated on the following page. So far as I can determine, this essay has not been illustrated previously.



J. Berry.

POSTAL STATIONERY NOTES.

MARTYN JACKSON

Whilst many collectors of postal stationery use the excellent catalogues of Higgins & Gage, the essential reference for the collector of New Zealand Postal Stationery is beyond doubt the NEW ZEALAND POSTAL STATIONERY CATALOGUE. This New Zealand catalogue which was compiled by Robert Samuel and published by the Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society (Inc.) is at present in three parts. Part 1 which deals with POSTCARDS was published early in 1976; Part 2 covering LETTERCARDS was available late in 1976; and the REGISTERED ENVELOPES, NEWSWRAPPERS and PRISONER OF WAR AEROGRAMMES were detailed in Part 3 which was published in 1978.

During the four years since Part 3 was issued, many collectors have been hoping that eventually further books will be published covering such items as the extensive range of New Zealand Envelopes since the first issue in 1899. Alas, even though rumours have circulated that it would appear, nothing firm has been heard as to the date of publication. Needless to say, if and when such a publication becomes available, it will be welcomed by the avid collectors of this subject.

The publication of Part 1 nearly seven years ago rekindled a lot of interest in the POSTCARDS of New Zealand, and naturally gave many collectors more enjoyment in looking for items that previously they did not know existed. Since 1976, CAPTAIN COQK, the Journal of the Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society (Inc.), has published much new information which has come to light in the intervening years. As many of the readers of 'The Kiwi' may not have the opportunity of regularly reading CAPTAIN COQK, and as this new information has been reported as and when it has become available, rather than in chronological order, I thought that it would be appropriate to list this new information and adding any other information that has come my way.

POSTCARDS

- A.1 The first Queen Victoria postcard (1d. red brown, frame of trefoil ornaments with thin inner line) exists both with no stop after ZEALAND (used copy) and no stop after both ZEALAND and SIDE (mint). Ref. 1.
- A.1 I have recently acquired an oddity. This would best be described as printed on heavy, gummed paper, and if one was describing a stamp, the correct description would be 'original gum, never hinged'. I believe that it was produced originally for affixing to the outside of the wrappers when forwarding from the printers. Ref. 2.
- A.2 A used copy of the 1881 second postcard (with thick inner line) and the variety 'no stop after ZEALAND' has been reported. Ref. 1.
- A.4a The card listed as A.4a (frame of intertwined ribbons, creamish card) is stated by Samuel to have been issued in '1889?'. Derek Redshaw reports having seen A.4a used at CROMWELL 23 NOV 88.
- In addition, a variety of A.4a in mint condition on an

exceptionally thick card. Ref. 1.

- A.5 This is claimed by many to be the most desirable item of New Zealand Postal Stationery. Whilst it is agreed that it is extremely rare, and Samuel only records three used examples in Part 1, there are other New Zealand Postal Stationery items of which fewer copies are known. However, recent research indicates that since 1910, the following have been recorded:-

WAIPUKURAU	26 SP 86
KAIAPOI	14 OC 86
CHRISTCHURCH	23 DE 86
RANGIORA	28 DE 86
CHRISTCHURCH	28 DE 86
KATIKATI	7 DE 87

- A.6 The 1d. blue postcard of 1890 inscribed INLAND AND AUSTRALIAN POST CARD is known with a handstruck SPECIMEN in mauve. Ref. 2.
- A.6a The 1d. blue postcard on white card is already recorded with 'no stop after ZEALAND', but since publication a used example with the variety showing 'no stop after SIDE' has been reported. Ref. 1.
Furthermore, Mr. Robb of New Zealand reports a used example of this 1d. blue postcard printed on a distinctive deep buff card which is postmarked CHRISTCHURCH 27 JL 94. Ref. 1.
- A.8 An American colleague reports two different positions for the stamp on the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. carmine value of the December, 1897, issue. On one setting, the top of the stamp is approximately 4 mm from the top of the card, whilst others are known with this measurement being 12 mm. With this card having views on the reverse, it eliminates the possibility of this being a guillotining error. Examples in my own collection confirm these two different measurements. It should be noted that the whole of the address side is positioned lower on the card, and not only the stamp.
- A.9 It would appear that when Part 1 was printed, it contained a typographical error with regard to 'View (a)'. This should read 'Bealey Terrace, Canterbury', and not Christchurch as printed.
- A.12 It was assumed that the pictorial postcards of 1901 would consist of sixteen views similar to the Boer War series in 1900, and the sixteen views presently listed in the catalogue were assumed to be complete. However, G.G.Pitcher of Wellington has produced a seventeenth view of "Queen's Statue, Auckland" with no stop after 'Side'. It would appear therefore that the printing forme contained either more than sixteen postcard impressions (eighteen is a likely number), or that some views were replaced by others during printing. Ref. 3.
- B.2 Single colour Die Proofs are known both in black and green of the King Edward VII 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. die showing the value. Ref. 2.
In addition, I have seen a photocopy of a MASTER DIE PROOF

