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**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT THE UNION JACK CLUB ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2012 STARTING AT 14.00**

THE SUBJECT WILL BE

'THE EVOLUTION OF THE POSTMARK IN NEW ZEALAND 1855 - 2011'

AND WILL BE LED BY

JOHN STIMSON

For further information, see page 3 of this issue of *The Kiwi*

THE MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY A COMMITTEE MEETING AT 11.00

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ENCLOSURES:

With this issue of *The Kiwi* are included: The Membership Renewal Form, Annual Programme and an advertisement for Grosvenor Auctions.

If either is missing, please contact the Hon. Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Please return the enclosed membership form to the Hon. Treasurer as soon as possible. If you fail to renew your membership, you will not receive any further issues of *The Kiwi* until your subscription has been received.

SOCIETY NEWS:

A NEW PACKET SECRETARY

I take over as the Packet Secretary on January 1st. From this date, all communications relating to the Packet should be sent to me at the address shown in the box on page 2 of this issue of *The Kiwi*.

This changeover gives me the opportunity to encourage more members to join. At present, about 70 of us take the Packet. I would also ask members to contribute booklets to the Packet (available from me – free of charge!!). As well as being an excellent way of expanding your collection at a reasonable cost, the Packet contributes over £1,000 a year to Society funds and helps to keep the subscriptions down.

Please bear with me whilst I learn the system and help me continue the very successful enterprise that Bernard has built up over the years.

John Hepworth

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

New Members:

We welcome:

G. P. Ashdown, Kent
Ms. J. Hall, Manchester
C. Hilton, Kent
R. Martin, London

JOINT MEETING WITH THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN PHILATELISTS

A joint meeting the BSAP will be held at Spring Stampex. This will be on Saturday, February 25th, 2012 between 14.00 and 16.00. The venue is the Business Design Centre, 25, Upper Street, Islington. The exact venue in the Centre will be advertised at the entrance to Stampex.

The subject is '*Gallipoli and the Formation of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs)*'.

Displays will be given by members of both Societies. If any members of the New Zealand Society can contribute material, can they please let the Hon. Editor know in advance – ☎01159 373762.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

EVOLUTION OF THE POSTMARK IN NEW ZEALAND 1855 - 2011

John Stimson will lead a seminar to discuss the changes that have occurred in the postal cancellations of New Zealand from 1855 to 2011. The aim of the session is to examine the nature of the changes and the reason for them. John will show many examples from his early Queen Victoria Sideface collection and would like to encourage all members to bring along examples with interesting stories and examples of cancellations from any and every period of New Zealand's postal history.

Previous sessions of this nature have been extremely enjoyable and successful but depend entirely of the participation of all those attending.

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Group will be held at St. Luke's Church, Orrell on Saturday February 11th, 2012, starting at the usual time of 12.00.

This will be a members meeting: please bring along material of your choice, as much as you want.

NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Midland Regional Group will be held on Saturday February 18th, 2012 starting at 14.00.

The venue will be St. Anne's Church Hall, Park Hill, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EU.

Andrew Dove will give a display covering 'The New Zealand Contingent in the Second South African (Boer) War'.

For further information or any queries, please contact Ian Samuel on 0121 449 0849

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps*. (Out of Stock)

SP 2: *Index to The Kiwi Volumes 1 to 50*. Printed and CD Version.

SP 3: *The Kiwi Volumes 1 - 50*. Full text on CD

SP 4: *New Zealand Stamps Overprinted "O.P.S.O."*

Price: SP 1: £10 inc. P. & P.

SP 2 & SP 3, £30 in UK and £35 overseas airmail inc. P. & P. (Society members will receive a 40% discount, i.e. £18 for UK and £21 for overseas))

SP 4: £24 incl. £1.50 P&P.

Payment accepted in NZ\$, US\$ or £St. All orders to:

New Zealand Society of Great Britain
9, Ashley Drive,
Walton-on Thames,
Surrey KT12 1JL

MINUTES OF THE 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON NOVEMBER 26TH 2010.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 16 members present. He particularly welcomed Messrs. Hills and Hanson who were attending their first meeting of the Society.

1. Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting had been published in the January 2011 issue of *The Kiwi* and were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2. Chairmans Report and Review of 2010

The Chairman presented a review of the Society's activities during 2011:

2011 has been a year of consolidation for the Society. We have held a wide range of meetings and we have also spent time in preparing for the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the Society which we will celebrate next year.

There has been a full programme of meetings held throughout the country. We have not held a main society meeting outside London. There have been six Society meetings in London and I, for one, have greatly enjoyed the variety of material shown. The year has also been notable for the number of members who have given displays for the first time.

The January meeting was jointly produced by Terry Grouk and Paul Woods and was a wide ranging and exhaustive display of stamps used for fiscal purposes. In March, we enjoyed the presence of Dr. Robin Gwynn from New Zealand and the meeting started with a lively session of new acquisitions and items of interest. The afternoon was occupied with the biennial Society 12 sheet competition. Those present undertook the judging and the exhibits gave rise to some interesting debate and discussion.

In May, the morning session was occupied with some guidance about competitive entries for the assistance of those considering entering competitive exhibits in Autumn Stampex in 2012. The afternoon provided an opportunity for those attending to display their favourite sheets. As always, there was much fascinating material and the meeting was enjoyed by all those participating. In July, we had new departure when we viewed an extensive range of Private Postal Operators stamp issues. There were a lot of

contributions and the extent and interest of the material shown was an eye opener to many present. The last philatelic meeting, in September, was a reversion to the traditional with the Hon. Secretary entertaining us with his Second Pictorials.

The Northern, Scottish and Midland Regional groups have all met this year. Each group has an active core of participants and the philatelic contents provide entertainment for all. The subject of the groups meetings tends to be displays by those attending so this ensures full participation and our experience is that this sort of meeting is very productive. I am consistently amazed by the variety of displays that surfaces. The Western Group appears to be in abeyance at present: if any member living in the West Country would be willing to organise meetings, please let us know and we will offer every assistance. Our thanks are due to all those who take the lead in organising the Regional meetings.

More planning has been taking place to celebrate the Society's 60th Anniversary next year. We are joining forces with the British Society of Australian Philatelists and the Pacific Islands Study Circle. Amongst other events, there will be a major focus at Autumn Stampex 2012 on the stamps of the Australasian area and there will also be a joint meeting and dinner. The Committee have also planned a celebratory dinner for the Society during Stampex week. More details will be published in *The Kiwi* as they are available.

Membership has dropped a little although, on a positive aspect, we have welcomed 11 new members this year. We now send *The Kiwi* to 265 different addresses.

