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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 31ST MAY 1975, AT THE NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB, 1, WHITEHALL PLACE, LONDON, SW1A 2HE, STARTING AT 2-30 P.M. THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE THREE KINGS, LED BY R.H.MERCER. IF ANY MEMBER HAS MATERIAL OF THESE PERIODS, K.E.VII, K.G.V, K.G.VI, WE SHOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE IT.



Fig. 1



2 RAROTONGA
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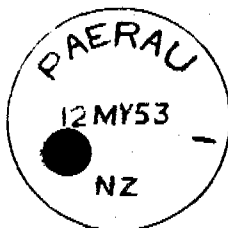
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5 Relief, 1933



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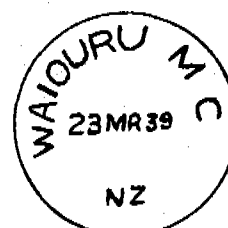
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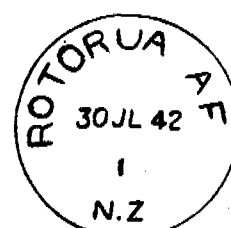
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11 Waiouru
Territorial Camp,
1939



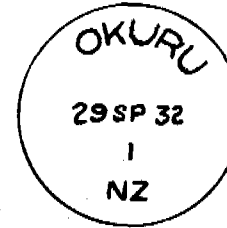
12 Rotorua
Air Force Camp,
W.W.2



13 Addington
Military Camp,
W.W.2



14 Dannevirke
Military Camp,
W.W.2



15 OKURU,
applied at Hokitika



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EDITORIAL

Well, we have returned from New Zealand, after a business holiday of six marvellous weeks. New Zealand is a wonderful country, with a rugged grandeur and very friendly people. In the short time we were there, we managed to cover a surprising amount of ground, and to meet many people. I would like, through these columns, to thank those members of the Society who entertained us.

To Robert Duns, for an interesting discussion on the problems of staging an Exhibition - especially the financial problems.

To Robert Samuel, for allowing me to inspect his very fine collection of Postage Dues.

To Terry Welch, for allowing me to inspect his stock.

To Peter Oldham, for an evening's entertainment, and allowing me to inspect his stock.

To Ken McKnaught, for an evening's entertainment, discussing with me the editing of Volume VI, and allowing me to inspect some of his collection.

To Stuart Larsen, for entertaining us to tea at very short notice, and allowing me to inspect some of his Q.E.11 collection. A notable item was an imperf. imprint block of the 9d value, about which I hope he will write for 'Kiwi' in the near future.

To Robin Startup and his sister Stancy, for entertaining us for a weekend, showing us the country out to Castlepoint, and allowing me to inspect his Library and some of his Postal History collection.

To the members of the Postal History Society of New Zealand, whose meeting I attended on 26th February.

To the members of the Waikato Philatelic Society, who invited me to attend their meeting on 5th March, and one of whose members has provided the germ of a small article in this edition of 'Kiwi'.

To Campbell and Warwick Paterson, for entertaining us to lunch, and allowing me to inspect their stock.

To John J. Bishop, for entertaining us to tea, allowing me to inspect his stock, and telling me about the Antiquities Bill, which could affect collectors of early New Zealand Postal History.

On my return, there was the expected pile of mail, but only a few contributions for 'Kiwi'. It may appear that this point is being laboured excessively, but copy is always required. I am rather disappointed that the various small notes requesting information appear to have fallen on stoney ground so far. I am sure members can help with these queries, if they put their minds to it.

One change has occurred since my return, and this is the raising of the cost of postage. The Officers of the Society always welcome letters from Members, but where such letters call for a reply, we must now ask for return postage. A stamped and addressed envelope will save time, and costs to the Society, or the Officer concerned.

While talking of matters financial, our Treasurer reports that there are still Members who have not forwarded their Subscriptions for 1975. The cost of running the Society is rising rapidly, and it would greatly assist the Treasurer if Members who have not already done so would pay promptly.

In this issue of 'Kiwi', you will find the reports of the last two Society meetings, and a note from the Meetings Reporter. I would draw this to the attention of all Members who show to the Society.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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(previously of Derby.)~~

From Philatelic News, published by Peter Oldham Ltd., Vol.10, No.1, March, 1975.

1953 Health Stamp - Guides - S.G.719. White flaw on leg - a mint block.

According to Volume IV of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, there is a white flaw behind the flag bearer's knee on Row 2, stamp 10. If any reader has any further information, please let the Editor know.