of the same stamp with uncleared country name, value tablets and frame, printed in black on glazed card.

- B.3 Additional views have been recorded of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green Auckland Exhibition postcard:-
- (b) 'Auckland Domain, Showing Hospital' - is known printed in both black and blue-green. Ref. 4.
 - (g) 'Remuera and Auckland Harbour from One Tree Hill' - in brown. Ref. 4.
 - (h) 'Sunlight and Shadow, Auckland Domain' - in black. Ref. 2.
- B.4 Likewise, new recordings have been made on the 1d. carmine Auckland Exhibition postcard:-
- (h) 'Sunlight and Shadow, Auckland Domain' - in blue-green. Ref. 5.
 - (i) 'Yachts on the Auckland Harbour' - in black. Ref. 5.
 - (j) 'Victoria Street, Looking West' - in brown. Ref. 2.

Part 1 of the 'New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue' records that 'no stop after POST-CARD' varieties were recorded in Volume 1 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand for several King George V postcards, but that these had not been seen by the Editor. Since the publication of the catalogue, the following have been seen, all in used condition, and can now be added to the catalogue listing:-

- C.2 1d. Dominion with white border surrounding vignette, and
- C.3 1d. Dominion with $\frac{1}{2}$ d. King Edward VII printed alongside, and
- C.6 1d. on $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. King George V. Ref. 1.
- C.15 The date of issue of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. + $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is given by Samuel as July, 1931. Campbell Paterson have had reported to them two earlier dates, both used at DUNEDIN on 14 APRIL 1931 and 6 MAY 1931. It has always been assumed that the date of the increase in postage from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1d. was in July, 1931, the Dates of Issue of C.14, C.15 and C.16; therefore it would be helpful if some member could confirm this date, otherwise there remains a doubt in my mind to these predated examples, unless, of course, some reader of this article does own the postcards in question.
- C.18 Under C.18 in the Postal Stationery Catalogue is a footnote which reads - "This card is recorded in Volume 11 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand. Although not specifically stated, it is assumed that the basic card was C.8 and not the very rare C.7". Mr. Herbison has reported a card in mint condition confirming that the basic card is in fact C.8. Therefore any future edition of the catalogue will price mint copies and not used, which is the opposite to the present listing. Ref. 6.
- C.19 J.M.Bettle of Christchurch reports an example of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. King George V postcard with $\frac{1}{2}$ d. adhesive attached, both stamps being overprinted in blue and red. This variety is already listed under C.19(d) in used condition, and it should be noted that Mr. Bettle's example is unused. Ref. 7.

- C.20 Eric Gibbs of Taihape has reported two examples, one mint and one used, of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. + $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ($\frac{1}{2}$ d. inscribed POSTAGE + $\frac{1}{2}$ d. inscribed POSTAGE & REVENUE) postcard. The used card is postmarked LEVIN AU 18 1932. Prior to this report, only one example was known, in mint condition. Ref. 3.
- C.22 J.M.Bettle reports the 1d. Field Marshal postcard overprinted ONE PENNY (instead of HALFPENNY) in violet-blue, unused, with the overprint inverted. This variety had not been recorded previously. Ref. 7.
- C.23 A variety of this was seen in a dealer's stock in 1979 with a Double Overprint in blue, one inverted. Unfortunately, a note was not made whether it was mint or used. Hopefully, some member of the Society purchased this item and can add further details.
- F.5 The date of issue of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green is shown as 1962. An example postmarked CHRISTCHURCH 13 OCT 1961 has been recorded. Ref. 2.
- F.6 The note in the catalogue regarding the PAID handstamp below the overprint would indicate that this was only used in Gisborne. To clarify the position, an example has been noted postmarked RANGITUKIA 22 FE 66. Ref. 2.
- F.7a The scarce printing of the 3d. Rose-red on white card was issued shortly before the change to decimal currency on 10th July, 1967. The date of issue of the 3d. is listed in the catalogue as '1967?'. A copy has been noted postmarked DRURY 17 AP 67. Ref. 2.