Every year, I draw the attention of the membership to the sterling work undertaken by the Officers of the Society. It goes without saying that without their efforts, the Society would not exist. I thank them all on your behalf.

This year, however, I wish to pay a special tribute to Bernard Atkinson who is retiring as Packet Secretary. Bernard has been an Officer of the Society since 1975 when he became Treasurer. He moved to the role of Packet Secretary in 1980 and has remained in this position ever since. He has coped with the many difficulties and problems of the role in an exemplary manner and all of us who take the packet are very grateful. He will be succeeded by John Hepworth and we wish him well with maintaining the success of the packet.

At this point, the Chairman announced the award of Honorary Life Membership to Bernard in recognition of his service to the Society. He presented him with a certificate and wondered what he was planning to do with all his new free time.

3. Financial Report from the Hon. Treasurer (Derek Diamond)

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated.

The Hon. Treasurer said that this had been a better year than predicted. However, there were a number of favourable variations that explained the results. Overall, the year had produced a surplus of £500. Reasons included:

- A greater than expected saving on *The Kiwi* by reducing the print run,
- Requests for the membership list,
- Some one off advertisements in *The Kiwi*,
- A failure to include some officers expenses in this years accounts
- Some income from items donated to the Society auction following the York weekend.

Next year, he predicted that the budget would be in deficit as some expected expenses would accrue. These would include the costs of the Anniversary, the printing of 'Gems' and producing CDs of the Index to *The Kiwi*.

The Treasurer commented on the Publications budget which now stood at £8,000. This year, further copies of 'New Zealand Stamps overprinted 'O.P.S.O.'. Only two copies remained and the publication had made a nett profit of about £200.

The Treasurer also wished to thank John Smith for his usual sterling work as Hon. Auditor.

4. Report from the Strategic Review Group:

The Chairman said that, in the absence of the Chairman of the Group, Paul Wreglesworth, no report was available. However, he could report that Terry Grouke had resigned from the group for personal reasons and that he has been replaced by Bob Clarke. Bob has a particular remit to examine the feasibility of moving into digital publishing.

4. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary (Bernard Atkinson):

Bernard Atkinson presented his accounts to the meeting.

He reported that more material is always needed for the packet but that he was pleased that a significant contribution to Society funds from the Packet was again present in the General Society accounts. The Packet Secretary also noted that there were occasions when material in the books has been swapped. This can be difficult to ascribe to any particular person but he asked that all recipients remained vigilant and report anything suspicious to him immediately.

Bernard concluded by saying that he was pleased to have performed such a useful function for the Society. John Hepworth will be taking over on January 1st and, until then, the arrangements remained unchanged.

Both sets of accounts were adopted unanimously. Proposed by Mike Wilkinson and seconded by Jamie Henderson.

5. Report from the Hon. Library Liaison Officer (Michael Wilkinson):

Michael circulated copies of his report to the meeting.

This year, 6 new books have been added to the Society's holdings. The Librarian has identified another 10-12 volumes that he believes should be in the library and he will work to source these over the next year.

A complete library guide and list is now available. Printed copies will not be sent to all members but the Librarian is happy forward a copy on request. He may be contacted on MWilkin799@aol.com. The list will be available through the Society website. In all, there are now more than 330 items explicitly about New Zealand and the Pacific Islands in the NPS Library catalogue.

Last year, it was reported that the British Postal Museum and Archive was planning to move to Swindon. This move has now been abandoned due to funding problems. The library is, therefore, likely to continue operating from its current base in Freeling House, Clerkenwell for the foreseeable future.

The library is a valuable resource that is underutilised at present. Members should remember that most items can be borrowed by post or that photocopies may be obtained.

The Librarian said that he wished to thank the NPS Librarian, Mike Bramwell, again this year for continuing advice and assistance.

6. Election of Officers of the Society

The following office-holders were proposed by the Committee:

President	John Smith
Vice President	Bernard Atkinson
Chairman (E)	Derek Diamond
Vice Chairman	John Stimson
General Secretary (E)	Keith Collins
Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> (E)	Andrew Dove

Packet Secretary	John Hepworth
Treasurer (E)	Derek Diamond
Auctioneer	Brian Stonestreet
Honorary Library Liaison Officer	Michael Wilkinson
Membership Secretary	Derek Diamond
Publicity Officer	Paul Wreglesworth
Auditor	John Smith

Additional members of the Committee were proposed as follows:

Northern Group Secretary – Jack Lindley

Scottish Group Organiser – Michael Kirwan

The proposed Committee was elected unanimously. Proposed: John Buchanan and seconded: Graham Brown.

After the election of the Committee, the Chairman reminded members that we are still actively looking for people willing to take over the roles of Vice-Chairman (in 2012), Editor of *The Kiwi* and Hon. Secretary. If anybody is interested, please contact the Hon. Secretary.

7. Any Other Business:

The Chairman reported briefly on the events that were planned in September 2012 to celebrate the Society's 60th Anniversary. He said that further information would be published in *The Kiwi* and that updates would appear in the 'From the Committee' article in the magazine. He exhorted all to participate as this will be a big event with a significant number of visitors expected from New Zealand.

The meeting closed at 11.55.

NOTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AND SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUPS HELD IN CARLISLE ON NOVEMBER 22ND, 2011

The joint meeting went very well. Twelve members turned up on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Proceedings started with a meal in the lounge bar and then adjourned to the meeting room where all members had brought a display. These were varied and, as usual, very interesting.

The displays were:

Bill Black:	Duck Stamps
Stuart Potter	Airmails
Michael Kirwan	King Edward VII
David Edwards	Rock Wren
David Stalker	2009 NVI and 1984 Christmas Cards
Alexander McCulloch	Pitcairn Island and World War II Christmas Cards
Jack Lindley	New Zealand Stamps overprinted for use in Samoa
John Studholme	1961 & 1986 (50 and 25 years ago)
James Smith	Scenic New Zealand
Paul Wreglesworth	Instructional Markings
John Atkinson	Anzac 2010
Ken Andison	Birds and Flowers