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NEW ZEALAND

It is with deep regret that we have to report that Arthur Fenton passed away on March 9th. Over the past few months he had suffered indifferent health but we are assured that his passing was peaceful and comparatively sudden.

Arthur joined the Society some ten years ago and was a regular attendant at most of our meetings. His quiet unassuming manner endeared him to all of us and he was ever ready and willing to assist in any of our activities. Arthur rendered great assistance as a Security Officer to our President in his capacity as Chief of Security at the British Philatelic Exhibitions, and he formed many personal friendships with the members whom he met at Society meetings. We shall greatly miss his presence with us and we extend our sympathy to his daughters in their sad bereavement.

The Society was represented at the funeral by our President. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Members.

N.T.

THE EXCHANGE PACKET

The Packet this year got off to a good start, there being no postal strike to hinder operations. I would like to thank all members who have provided books, and all members who have written to me with helpful suggestions and comment. Material of all grades is still required. All New Zealand and New Zealand related material is acceptable, as well as up to three pages per book of G.B. material as is allowed by our rules. Books received usually go out within ten days and settlement is made at the end of a circuit, which usually takes about three months. Books will then either be sent out on another circuit, or if they are starting to look bare returned to you. This indicates that they are ready for remounting and consolidation, not that no one is interested in the remainder.

Do please turn out your surplus. Books may be obtained from me, if required.

I.G.FOGG.

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The following letter has been passed to the Editor by Eric Barton. It was first published in a local paper in Bournemouth, and is reprinted here in case any member of the Society cares to help.

"As an ex-Bournemouth resident I am writing to ask if you will kindly insert a request for anyone interested in making a collection of New Zealand stamps to write to me with a view to exchanging for United Kingdom stamps.

"Enthusiastic adult correspondents preferred, but all letters will be answered. Stamp collecting is a fascinating hobby for retired people to pursue".

Mrs. W.E.Evans, 4, Bank Street, Timaru, New Zealand.

From Quicksales No. 52, February, 1975, Len Jury Ltd., New Plymouth. 1961 Christmas. Unique and uncatalogued variety. A value block of four, with the watermark inverted. Unhinged mint. Campbell Paterson Ltd. catalogue this variety used, but indicate that it has not been seen by them mint.

MEETING HELD SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 1975

On this occasion our gathering was overshadowed by sad news. The meeting observed a short standing silence in memory of Mrs. Graham Monk, who at a very early age passed on unexpectedly on December 23rd. Graham, who is still in Germany, hopes to be with us again soon.

John Watts, conducting his first meeting as Chairman, presented apologies for absence from Mrs. I.J. Willis, F. Hughes and F.B. Scrivener. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Peacock, were made welcome. Two unusual advertisements for the New Zealand Post Office were shown, a washing up towel and a jig-saw puzzle. Both carried postal related themes. To me they represented yet another example of New Zealand enterprise. Progression without oppression - other postal authorities please note.

The Pacific Island Study Circle provided the afternoon's primary entertainment. They were led by their Vice-Chairman, Denis Geach, F.R.P.S.L., who exhibited British Solomon Islands. He was assisted by Norman Hogarth (Fiji Island), Frank Howard-White (New Caledonia), Tony Eastgate (Gilbert and Ellice Islands) and John Jackson (Censor Marks prior to 1942). The selfless contribution many people make to philately never fails to impress me. In this context it should be noted that Norman Hogarth had come down from Leicester to help entertain us and was going on that same day to another function in Nottingham.