Between the publication of Part 1 in 1976 and the withdrawal from sale of postcards on 30th September, 1980, a further six issues were made. It may be of interest to note the quantities produced of two of the provisional issues:-

3c + 4c postcard	81,000	
7c + 3c postcard	65,000	Ref. 8.

- W.1 Volume 1 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand states that in March, 1892, 80,000 postcards were printed for Messrs. Austin Walsh & Co. of Auckland. In 1977, the Government Printing Office records for the printing of this card were located.

These records show that there were two printings of the Austin Walsh postcard, the first in March, 1892, and the second in August of that year. Both printings comprised 10,000 cards, a total of 20,000. The value of the postage for each printing is shown as £20.16.8.

The plate used for printing the Austin Walsh postcard contained eight units and it would appear that some philatelic student of long ago has multiplied the number of cards printed in March, 1892, (10,000) by the number of units on the plate (8). That this calculation is sadly astray is evidenced by the value of the postage recorded in the Government Printing Office record. Ref. 9.

- W.2 Professor I.D.Campbell reports the 1d. New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club postcard of 1897 in mint condition. Ref. 4.

- W.3 The illustration on page 54 of Part 1 shows an example from the September, 1901, printing with the Queen Victoria embossed die printed in carmine. H.H.Hanlon of Papatoetoe reports an example of the June, 1899, printing with a similar stamp to that on the Boer War pictorial cards printed in a distinctive yellow-brown. It is assumed that the February, 1904, printing would bear a King Edward VII stamp, but no recordings have been made so far. Ref. 4.
- X.1 Mrs. B.E.Bleakley of Levin reports a Department of Education postcard with a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. King George V stamp with the printing order number "(30,000/10/27-10411". I should imagine that a future listing would record this as X.1h. Ref. 3.
- X.1 R.Herbison reports the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. King George V postcard overprinted OFFICIAL with the printing order number "(20,000/11/34-11618) in mint condition. I would assume this to be listed as X.1i. Ref. 6.
- X.1 Whilst Volume 11 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand lists the 1d. Field Marshal postcard (C.16) overprinted OFFICIAL it was not listed in Part 1 of the Postal Stationery Catalogue as it was believed that it was 'prepared for use but not issued'. Since then, Martin Tombleson of Gisborne has produced a used example which was sent from the "Correspondence School, Education Department" on 1st June, 1932, on the very day that the postage rate was reduced from 1d. to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The postcard bears the printing order number "(20,000/2/32-13016". Ref. 4.
It should be noted that there was a used example of this item in the Philatelic Foundation Auction in March, 1982.
- X.3 Mrs. B.E.Bleakley records the 1d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Fantail postcard with the printing order number "(50,000/12/36-16125". This printing order number is known for the basic $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postcard, but this is the first report of the card with this number with the stamp overprinted "1d.". Ref. 3.
- X.19a The date of issue of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Official postcard (X.19a) is given in Part 1 as "1963(?)". R.Herbison reports an example dated 14 DE 62. Ref. 6.
- X.23 A major colour change of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queen Elizabeth Department of Education postcard. The listed card is printed in rose-red, whilst the latest reported item is a distinctive wine-red. Ref. 4.
- X.27 J.R.Slaterry has reported a new 3c Department of Education postcard. This is similar to X.27a but does not have a printing order number, and the address refers to "The Principal" instead of "The Head Teacher". This card will be listed in any future edition as X.27b. Ref. 10.

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| Ref. 1 | Captain Coqk, Volume 6, number 6. |
| Ref. 2 | Author's Collection. |
| Ref. 3 | Captain Coqk, Volume 4, number 9. |
| Ref. 4 | Captain Coqk, Volume 4, number 8. |
| Ref. 5 | Captain Coqk, Volume 5, number 3. |

- Ref. 6 Captain Coqk, Volume 4, number 11.
Ref. 7 Captain Coqk, Volume 4, number 10.
Ref. 8 Captain Coqk, Volume 6, number 4.
Ref. 9 Captain Coqk, Volume 5, number 8.
Ref. 10 Captain Coqk, Volume 4, number 7.