**New Zealand Society of Great Britain
Income Expenditure for Year ended 30.9.2011**

Brought Forward 1.10.10	2009-2010	2010-2011
Current Accounts	8,745.50	13,253.91
Deposit Accounts	<u>29,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Income		
Interest on deposits	198.16	105.37
Received from packet a/c	2,000.00	1,250.00
Auction: sales		10,870.45
Less costs (inc. refunds)		-110.32
Less vendor payments	1,150.44	<u>-9,361.54</u>
Subscriptions received		3,761.15
Donation - bequest	4,293.64	<u>0.00</u>
Publications and other sales (a)		961.15
Less costs	<u>(-203.48)</u>	<u>-370.34</u>
Total Income	<u>£7,438.76</u>	<u>£7,105.92</u>
Expenditure		
Kiwi: printing		2,798.20
Postage and distribution		1,949.36
Less advertisements inc.	4,290.66	<u>-1,106.24</u>
Meeting costs		1,806.80
Less York late income	1,816.05	-294.25
Society costs: Officers expenses		487.20
ABPS & NZ Fed.	<u>823.64</u>	<u>318.00</u>
Total Expenditure	6,930.35	5,959.07
Surplus	<u>508.41</u>	<u>1,146.85</u>
	<u>£7,438.76</u>	<u>£7,105.92</u>
Carried forward to 30.9.2010		Carried forward 30.9.2011
Library Fund	2,247.09	2,227.09
Publications (b)	7,658.00	8,000.00
Current A/c	3,348.82	4,173.67
Deposit A/c	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
	<u>£38,253.91</u>	<u>£39,400.76</u>

Represented by:	1 yr. bond HSBC	25,000.00
	Business A/c	11,123.00
	Current A/c	<u>3,277.76</u>
		<u>£39,400.76</u>

Audited and found correct in accordance with the papers and statements produced to me.

J.A.W. Smith FCIB, ACIS, Hon. Auditor

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New Zealand Society of Great Britain
Packet Account – Year Ending 30. 9. 2011

	2011 (£)	2010 (£)
<u>Income:</u>		
Gross Income from Packet Sales	12,227.64	9,321
Insurance Levy	1,160.88	995
	13,388.52	10,316
Deduct payments received but not yet remitted to vendors 30.9.11	1,568.65	4,158
	11,819.87	6,157
Add payments received and held over at 30.9.10	4,157.52	3,657
	15,977.39	9,815
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Cheques to Members	13,035.38	7,696
Postage, Telephone, Printing and Stationery	237.48	195
Insurance 2010/2011	943.23	741
Advance Payment of Insurance for 2011/2012	270.59	212
Total Expenditure	14,486.68	10,050
Profit for Year	1,490.71	971
	15,977.39	9,815
<u>Summary</u>		
Balance brought forward 1. 10. 2010	13.19	292
Add Profit for the Year	1,490.71	971
	1,503.90	1,263
Deduct Transfer to General Society Funds	1,500.00	1,250
	3.90	13
Add amount due to Members 30.9.10	1,568.65	4,158
	1,572.55	4,171
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Current Account	3,072.55	5,421
Less in Transit to General Fund	1,500.00	1,250
	1,572.55	4,171

The Packet Account has been audited and found correct in accordance with the books and papers produced to me.

J.A.W.Smith, FCIB, ACIS, Hon. Auditor

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

26-29 September, 2012

New Zealand Society of Great Britain



**60th
Anniversary
1952 - 2012**



As reported previously in *The Kiwi*, in 2012 we are celebrating our anniversary jointly with BSAP and PISC and with the support of ABPS in order to combine with Autumn Stampex. A variety of events will take place in several locations, **so please read this and subsequent notices in Kiwi carefully** to obtain the information you need to fully participate.

MEMBERS DISPLAYS AT STAMPEX

- Competitive and non-competitive displays of Australasian philately (particularly N.Z.!) will occupy the 'Village Green' at the Autumn Stampex in the Building Design Centre in Islington.
- To display **competitively**, please follow the rules on the ABPS website (www.ukphilately.org.uk) and remember that the Society is offering to pay half the £10 per frame entry fee. The London meeting of the Society on May 26th, 2012 will be used to review Page 1 from all intending entrants.
- To display **non-competitively** (displays will NOT be judged), please contact D. R. Diamond. It is not possible to guarantee space in this category but every effort will be made to present something from all who enter. Details of subject and number of sheets, together with a copy of page 1 must reach D. R. Diamond by June 1st at the latest. All entry costs paid by the organisers.
- Queries about displays to D. R. Diamond or A. F. Dove.

SPECIAL LECTURES

- **Wednesday, 26th. Book Launch.** 14.00 Business Design Centre

Three publications will be of special interest to collectors of New Zealand.

GEMS OF AUSTRALASIAN PHILATELY

D. Alford (Ed.), 100pp. £5.00

AN INDEX TO THE FIRST 60 VOLUMES OF THE KIWI (on CD only)

Compiled by A. F. Dove. Price to be announced.

THE 1898 PICTORIALS OF N.Z. their design, printing and use

D. R. Diamond

c. 400 pages. Extensively illustrated in colour.

Expected date of publication Autumn 2013.

Registration for Prepublication Discount offer.

- **Thursday, 27th**. 17.00 at Royal Philatelic Society of London.
Dr. R. Gwynn – A display entitled '**The Story of the Adsons**'.
Non-members of the RPSL must be invited in advance by a Member or Fellow.
- **Friday, 28th**. 14.00 – 16.00 at the Business Design Centre.
Alwyn Peel – A display entitled '**Captain Cook**'.
- **Saturday, 29th**. 14.00 – 16.00 at the Business Design Centre.
John Watts – A display entitled '**A Canterbury Tale**'.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- A **dinner**, open to the members of all three Australasian Societies, will be held on FRIDAY (28th) between 6 and 8.30 p.m. at a restaurant 7 minutes walk from the Business Design Centre. The cost will be £20 per head without wine. A ticket is required and is available from D. R. Diamond when paying. Latest booking is 14.00, Thursday 27th September. Early booking is advised as space is strictly limited. Cheques to be made payable to Prof. D. R. Diamond (Australasia a/c).
- **60th Anniversary Dinner of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain** for Society members and their guests. This will be held on Saturday 29th September at the Union Jack Club. Distinguished guests (High Commissioner invited) philatelic souvenir and the award of three special Society prizes. 18.30 for 19.00. Booking form and all details of cost and menu in *The Kiwi* shortly.

ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON

- Union Jack Club: very satisfactory facilities and very modest central London prices. The dinner on Saturday will be held there.
Bookings: Tel. 0207-902-6000
- Others. There is a Hilton Hotel adjacent to the Business Design Centre and several other hotels within 5 minutes walk. For addresses, see Google.

Everyone is responsible for booking their own accommodation.

Chairman's Message.

I appeal to all members to join us on as many of these occasions as possible and hopefully on all of them. Great efforts have gone into the organising of this more than usually complex Anniversary and we need to show the philatelic fraternity that we are an active and enthusiastic group. I look forward to meeting you all and particularly want to welcome those from New Zealand and overseas who are planning to join us.