There was a comprehensive show of all categories of material - about 150 sheets. Fiji was represented by three sheets of Queen Victoria die proofs, Silver Jubilee die proofs of frame, many covers, used postage dues and a wealth of King Edward VII and King George V material. Mention was made of the considerable difficulty in obtaining used postage dues and genuine covers. There were examples of Fiji stamps with forged Gilbert and Ellice Islands overprints, 1911 issue. Like our own forged Auckland Exhibition overprints, these were crude. It seems most overprints are rather more difficult to forge than most people think, fortunately. Several examples of the King George V Key Type with 'kiss prints' were shown. The highlight of the British Solomon Islands were the Canoes, the small Canoe series representing as they do perhaps the optimum in fine engraving. Denis Geach gave the most reliable proof of a cover I have ever heard. "I showed it to a chap and he said 'yes, I had an Uncle there and that letter was addressed to him'". The early Censor Marks were new to most of us, but the many ship covers were not. Gilbert and Ellice Islands included several pre-stamp covers and Fanning Island post-marks. The lecture on New Caledonia by Frank Howard-White was one of the most comprehensive I had heard. He traced the early history, social and geographical as well as philatelic, from the pre-stamp era to the present day. Such names as Loyalty Island, Wallis and Fortuna Island, and Island of Pines conjured up pictures of the exotic Pacific, which judging from the early cannibals was hardly the case. The early Postal History started around 1840, and a photograph of the only known cover of that date was shown. The first courier service commenced in 1859. The first military stamps in the Pacific - 1886 - were used by the French in New Caledonia and a selection of these were exhibited. It was of interest to learn that there were several obliterations of the sixty-four dot (eight by eight) variety, and that precise measurement of the dots was required to identify the one used for New Caledonia. A

Once again a range of items from our monthly list, a copy is yours free for the asking, just drop us a line.

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In 1891 Free adhesives were printed for the Public Trust Office in small sheets of four on gummed unwatermarked paper. We can offer a very fine mint example of this variety at £ 95.00

(See R.P.S. Handbook Volume 1, page 460)

1d Admiral SG539 fine on cover from Hastings to Christchurch bearing the purple "EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE AIR MAIL" cachet and signed by the pilot "H.B. Burrde". The cover has the authentication cachet of the N.Z. Airmail Society on reverse. Rare £ 35.00

Rare Postage Due cover from England to New Zealand bearing G.B. 1/2d and 2 1/2d Block Cypher and 1 1/2d Photogravure with hexagonal T marking, boxed AWAY FROM HOME NOTICE LEFT cachet and seven of the scarce 3d perf. 14 Postage Dues SG D36 £ 20.00

1906 Postcard to London from Sydenham franked only with the 4 Exhibition label. As a result of the non-postal validity of these labels the postcard has had postage due markings applied. Fine and scarce £ 12.50

Edward VII - a pair of samples from the Moss No 4 Coin-in-slot franking machine which were presented to prospective customers. One piece has a c.d.s. (two impressions) bearing the inscription "Stamping Machines Save Money" and the other "Postage Paid" and the head of Edward VII in a circle £ 7.50

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1899 1/2d Postage Due Imperf. Plate Proof with the frame in pale blue-green and value in carmine. Unfortunately badly thinned but seldom seen £ 6.00

2/- Captain Cook SG589b - the scarce multiple watermark perf. 13 1/2 x 14 - an unmounted mint top marginal copy with the Row 1/4 COQK flaw, scarce £ 15.00

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representative selection of the early French Colonial stamps were shown and there was extensive back up of literature and photographs.

The vote of thanks was proposed by myself. There was so much fine material it was difficult to single out individual items, but the afternoon was clearly enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks go to all our visitors for their very professional, but friendly, entertainment.

I.G.FOGG

MEETING HELD SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 1975 - THE ANNUAL COMPETITION

John Watts opened our meeting at 2.35 p.m. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Mrs. E.Mitchell, Mrs. N.Turner, Mr. and Mrs. D.Hague and A.J.Stokes. For the second time running our assembly was marred by a loss. Our old friend Arthur Fenton left us about three weeks ago and members present observed a short standing silence in his memory.

Two new members, Mr. E.Fisher and Dr. P.Hoare, were made welcome, and a message of goodwill for the success of the competition from Mrs. Mitchell read out. A book, 'The Voyages of Captain Cook', was on show. This had been donated to our Library. Our thanks go to Captain B.J.Pratt for this gift. Books on New Zealand and related themes are always an asset. There are already a few in the Library and for those members who have not seen them I can say they are well worth reading. (See Library List, page 23 of the last edition of 'Kiwi').

Two proposals were put to the meeting and voted on. The proposals and results were as follows :-

- 1) That the Exchange Packet surplus be allowed to accumulate in that account up to a maximum of Three Hundred Pounds.

Proposed by I.G.Fogg, Seconded by C.A.Gilders and passed.

- 2) That the Exchange Packet surplus, and, if necessary, the general funds of the Society may be used to compensate owners of items which they have submitted for the Packet, in the event of loss.

Proposed by I.G.Fogg, Seconded by C.A.Gilders and passed.

These proposals will now form part of the rules of the Society. A necessary precaution in case outside insurance becomes difficult.