It is hoped that this updating will be of interest, and I would welcome any additional information that members have to offer.

GOLDEN JUBILEE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND PIGEONGRAM STAMP 1898-1948

CECIL BRISTOW

The cover illustrated on page 1 was produced to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Great Barrier Island Pigeongram Stamp on 19th November, 1948. All the covers prepared have an insert card giving a brief history of the Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post, a picture of the late Mr. S.H.Howie's original loft in Newton Road, Auckland, and a history of the Observer Printing Works Ltd., who printed the first stamps used for this service.

When I examined my example of this cover, it was clear that there were further enclosures, which proved to be of very great interest. The main item was a letter typed on paper headed 'Memo from Johnnie Walker's The Home of Pets'. It is addressed to a Mr. W.Simpson, Christchurch, and is dated 13th June, 1949. The letter reads:-

"Dear Wyn.,

I was pleased to receive your letter and enclosure, because it brought back memories of happy times. Unfortunately, I have been laid up for the past three weeks, but feel much better now and hope to return to business tomorrow.

"I am enclosing one of the covers which Mr. Mummery refers to in his letter, and I would like, on your behalf, to donate the cover to him. These covers are now very hard to get, because the number was governed by the number of pigeons which were available to fly the golden jubilee etiquettes. Fortunately, I had one spare cover. Although I designed the cover and was responsible for the organisation, the covers were equally allocated to members of philatelic societies throughout N.Z. It was my good fortune to supervise the liberation of the birds at Great Barrier Island. When we tried to get the birds into the plane at Mangere Aerodrome, preparatory to the flight, we found that the baskets were just 1" too large to go through the door of the plane. Finally, I sat in the seat of the plane, and the birds were handed to me loose through the window. I placed the birds at my feet, and in no time they were all over me. On the first flight we carried one hundred birds, which had little bundles of jubilee etiquettes wrapped in cellophane, attached to their legs, by means of a rubber band. Before taking off, I covered myself with newspapers, to keep my clothes clean. The flight to the Barrier was most hectic. Every time the plane rose to gain elevation, the birds flew. Needless to say I was slightly whitewashed on arrival, but "seagulls will be seagulls." Two trips were made with the birds, and an official ceremony was held at the island, and the birds liberated. Fifty years ago to the day, the World's first adhesive stamp was flown

from Great Barrier Island to Auckland, and these pigeons were flying with golden edged replicas of the original stamp. The covers were sent by steamer to be post-marked at Okupu on the same day, and the Government provided planes for the return of the mail. This being the first official airmail from Gt. Barrier. I travelled back with the mail. The etiquettes were collected from the many pigeon lofts, and were attached to the covers when returned from the post. 1000 etiquettes were lost in the storm which prevailed while the birds were flying. I had a terrible trip back with the mail. The Society has 1000 covers without etiquettes. The brief history on the enclosed card, which I have written, will inform Mr. Mummery of the services. To describe my collection would entail writing up the whole history.

"The collection is really items illustrating the history. I have all the stamps, and have been working on the reconstruction of the original sheets of stamps. I have also all photographs of the original lofts, and many of the people who were responsible for the services. The collection occupies three albums, and is now considered by experts to be the best on the subject. At present, I am engaged in writing a book on the subject. When it will be finished, I do not know, as I am waiting to check up on one or two items in connection with plating.

"Tell Dad that I am flying to Gisborne to judge the birds there, and that I will be in Wellington to judge the foreign section in the National. I have also an Auckland show to do.

"I have recently discovered something important about shells. It is to do with genetics, and for the past three days, while convalescent, I have been engaged in writing a paper for the Auckland Museum.

"I intend to exhibit my Great Barrier collection at Christchurch next year.

"Please remember me to Mum and Dad and Geoff and your sister. I often think of you all.

"With kind regards, Yours sincerely, Reg.

"P.S. I am enclosing a few photographs (notes on back) of the golden jubilee commemoration."

The photographs mentioned in the postscript are among the enclosures. There are five in all, and the notes on each read:-

Reg Walker and R. Prentice (Pilot).

Pigeon waving goodbye!!

The plane at Great Barrier Island.

Residents of Great Barrier Island at ceremony.

Pilot and Reg Walker about to release first pigeons.

The final enclosure is a slip identifying the cover as No. 227, and giving brief details of the flight. I am unable to identify the type of aeroplane in the photographs, except to say that it is a bi-plane, and its registration number is ZK-AQB.