John Watts is co-ordinating arrangements for Exhibition entries from New Zealand as required.

All overseas members should know that Michael Wilkinson has agreed to act as Society Host for visitors whilst in London. He may be contacted by telephone, no. 01732 456997, or e-mail mwilkin799@aol.com.

NEW CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUP

Next year, the co-ordinator for the Scottish Regional Group will be Michael Kirwan.

He may be contacted by e-mail: michael@kirwans.net or by telephone: ☎0131 447 3420.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MIDLAND GROUP HELD ON OCTOBER 29TH, 2011

Unfortunately, only four members were present and two more had sent their apologies due to illness. As this was a members mini-display afternoon, those present showed the following items:

John Potter: - A very wide range of official mourning covers, mainly for Queen Victoria, with varying thicknesses of black stripes and corner triangles as well as some examples noting the death of King Edward VII and King George V.

Terry Hancox: - A 'do-it-yourself' collection of postal stationery produced by the Department of Lands & Survey in 1987 when they were about to have their title changed to the Department of Survey and Land Information and produced a leaflet explaining the change. The logos and blocks from this leaflet were used to produce a range of interesting covers. It is not known how 'Official' these were – perhaps being one-offs only. Also shown were three official envelopes made from old unused maps – possibly a case of waste not, want not.

Mike Smith: - Showed a collection of early printed stationery items including Victorian cards issued by the Tourist Board, Inland and Australian cards with messages written in a form of shorthand. A group of King Edward VII cards followed, some with overprinted price changes and some rubber stamped, as well as a range of Queen Elizabeth II letter cards in various printings.

Ian Samuel: - showed a range of philatelic and ephemera items including a collection of sheets using postcards and associated stamps as well as a set of table coasters printed with pen and ink drawings of beautiful Victorian and Edwardian wooden villas in Auckland and Wellington. An album of his collection of Purdon covers was available for inspection.

For a quick part two, **Terry** showed a display covering the commissioning and design of the 1936 ANZAC stamps including photographs and sketches as well as signed covers by L.C. Mitchell and others associated with the project.

Mike finished off the afternoon with more postal stationery cards including Victorian mauve printed letter cards with variations and a selection of King George VI letter cards with advertisers messages on the reverse, mainly with a telephonic or telegraphic theme.

Ian Samuel thanked those present for a most interesting and entertaining meeting.

NOTES OF THE NORTHERN GROUP MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 2011

Six members were present and three more had sent their apologies.

This was our annual Competition meeting. There were five entries and the judge was John Hepworth who was the winner of the competition last year.

The subjects of the entries were: King George V Silver Jubilees, 1d Dominion 1909-1926, the Anzac Story of Nationhood, Postage Due and Deficient Markings in the Second Sideface Period (1882 – 1900) and Mail recovered from Aeroplanes involved in accidents.

After his cogitation, John commented that there were some outstanding entries and that it was very difficult to separate them. However, he judged the winner to be Paul Wreglesworth with his Sideface entry and the runner up, Stuart Potter with Crash Mail.

After the judging, there was discussion as a consequence of which, we agreed to hold the competition every two years and to divide it into two classes: Traditional and Thematic.

RESULTS OF THE 2011 ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The auction on 26 November was successful. Total sales were £8,000 compared to £10,000 in 2010. The Society thanks all vendors for their participation and:

Brian Stonestreet	: Auctioneer
Andrew Dove	: Compiling Auction catalogue
Brian Stonestreet and John Stimson	: Display of lots
Keith Collins and Michael O'Keefe	: Handling of lots during auction
Esmé Diamond	: Recording
John Stimson	: Collecting payments and sending lots to postal bidders
Derek and Esmé Diamond	: Printing auction catalogues, recording auction, collecting payments and settling with vendors

Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£
A	10	1	5	45	22	136	11	173	7	278	40	331	7	374	12
B	2	2	24	47	18	138	9	175	3	279	150	332	7	375	12
C	6	3	15	48	9	141	29	176	13	280	170	333	7	376	4
D	5	4	10	49	9	142	40	179	7	281	100	334	7	377	46
E	1	5	12	50	13	144	9	180	7	282	80	335	16	379	16
F	2	6	41	51	11	145	13	181	6	284	40	342	30	380	27
G	3	7	32	52	35	146	20	190	55	294	23	343	8	385	14
H	2	8	20	54	155	147	20	192	60	295	36	344	9	386	15
I	5	10	110	55	50	148	8	197	6	298	35	345	9	388	14
J	13	11	31	61	35	149	8	204	55	302	32	346	22	389	19
K	47	12	125	64	160	150	60	205	45	303	32	350	27	390	10
L	3	13	40	66	70	151	5	208	75	307	19	352	12		
M	8	15	20	68	20	152	6	212	210	309	8	353	9		
N	14	16	16	69	18	153	7	213	30	310	9	354	8		
O	8	17	320	75	60	154	10	218	17	311	5	355	12		
P	6	18	24	83	65	155	30	220	60	312	10	356	21		
Q	6	19	26	87	180	156	80	230	10	315	7	357	12		
R	18	20	15	94	38	159	150	231	20	317	10	358	60		
T	32	21	32	102	50	160	70	238	35	318	40	359	50		
U	22	22	120	105	75	161	80	248	70	323	8	361	50		
V	3	23	50	110	41	162	100	254	10	324	4	362	46		
W	4	26	33	112	60	163	25	262	90	325	21	363	16		
X	10	29	38	114	100	166	8	264	95	326	500	364	7		
Y	11	30	60	116	220	168	5	273	45	327	5	365	15		
AA	2	31	22	117	80	169	23	274	250	328	6	369	6		
BB	2	34	25	123	14	170	7	275	300	329	13	370	5		
CC	10	41	200	124	12	172	38	277	18	330	13	371	4		

Lots not shown were unsold.

APOLOGY AND CORRECTION TO THE 2011 ANNUAL INDEX

The last issue of *The Kiwi* contained the customary annual index for Volume 60. Some names were omitted from the list of contributors. The full list should read:

*'Berry AP, Bracey K, Clark RG, Collins KC, Curtis D, Diamond D, Dove AF, Duns R, Elliott GJ,
Grouk T, Hague D, High P, Odenweller RP, Plumb R, Smith M, Stalker D, Startup RM,
Tunncliffe A, van Herpt P'*

My apologies to those concerned.

STOP THIEF!

A message from the Packet Secretary.

There have been recent instances in which substitutions have been made in the circuit books. These have especially been the replacement of unmounted mint examples with mounted mint copies. Apart from the obvious criminality of this practice, it has resulted in a reluctance for vendors to submit further material for inclusion in the packet books.