Our Judge for the Competition, J.B.Williamson, F.R.P.S.L., was introduced by Noel Turner. Mr. Williamson is President of the Middlesex Federation and 'inter alia' an authority on the early commonwealth issues of Australasia. We were fortunate to have this expertise at our disposal.

As is usual on these occasions, the Judge and the President were absent doing their work for most of the afternoon. The main part of the afternoon for the rest of us was spent in a discussion forum conducted by John Watts on 'the type of meetings most members appreciated'. Suggestions put forward included Early Air Mails, Military Ship Letters, Postal History, Antarctic Expeditions, New Zealand Used Abroad, and Quiz. One original suggestion was for members to contribute on 'how my interest in New Zealand started'.

Afternoon tea and general social interchange provided the usual pleasant interlude.

Competition results were as follows :-

Classic Section

- 1) Mrs. R.Gilders.(Second Sidefaces).
- 2) J.D.Evans.....(Full Face Forgeries).

Modern Section 1

- 1) P.H.Evans.....(2/- Captain Cook).
- 2) J.Smith.....(2/- Captain Cook).



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| | 2) E.Hossell.....(1958 Health). |
| Postal History | 1) M.Burberry.....(Airmails 1930-1931). |
| | 2) G.Philips.....(Postal Stationery of King George VI). |
| Best Third | B.T.Joyce.....(Study of King George VI One Penny Value). |

The Judge made several helpful comments. These included :-

Do have a title - a judge won't want to spend time having to work this out

Don't use pages from your collection to make up sheet numbers -
- this is always obvious to the judge, if not to you.

Don't cross out, and avoid poor specimens -
- better to leave out rather than to include poor specimens.

The vote of thanks was proposed by F.B.Scrivener and the Meeting finished about six o'clock.

I.G.FOGG

NOTE BY MEETING REPORTER

Several members have asked me for more philatelic detail. In the absence of a transcript of lectures, there are formidable difficulties in the way of good technical reports. I would, therefore, like to invite all speakers who want optimum technical coverage to provide me with brief notes, I will do the rest.

I.G.FOGG

From Campbell Paterson's New Zealand Bulletin, Vol.X11, No.8, March, 1975.

King Edward VII ½d. Die Proof in black on glazed white card. Apparently from a complete but uncleared state of the die, since there is evidence that the impression of the raised metal surrounding the design has been carefully scraped away on the proof itself. This particular state is unrecorded in the Handbooks.

Has any reader any further information?

From Campbell Paterson's New Zealand Bulletin, Vol.X11, No.9, April, 1975.

An "accidental imperf." copy of the 3d Value of the Full Face Queen in a lilac shade typical of the 1864-1873 perforated issues, clearly postmarked August 11th, 1864 - more than two years prior to the conversion of the comb perforating head guaging 12½ to a line perforating head. This predates the earliest recorded accidental imperf by something approaching three years.

A used pair of the 1d First Sideface perf. 12½, with watermark inverted and reversed, evidently the result of printing on the gummed side.

A copy of the King George V 9d "Official" in yellow olive, a shade previously known only in the unoverprinted issues perf. 14 x 13½. From Philatelic News, published by Peter Oldham Ltd., Vol.9, No.12, February, 1975.

6d Clematis - unsurfaced paper. A prominent flaw under the IK of PIKIARERO - could be associated with Row 8, stamp 7.

Has any reader any further information?

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STAMPEX 1975 AWARDS TO MEMBERS

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- 1) Second Pictorial Issue, 1935 - 1947.
- 2) Queen Elizabeth II, 1/- value - a study.

BRONZE MEDALS

To S.F.Cross-Rudkin, for Second Side-face Issue.

A.B.Johnstone, for Pictorial Issue, 1960 - flaws, Chambon perfs., booklets, slot-machines, and counter coils; in fact, the lot.

P.Marks, for 4c on 2½c Harrison Letterpress Overprints.

G.C.Phillips, for King George V ½d Surface printed, showing papers, watermarks, and overprints, 1915 - 1935.

E.G.Ward, for New Zealand Advertisements of 1893.

We would like to congratulate all these members for their successful entries. These always help to stimulate interest in New Zealand philately, and so promote our Society. At the same time, we feel that there must be many members who could do equally well if they put their mind to it. What about a bumper number of entries from the Society next year? Now is the time to start preparing.

TALLYHO! THE MORNING MAIL

Inglewood residents not only got a taste of the past one Wednesday morning last month - they got a smell of it too!