The book mentioned in the letter as being under preparation was eventually published by the Collectors Club of New York, being their Handbook Number 22. It is entitled 'New Zealand - The Great Barrier Island 1898-99 Pigeon Post Stamps', the author being J. Reg. Walker. This was published in 1968, but I believe that copies can still be obtained.

WEST COAST CANCELLATIONS WITH GOLD FIELDS ORIGINS - EPILOGUE

JOHN D. EVANS

From Volume XXIX, page 60, of 'The Kiwi', articles on the above subject have been published. From time to time, comments, additional facts and intelligent guesses have been received. Now that the last article has been published in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXX, page 44, it is desirable to assemble all this information to round off the series. Let us do this with the places and districts where cancellations with gold fields origins are known or probable.

On the first article, 'The Kiwi', Volume XXIX, page 60, in addition to K.J.McNAUGHT's detailed notes published on page 122, the following have come to light.

It has been established that there were two 'N over 4' oblitters used at WESTPORT. (See 'The Mail Coach', Volume 17, page 26). The suggestion is that the first was lost in about September, 1867, and was replaced by the second early in 1868. The '4' of the first obliterator is noticeably larger than the '4' in the second one.

On the second article published on page 83 of Volume XXIX there appears to be no comment, but on the third article published on page 105, our member, ALAN JACKSON, has confirmed that a small A-class datestamp has been used at NOBLE'S, NO TOWN, ORWELL CREEK, RED JACK'S (second office) and WAIUTA. According to Volume III of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, page 114, a 'new' type of datestamp was issued in about 1875 in which the date was in one line. These datestamps, most of which were supplied by George de Lacy and Son of London, were in use for some eighty years.

Also with reference to the third article, it is worth pointing out that on page 32 of Volume XXX there is a manuscript marking (Type 1) of ARNOLD, submitted by our member, R.S.STRANGE. This is further cancelled with the Obliterator '20' of Greymouth. Arnold is shown on the sketch map on page 84 of Volume XXIX, not far from MAORI GULLY and near the Arnold River, to which reference is made on page 106 of Volume XXIX. This is another example of the obliterator of the District Office through which the letter was routed being applied over the manuscript marking.

The fourth article, published on page 125 of Volume XXIX, was devoted almost entirely to HOKITIKA. On this there has been no comment, but for those members who are interested, 'The Mail Coach' Volume 17, page 11, has an article by R.M.STARTUP, entitled 'Hokitika, West Canterbury, 1860's' which contains some details of the numbers of letters and newspapers received and despatched on the Mail Service from Hokitika to various offices.

In the fifth article published on page 16 of Volume XXX, there is reference to WAIMEA, some ten miles east of Hokitika. K.J.McNAUGHT writes that this place must have had a post office as the population must have been as high as 4,000. He also discloses that he has a WAIMEA manuscript on a cover of 19-10-66, with a very faint Hokitika datestamp on the reverse side.

No comment has yet reached me on the sixth article published on page 23 of Volume XXX, or on the seventh and final article, published on page 44 of Volume XXX, but if I or our Editor receive any further information in the future, it will be carefully considered for publishing as an 'echo' of the series.

FINDINGS FROM FILES.

ADDITIONAL VALUES OF DUTY STAMPS

ALLAN P. BERRY

The story of the preparation of the original twenty-nine values of the 'Arms' type Duty Stamps was described in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, number 3, page 47, May, 1982.

In the files now in the custody of the National Postal Museum, there is a short story concerning the preparation of plates to print four additional values. Apparently, this story has suffered severely from the pruning that took place in January, 1942.

It starts with a letter from the High Commissioner for New Zealand to the Controller, Post Office Stores Department, Stamps Section, Somerset House, London, dated 23rd February, 1940. This reads:-

"...the Post and Telegraph Department in New Zealand are proposing to issue additional values of duty stamps, as follows:-
3s.6d., 5s.6d., 11s.0d. and 22s.0d.

"In 1930, the Royal Mint prepared for the Stamp Duties Department twenty-nine nickel-surfaced duty stamp plates ranging from 1s.3d. to £10, and the Department now request that an estimate be obtained from the Royal Mint of the cost involved and the time required to prepare these four additional plates, in accordance with the specifications supplied with a memorandum from the Department dated 29th July, 1929. (See 'The Kiwi', Volume XXXI, page 48, for details).