If you receive the packet, can you please look at the books carefully and immediately report anything suspicious to the Packet Secretary.

MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN GROUP IN 2012

During 2012, the Northern Group will meet on:

February 11th,
May 19th
November 10th

The February and May meetings will be for members to display items of interest and the November meeting will have the theme 'WAR AND PEACE'.

The meetings will be held at the same venue, St. Luke's Church Orrell and will start at the usual time of 12.00.

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

MEDIA RELEASES

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS PORTRAY THE NATIVITY

17 October 2011

New Zealand Post is marking Christmas 2011 with a special stamp issue portraying the nativity.

The Christmas 2011 stamp issue, which is being released on 2 November, consists of five intricately illustrated gummed stamps that highlight key moments in the nativity story. Each stamp has a unique diamond shape, and features gold printing.

The 60c stamp features Baby Jesus lying in the manger, and the \$1.20 stamp shows an Angel appearing to the shepherds, telling them of the good news of the birth of Jesus.

On the \$1.90 stamp, Mary and Joseph gaze adoringly at their new baby, who was to be the Saviour of the World.

The \$2.40 stamp reflects the shepherds with Baby Jesus in the stable, and finally the Three Wise Men appear on the \$2.90 stamp with Baby Jesus and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



The Christmas 2011 stamp range includes five gummed stamps, three self-adhesive stamps (60c, \$1.90 and \$2.40), two first day covers, three self-adhesive booklets and a self-adhesive dispenser box.

The stamps and first day covers were designed by Karen Mounsey-Smith from Brisbane, Australia. The issue was printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin and Australia Post, Sprintpak, Australia (self-adhesive 60c booklet only).

The range will be available from the usual outlets from 2 November 2011.



ROSS DEPENDENCY STAMPS RECOGNISE THE 'RACE TO THE POLE'

17 October 2011

The latest Ross Dependency stamp issue, to be released by New Zealand Post on November 2 2011, pays tribute to Roald Amundsen of Norway and Robert Scott of Britain – two experienced explorers that famously led their parties to the yet unconquered South Pole.

The Ross Dependency 2011: Race to the Pole stamp range includes five stamps, which are being released to mark 100 years since the race to the South Pole.



The 60c stamp features Roald Amundsen. Amundsen was a skilled explorer who set his sights on the South Pole when he heard of Scott's forthcoming Antarctic expedition.

The \$1.20 stamp showcases Amundsen's successful triumph, being the first to reach the pole with his crew on 14 December 1911, and then proudly flying the Norwegian flag.

Robert Scott appears on the \$1.90 stamp. After announcing his venture to the South Pole, Scott and his party left London in 1910, and reached Ross Island in January 1911 where they erected their hut at Cape Evans.

The \$2.40 stamp depicts 'The last camp'. Before setting out, Scott spent time preparing depots along his route and depart towards the South Pole on 2 November 1911. On 16 January 1912 Scott and his support team reached the pole only to find that the Norwegians had beaten them to it.

Finally, the \$2.90 stamp portrays the Norwegian and British flags. After conquering the South Pole Amundsen returned to Norway a hero, and went on to successfully fly over the North Pole – making him the first man to visit both poles. Unfortunately, Scott perished on his return journey from the South Pole. A cairn with a cross made from skis was erected over his tent, and a second cross was erected at Observation Hill, Ross Island.

The 2011 Ross Dependency: Race to the Pole stamp range includes five gummed stamps, a miniature sheet, a first day cover, a miniature sheet first day cover and a presentation pack.

The stamps first day cover have been designed by Vertigo, Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available from 2 November 2011.



NZ POST STAMPS CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS IN THE PACIFIC

15 November 2011

On 16 November 2011 New Zealand Post is releasing its first Tokelauan stamps after winning an international tender to design, produce and distribute stamps on behalf of the Government of Tokelau.

The issue, titled 'Tokelau Christmas 2011', is made up of four gummed stamps (40c, 45c, \$1.40 and \$2.00) featuring traditional Christmas decorations. The iconic Christmas tree, bauble, stocking and angel are set against a background depicting the tropical hibiscus flower.



Tokelau Christmas 2011 includes a collectable first day cover, which features all four gummed stamps alongside imagery of a coconut palm – a resourceful plant found throughout the picturesque islands of Tokelau.

New Zealand Post was granted exclusive rights by the Government of Tokelau in September this year to design all of Tokelau's stamp issues and distribute them worldwide. The first collection under the agreement has been designed in collaboration with the Government of Tokelau.

New Zealand Post is also releasing its *2011 Niue Christmas* stamp issue on 16 November, under its contract with the Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Company (established in June 2009).

The *Niue Christmas 2011* stamp issue combines photographic scenery of Niue with the Star of Bethlehem, which appeared in the night sky upon the birth of the baby Jesus. There are four gummed stamps in the issue, 60c, \$1.40, \$2.00 and \$4.00, and these stamps come together on two first day covers and a miniature sheet.

The *Tokelau Christmas 2011* and *Niue Christmas 2011* stamps and first day covers were designed by New Zealand Post Ltd, Wellington and printed by Collectables and Solutions Centre, New Zealand Post, Wanganui.

Both sets are available from the Wanganui Collectables and Solutions Centre, Wanganui or online at www.nzpost.co.nz/stamps from 16 November 2011.



PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Parcel Carriage Labels of New Zealand

Author: Adam Miller. Pub. Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, PO Box 1269, Wellington, New Zealand. Monograph No. 19. Pp. 100. Fully illustrated in colour. ISBN 978-0-9876534-0-6. Price NZ\$40 for RPSNZ members, NZ\$50 for non-members. P&P extra.

Which comes first, the collection or the catalogue? Like the chicken and the egg, each gives rise to the other. The truth of this virtuous circle is admirable exemplified by Adam Miller's new publication on the Parcel Carriage Labels of New Zealand, which should do much to stimulate interest in the subject that provides a vignette of the development of commerce in New Zealand. Even if we do not deliberately collect these labels, many of us have examples that we have acquired alongside material that we want. This publication should encourage us to view them with more interest.

These labels are not stamps since they are not issued by a postal authority, but they serve much the same purpose – a receipt for the payment of carriage charges, though the items carried are mainly parcels rather than letters since even in the nineteenth century that function tended to be less reserved for national postal authorities.