Something about their mail that morning definitely smelt "Horsey". It was to be expected.

There was some horseplay going on - the Pony Express had come to town as part of Inglewood's January 22 centenary celebrations.

Instead of a mail van outside New Plymouth Post Office waiting to collect the mail for Inglewood, there was a horse and rider.

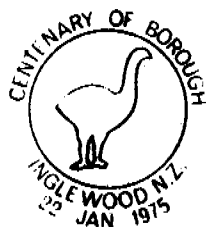
The man behind the idea and behind the saddle was one of Inglewood's more colourful personalities, Harley Wisnewski.

Harley grew a beard especially for the centenary celebration, rode his own horse and generally portrayed the spirit typical of the close community about 11 miles out of New Plymouth.

Dressed in 1875 period costume, Harley rode the long distance, carrying mail bags for his town's residents and a message for Inglewood's Mayor from the Mayor of New Plymouth.

In the mane, it was a very successful day.

A special datestamp was used at Inglewood on 22nd January 1975 to commemorate the centenary of the Inglewood Borough.



(Acknowledgments to New Zealand Post Office News, February, 1975, Issue No. 49.)

From Campbell Paterson's New Zealand Bulletin, Vol.XII, No.7, February, 1975.

2d Second Sideface "Adson" Die 3, perf 12 x 11½ with mixed perfs Originally perf 12 x 11½, reperf 12½ at foot. The advertisement is a "Poneke" one, thus proving it to be from the third setting.

1965 Health Stamp 4d + 1d with watermark inverted.

NEW ZEALAND 'CHALONS'

SELECTION FROM RECENT LIST - SEND FOR IT TODAY !

S.G.2	2d London printing on faded blued paper with 2 good margins, slight nick on 3rd. Light numeral '9' pmk. (Cat. £120)	£35
S.G.5	2d Richardson printing. Close on 2 margins and clean '1' pmk. Good looking! (Cat. £50)	£18
S.G.6	1/- green. Beautiful 4 margined copy but slight nick in top margin. '10' pmk. Repaired (Cat. £300)	£50
S.G.8	1d dull orange with 4 good margins but minute thin on reverse and barely noticable crease. A fine looking stamp with light '17' pmk. (Cat. £40)	£10
S.G.9	2d pale blue with 3 good margins but just cut into on 4th. Very Fine Used (Cat. £25)	£12
S.G.10	2d blue close on 3 margins and slightly heavy '17' pmk. (Cat. £25)	£ 7
S.G.13	6d brown with 4 good margins but barely visible crease. (Cat. £35)	£ 8
S.G.14	6d pale brown. 3 margins and neat pmk. (Cat. £35)	£10
S.G.16	1/- green. Good looking with 4 margins. Repaired surface tear on reverse. (Cat. £140)	£25
S.G.34	1d vermilion. 3 margins and light but indistinct pmk. (Cat. £16)	£ 5
S.G.36	2d deep blue with 4 margins but just slightly cut into bottom right. Average Used. (Cat. £10)	£ 4
S.G.38	2d pl blue 4 good margins with light circ. pmk. but barely noticable fault on reverse. (Cat. £10)	£ 3
S.G.40	3d brown lilac. 4 margins (2 large) light pmk. minute thin top left corner on reverse. (Cat. £20)	£10
S.G.41	6d black brown with 4 margins but bottom right margin cut into. (Cat. £15)	£ 8
S.G.42	6d brown good colour with 4 margins and light pmk. (Cat. £17)	£12
S.G.43	6d red brown 4 margins (2 large) light pmk. Slight staining on reverse. (Cat. £13)	£ 5
S.G.44	1/- green. Good appearance with 4 margins and neat '7' pmk. but slight nick left margin and thinned on reverse. (Cat. £30)	£ 8
S.G.45	1/- yellow green. Fresh colour, 2 good margins and neat '18' pmk. (Cat. £27)	£10
S.G.46	1/- deep green with 4 margins, but slight tear btm. rt. hardly noticable & cut into top margin. (Cat. £32)	£ 8

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HISTORIC SAILING SHIPS - 8 CENT VALUE

The combined descriptive leaflet and order form issued to announce these stamps has an unfortunate spelling mistake somewhere. This was originally pointed out to the Editor by a member of the Waikato Philatelic Society on his recent visit to New Zealand.