"The five Coat-of-Arms designs forwarded with that memorandum do not appear to have been returned to the Dominion, and it is assumed that they are held by the Royal Mint. Design No. 1 would be used for the 3s.6d. and 5s.6d. stamps and Design No. 2 for the 11s. and 22s. stamps."

The Controller replied on 15th March, 1940, saying:-

"...I understand that the department of the Royal Mint in which electrotypes plates, of the kind referred to in the New Zealand Government's enquiry, are manufactured would be able to undertake the work of making further duty stamp plates.

"I suggest that you should now approach the Mint regarding cost and delivery times, enquiring, at the same time, whether any further information, not included in the specification, would be required to enable the Mint to produce the plates and whether the designs are already in their possession."

Evidently, the High Commissioner obtained an estimate from the Royal Mint. A copy of this tender was sent to the Controller on 6th April, 1940. This reads:-

"...the five Coat-of-Arms designs which were sent to the Royal Mint in 1930 in connection with the preparation of other Duty Stamps, were returned to your Office with this Department's letter dated 21st July, 1930, in which you were advised that the packing case containing the balance of the new stamp printing plates, dies and tools was available for shipment.

"I am to advise you however that it would be possible to produce the new values without the original designs and at less

expense if arrangements could be made to return to the Royal Mint the hardened steel collar and punch which were made here in 1930, but were included in the case referred to in the letter of the 21st July, 1930, mentioned above.

"The new plates could be produced in from 8 to 10 weeks after the receipt of the steel collar and punch and of your order to proceed.

"The charge for the four new rates of working dies and four 80 set nickel printing plates would amount to £150 if as is hoped it will be possible to secure the return of the steel collar and punch."

The covering letter from the High Commissioner reads:-

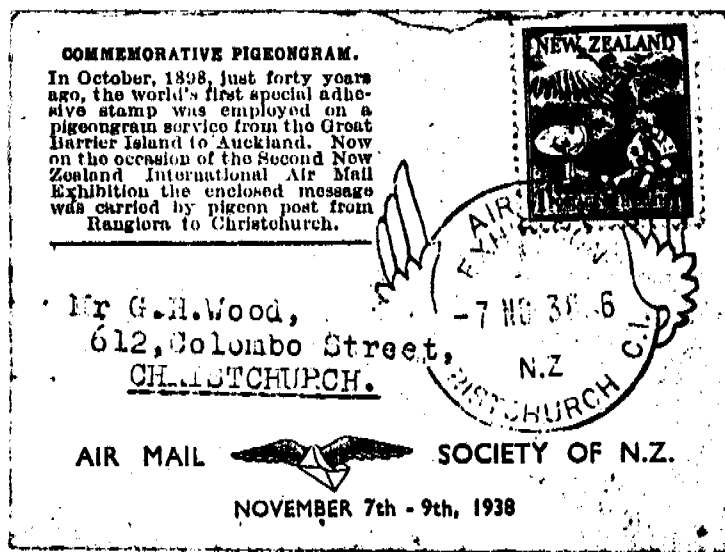
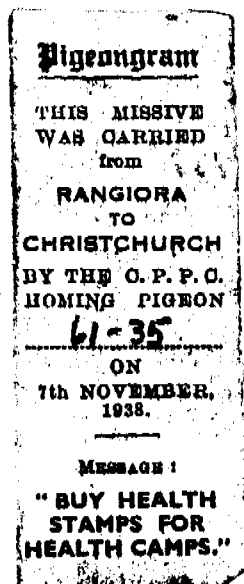
"The Post and Telegraph Department have been asked to submit the collar and punch with the order."

So far as these plates are concerned, this is as far as the files can take the story.

I am very grateful to the National Postal Museum for allowing access to these files, and for permission to publish extracts from them.

ANOTHER HEALTH CAMP FUND ITEM.

JOHN WATTS



The second exhibition sponsored by the Air Mail Society of New Zealand was held in the Builders Chambers, Gloucester Street, Christchurch, from November 7th to 9th, 1938. On the first day of the exhibition, the Christchurch Premier Pigeon Club, in conjunction with the Christchurch Health Camp Committee, conducted a pigeon post from Rangiora to Christchurch.

Five hundred commemorative envelopes, to contain the pigeongram forms, were provided and were sold at one shilling each, the sum raised providing money for the Health Camp Fund.

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