As would be expected from an author with the diligence and attention to detail to produce *The Index to The New Zealand Stamp Collector*, Adam Miller presents the results of a prodigious amount of research in a clear, logical and attractive format. After a helpful introduction to the subject and the catalogue, about 70 carriers are listed in alphabetical order, with the known labels from each listed in chronological order of usage – since dates of issue are not generally recorded. What is known varies greatly, from just one type of label, or even just one label, from some carriers to dozens of types and hundreds of values or varieties from major carriers such as Newmans Coachlines and N.Z.R. Road Services. At least one example of almost every type of label is illustrated.

The period covered is from the earliest known usage of each type of label until the 1980s, when most carriage of packages was by courier companies. A possible second volume may cover more recent items. The author does not price the labels that he lists but has devised six ratings of relative scarcity ranging from 'unseen but suspected to exist', through RRR (exceptionally rare, 1-2 copies known), to C (common, over 50 copies) – which, in absolute terms, is still quite scarce.

The author acknowledges previous writing on the subject, notably in Chapter XVII of Volume VIII of *The Postage Stamp of New Zealand* (RPSNZ, 1998), but he has expanded and enhanced the treatment in a way that should attract more aficionados. Much is known, but there is always more to know, and this publication is the tool to help us to count our chickens and hatch more eggs, or vice versa!

MW



New Zealand One Penny Dominion, 1909 – 1926. Plate 12 Study

Author Les Camage: Pub. The Author, P.O. Box 8118, Kensington, Whangarei 0145, New Zealand. Pp46. Fully illustrated in colour. ISBN 978-0-473-16338-9. Price NZ\$45 +P&P.

and

New Zealand One Penny Dominion, Plate 13, 1909 – 1918. 1d Victoria Land 1911

Author Les Camage: Pub. The Author, P.O. Box 8118, Kensington, Whangarei 0145, New Zealand. Pp70. Fully illustrated in colour. ISBN 978-0-473-18779-8. Price NZ\$50 +P&P.

These two recent publications are the products of many years study of the 1d Dominion. In all, five plates were used for printing the issue but the most of sheets were produced from plates 12 and 13.

The first volume covers plate 12. Following the comment in Volume IV of the Handbook that stamps in each position should be identifiable, that is exactly the study that is recorded here. In the introduction, the author notes the difficulties in plating that arise because of the transient nature of some flaws and the appearance of some flaws during deterioration of the plate. Consequently, he advises that more than one identifying point should be used to confirm any plating. Nevertheless, this study provides ample information for the specialist in an accessible and helpful way.

Each value is scanned and illustrated with enlargements of the variations and flaws at that particular position in the sheet. For some positions, flaws found in the gutters between stamps are also included. Although these are often transient, the author believes that the ones shown are constant although, obviously, their visibility is affected by the quality of the impression. The last section has enlarged illustrations of the 'Dominion' label and 'One Penny' labels where they show significant variations.

The second volume covers the stamps from plate 13 which had a shorter life than plate 12. All the stamps from this plate were printed on De La Rue paper with brownish gum. Linked to this study is a study of the overprint used to produce the 100 sheets of the 1d Dominion which were issued to Captain Scott for use on the British Antarctic Expedition 1910-1913. The introduction includes details of the forme used to overprint the issued half sheets. As with the first volume, the next section has detailed enlarged scans of each position with the constant flaws to be used for plating shown. The variation, if any, in each overprint is also illustrated.

These books will be useful tools for students of the issue who wish to undertake plating studies. They are well produced and clearly illustrated and, with a good magnifying glass and patience, reconstructed sheets could be readily compiled.

The production is excellent with the illustrations clear and printed on a heavy duty paper to ensure that constant use will not degrade the quality of the publication.

AD



Post Office Buildings in the Auckland Province

Author: Ivan Clulee. Pub. The Postal History Society of New Zealand, P.O. Box 77050, Mt. Albert, Auckland 1350, New Zealand. Handbook No. 78. Pp. 130 with 100 b&w illustrations. ISBN 978-0-908588-86-2. Price NZ\$36 +P&P.

This is the fourth and last part of Clulee's magnum opus. The three previous volumes (Post Office Buildings of the South Island (2008), of the Lower North Island (2009) and of the Central North Island (2010)) have all been reviewed in previous issues of *The Kiwi*.

The final volume continues the valuable recording of the previous three. This charts the change in a way of life at the same time as it shows the intimate connection between the growth of the country and the Post Office.

Although I must express a personal preference for some of the rural and rugged aspects of previous volumes, this makes a fascinating read whether you collect the postal history of the area described and is well worth purchasing.

AD



Pre-printed Postal Stationery of the New Zealand Printing and Stationery Department

Author: G. I. Robertson. The Postal History Society of New Zealand, P.O. Box 77050, Mt. Albert, Auckland 1350, New Zealand. Study No. 14. Pp. 38. Fully illustrated in b&w. Price NZ\$7 inc. postage in NZ and NZ\$9 inc. postage overseas.

It is always sad when a comprehensive collection of a particular specialist area is dispersed without its contents and the research surrounding it being recorded. The author of the latest PHSNZ study (No. 14), as well as drawing on his own collection, has been able to use information from the extensive collection gathered by the late Allan Berry. As such, the result is an interesting and full account of this byway of New Zealand Postal History that would appear to be the definitive text on the subject.

The book begins with a brief history of the Government Printer and an informative timeline to 1916 of the Government Printing Office. Thereafter, each of the four types of frank is described in detail with many illustrations of its usage. The first is rare and consists of a frank comprising three concentric circles surrounding the text 'Govt. Stationery Office' / Free'.

The second frank was completely different depicting a crown within an ornate rectangular frame with the letters 'P.A.S.D.'. The section also includes the adhesive official frank. This frank occupies 18 pages of the book with numerous examples of usage illustrated. The third, and commonest, has the 'VR' cipher and the last, the 'ER' cipher in the middle. The last section covers the post 1907 stationery which appeared when the free franking privilege was withdrawn and the envelopes became less ornate and were frequently used with meter marks.

There is also a very helpful bibliography at the end of the text.

As with other areas, many collectors will have a few items of this postal stationery that they have acquired over the years. This book will give much information and fill many gaps of knowledge. Recommended.

AD



Patriotic Covers of New Zealand

Author Allan P. Berry. Pub. RPSNZ Website. Pp. 70 with 75+ colour illustrations

When Allan Berry died in 2010, he had completed the first draft of a book about the Second World War Patriotic Covers of New Zealand. The book was to be published by the RPSNZ and, following his death, it was agreed that the draft would be made available through the RPSNZ

website. In fact, it would appear that the book was nearly complete. The paper is only available for private use or study.

Allan's interest in the covers arose because of an interest in the postal usage of the 1940 '100 years of British Sovereignty' stamp issue. Patriotic covers are defined as those '*with printed cachets and/or slogans promoting the efforts of the country in which they were published to win a war or other conflict and to help maintain morale.*'

The book is fully illustrated in colour and overall provides a very full account that should be accessed by those interested in the period.

CPS 100

January 14th – January 15th, 2012

Newsletter number 6, the last before the show, has recently been issued.

The Christchurch Philatelic Society Centennial Stamp and Postcard Exhibition will open at 09.00 January 14th at Addington Events Centre at Addington Raceway. Admission will be free.

The newsletter includes details of the exhibition and social events planned for the weekend. It also has full information about the philatelic souvenirs available.

Further information is available on the Christchurch Philatelic website: www.cps.gen.nz.

We extend our good wishes and hope that the event if a great success.

FORTHCOMING NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS

Blenpex 2012: 12-14 October, 2012: A specialised Stamp and Postcard Exhibition to be held at the Marlborough Lines Stadium, Kinross Street, Blenheim.

Upper Hutt 2013: 13-16 September, 2013: A Specialist National Exhibition.

ANZAC 2015, New Zealand 2015 Auckland: April 2015. A limited International Exhibition, Auckland 2015.

RECENT AUCTION REALISATIONS

Lot No.	Description	Realisation (Est.)
<u>From John Mowbray International Auction: 24 September, 2011</u>		
230	1855 2d FFQ used pair. SG2	NZ\$700 (1,000)
295	Complete sheet 12 of the 'Lewis' essay for the First Pictorials	NZ\$8,750 (12,500)
320	1898 Registered cover to Brussels with 2/- and 5/- First Pictorials and 2/6, 3/- and 4/-QV Long Type	NZ\$1,950 (1,500)
334	1899 First Pictorials 6d upper left horiz. strip 4 – upper left sheet corner with dble. perfs. (CP E14b(Z))	NZ\$1,850 (2,000)
340	1900 1½d Boer War: horiz. strip 3 with left selv.: imperf. vertically (CP E4a(X))	NZ\$1,700 (1,000)
366	1908 3d Huia reduced: blk. 9 perf. different heads (CP E10d)	NZ\$3,500 (5,000)
379	1901 NZ Express Co. 1d Universal FDC (Ex Leppard-?unique)	NZ\$1,850 (1,250)
423	1906 Royle 1d Universal: Vert. blk. 6 – imperf. horiz. CP G10a(Z)	NZ\$625 (750)
614	Christchurch Exhibition 1d Claret UMM but 2 light gum tone spots	NZ\$17,000 (15,000)
622	Christchurch Exhibition vert. pairs used on postcard	NZ\$2,100 (1,500)

662	2005 Cafe Culture 45c – inv. die cut and double phosphor outlines – 1 inv. CP SH116a(Y)	NZ\$430 (550)
666	2006 Kapa Haka complete set	NZ\$12,500 (15,000)
705	1899 2½d First Pictorial ‘O.P.S.O.’ used on cover	NZ\$1,750 (2,500)
864	Legal document with tax totalling £10,988+ paid in instalments with Arms fiscals to value of £1,000	NZ\$2,700 (2,500)

From Auckland City Stamps: 8 November, 2011

1836	C. Begg & Co. Parcel label with KEVII pr. 3d and pr. 1d Dominion	NZ\$66 (50)
1949	1941 2d / 1½d Provisional with reinserted ‘2’. Used	NZ\$605 (450)
2044	1979 14c Parliamentary Conference with large doctor blade flaw in selvage	NZ\$20 (20)
2096	2004 5c ANZ Cal set of 3 labels on piece FU	NZ\$75 (75)
2198	1936 Health illustrated FDC. Jones H36	NZ\$140 (125)
2210	1945 Health illustrated FDC. Jones H45	NZ\$220 (250)
2281	1883/84 GB 5/- QV perfined ‘NZL’. GU	NZ\$20 (25)

From Spink: 9, 10 and 11 November, 2011

1804	Set of three 1d Dominion die proofs in grey, carmine and orange	£1,400 (1,650)
1823	1965 4d Pictorial on chalky paper	£450 (275)
1836	1938 Second Pictorials 9d ‘Official’. Upper right cnr. blk. 4 with sheet number. CP LO11c	£580 (375)
1842	1903: Antarctica envelope from First Relief Expedition with Expedition vignette and 1d Universal cancelled in Lyttelton	£1,600 (1,100)

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

(The following article was printed in *Captain Cook* (Vol. 39 No. 10. P. 110) and is reproduced with the permission of the author)

EARTHQUAKE MAIL – ASHBURTON

Paul van Herpt



Figure 1: Fragment of window envelope with Ashburton datestamp dated 3 MAR 2011

the stamps were not tied by the postmark. Perhaps it was because, at that stage, they were still

Since May, we have produced a number of articles relating to the disruption to postal services due to the 22 February earthquake in Christchurch. In the August issue of *Captain Cook*, we asked for any examples of mail from provincial Canterbury towns whose mail could not be sent to the Orchard Road Mail Centre in Christchurch for normal processing. We have received these two examples of Ashburton Mail being posted to local addresses with an Ashburton datestamp. The envelope shown in figure 2 raises an interesting question as to why

awaiting instructions as to whether mail should still be sent to Christchurch for processing or could be delivered locally.

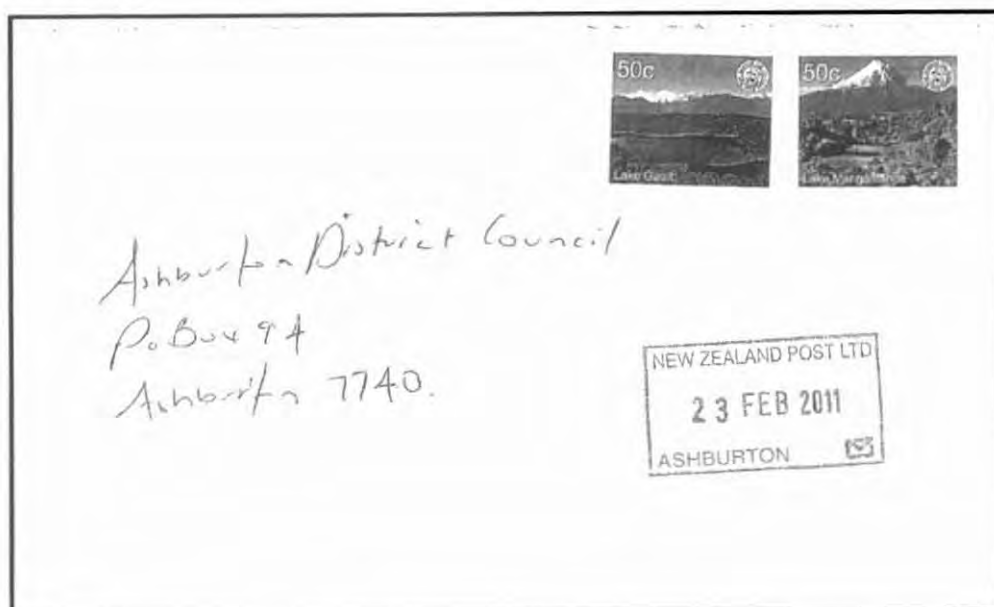


Figure 2: Locally posted letter in Ashburton on 23 FEB 2011, the day after the earthquake

Thanks to Jack Pickford for providing these examples.

To reiterate the position, on the afternoon of 22nd February, 2011, following a major earthquake in the city of Christchurch, all postal services were suspended and did not resume until 28th February (with limited services). This affected the Orchard Road Mail Centre which is the sorting centre for all Canterbury post. This effectively stopped all mail in and out of the area.

However, in places like Ashburton and Timaru, whose mail usually goes to Christchurch for processing, a new process was needed. Local mail was postmarked and delivered locally with a local postmark, as these two examples show. It is believed that mail for further afield was transferred to Dunedin for processing.

NEW ZEALAND REPLY COUPONS (Part 1)

JOHN WATTS

The earliest system of pre-paid postal correspondence was introduced in New Zealand on July 1st, 1886. It was designed to facilitate correspondence and to assist senders, particularly those using the post for commercial purposes. It took the form of a two part postcard, the upper part was used for the initial message and the lower part, inscribed REPLY CARD, was available for the response.

The cards were initially confined to local inland use. In 1889, they became valid for use in correspondence with Australia and after October 1, 1891, they could be used for correspondence between all countries belonging to the Universal Postal Union.

The postal rates at this time were:

- (a) For delivery within NZ, Australia and the South Seas, 2d (1d outward and return)
- (b) Delivery to any other UPU country, 3d (1½d outward and return). An additional ½d stamp had to be applied to each portion of the card.

Very few of these cards were sent out from New Zealand. The Post Office records show that only 11 were used in 1893. As might be expected, they are a major rarity.



Figure 1: A Reply Paid card used from Australia in 1892

INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS:

At the Rome Postal Union Congress of 1906, one item under discussion was the proposal that a system should be devised to allow a correspondent to easily provide the recipient of a letter, the funds to post a reply.

The New Zealand representative at the Congress was the Postmaster General, Sir Joseph Ward. He put forward a proposal that had been developed by Mr. C. H. Shattky of Hastings. A number of suggestions were considered and that made by Great Britain of a reply paid coupon that could be exchanged for stamps to the value of 25c (2½d) was selected. The idea was based on British Postal Orders, the comparison being that its value was that assigned to a coupon for Universal Postal

Union (UPU) members for the basic overseas price of sending a letter.

The principle inscription language on the International Reply Coupons (IRC) was to be French as this was the official language of the UPU.

The system was rapidly adopted in New Zealand and the New Zealand reply paid coupon was available from Post Offices from October 1907 at a cost of 3d with a postage value of 2½d.

The cost and value remained unchanged until January 1, 1912 when it was increased to 6d (Figure 2)



Figure 2: Rome UPU Congress Design Front

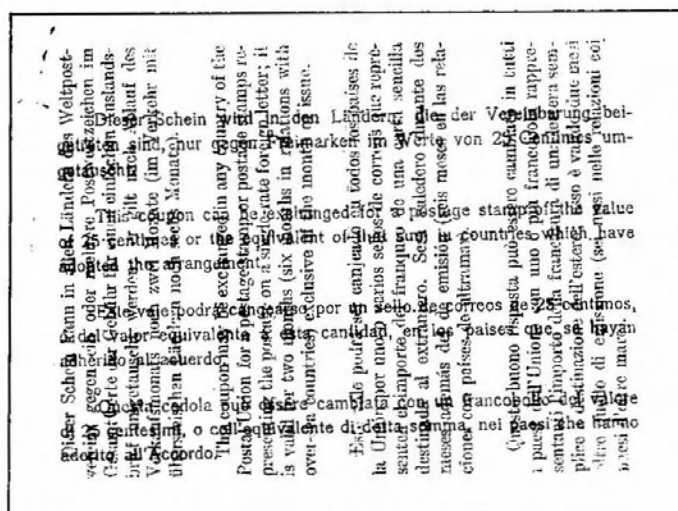


Figure 3: The Reverse of the Rome Congress Design

The contract for printing was placed with Benziger & Co. a company located in the town of Einsieden in North East Switzerland. The company continued to print the coupons until 1993 when it went into liquidation. Another company in the same town, Kürzi was then awarded the contract for two years before the printing passed to a further printer, Impressor.

The first coupon was designed by Grasset and the plate engraved by E. Florian. Their names appear just outside the frame of the coupon on the bottom left and right respectively.

The original printing was by the letterpress method although, over the years, lithography came to be used. The size of the coupon was 109mm x 80mm and the paper was watermarked with '25c' in the top right and bottom left with 'UNION POSTALE' in a rainbow curve and, beneath it, 'UNIVERSELLE' curved in the opposite direction.

The printing on the front is in English and French. On the reverse, further instructions for use are in four languages: German, English, Italian and Spanish. They are printed in red and further modified instructions printed in black appear at right angles.

In Great Britain, as in New Zealand, the cost was 3d with a postage value of 2½d.

The next scheduled Congress, after Rome, was delayed by the First World War. It was not until 1922 that a further Congress was held in Madrid. At this meeting, the UPU took note of the complications and difficulties associated with the countries whose currencies were on the gold standard and had, therefore, experienced a de facto depreciation of their currency and increased the overseas postage rate to 50c. This meant that the rise in the British/New Zealand rate was to 6d.

The coupon arising from the new agreement in 1922 had the watermark modified with the 25c being amended to 50c.

The coupon illustrated in figure 2 shows the new value of 6d has the watermark of 25c and also has a modified script stating that the validity was 2 months (6 months overseas) from the date of issue. This precondition had been added to reduce the opportunity for people to use the coupons to arbitrate between currencies.

The change of the price from 3d to 6d for the IRCs in New Zealand was made on January 1st, 1912 so it must be assumed that an interim printing was made for New Zealand and that the decision to make a ruling regarding validity was in the pipeline before the Madrid Congress.

(To be continued)

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