The reproduction of the stamp on the outside shows the name of the ship depicted on the 8 cent value as "NEW ZEALANDER". Inside, the description starts with the words BRIGANTINE "NEW ZEALANDIA". In the description itself, the spelling reverts to that given on the stamp.

Which is correct? Or were there two separate vessels? If so, which one is depicted on the 8 cent stamp?

Your comments please.

ALLAN P. BERRY

From Laurie Franks Ltd. Postal Auction for 18th March, 1975.

Waikawa - coin strike 15/10/90 with index 'A'. Also two strikes on 1d pair 17/11/1897 with index '1'. Volume 111 states office closed 1896 and reopened elsewhere in 1899.

From Volume 111, the information is that Waikawa Post Office opened on January 25th, 1865, closed on March 31st, 1882, reopened on January 1st, 1883, and finally closed on March 31st, 1896.

Waikawa Township Post Office opened on June 4th, 1892, and changed its name to Waikawa on September 1st, 1899. At the time of printing of Volume 111, this Post Office was still open, apparently.

New Zealand Post Offices by R.M.Startup lists two offices named Waikawa, both in the Invercargill district. The entries read :-

WAIKAWA 1865 - 1896 - 2 miles S.W. present Waikawa.

WAIKAWA 1899 - 1955 - changed from Waikawa Township.
16 miles S.E. Tokanui.

Two other entries may be significant, of offices open at the relevant time :-

WAIKAWA TOWNSHIP 1892 - 1899 - changed to WAIKAWA.

WAIKAWA VALLEY 1891 - 1923 - 8 miles N present Waikawa.

It would appear from the available information that the original Waikawa Post Office did not reopen elsewhere as suggested by the description given by Laurie Franks Ltd., but that the name was given to an existing Post Office, whose name was changed. The first strike described obviously comes from the original Waikawa Post Office, but the second strike described presents a problem. Could it be that the handstamp was issued to Waikawa Township Post Office for use there before its name was officially changed to Waikawa?

Can any reader elucidate this problem?

ALLAN P. BERRY

From Captain Coqk, Vol.3, No.6, March, 1975

6d 1946 Peace Stamp - this is recorded in Campbell Paterson's specialised catalogue as existing with the variety, blurred centre. It is listed, unpriced, in used condition, and is indicated as being unknown mint. We can now report the discovery of a mint block of four of this pronounced variety

From East of England Philatelic Auctions Sale on 5th April, 1975.

King George V 1½d Slate, type S.G.505 fine used with inverted watermark. Unrecorded in Campbell Paterson. Possibly unique.

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

No, I do not mean the vast accumulation of stamps bequeathed to the Museum by Mr. Tapling, but to the lesser-known Fitzgerald Collection of "Souvenirs, Rarities and Curiosities of the Airposts of the World". By previous arrangement with Mr. R.F.S. West, who is in charge of the Philatelic Division of the British Library, I was able to examine Volume 14 of the Collection which is devoted to New Zealand. I had hoped to include some general notes about the Collection, but due presumably to the pressure of his many commitments, Mr. West has not sent the information which he promised to me on the subject. What I do know is that this extraordinary collection of airmail material was amassed by a woman, Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Volume 14 contains a wealth of Pigeon Post items relating to both "the Service" and "the Agency". Unfortunately, having only a limited knowledge of these issues I was not able to make an adequate appraisal of what I saw. Michael Burberry inspected this material some years ago and would have known exactly what he was seeing. Alas I have not Michael's expertise.

As we know, the Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post regular service commenced in 1897 from Auckland and was later extended to other smaller islands. A similar type of service, the Frigate Bird Post, is said to have been instituted some years earlier by missionaries in the Ellice Islands. The Fitzgerald Collection contains an original letter dated 9th April 1902 from Mr. S. Holden Howie to the Governor of New Zealand, the Earl of Ranfurly, K.C.M.G., at Government House, Auckland, enclosing a set of "the Service" stamps and inviting His Excellency to inspect "the (pigeon) loft". Items in this section of the album include a left hand marginal strip of six stamps of 1/- value and a complete pane of 24 x 1/- 1899 "Special Post" stamps. There is also an example of the 1898 1/- blue on white stamp with the original (and only) cachet used on that first issue, a circular datestamp/cancel, diameter 19 mm, reading "original Barrier Pigeon Service" in blue. A cachet in mauve bearing the legend "Great Barrier Pigeon Service" is not genuine.

"The Agency" issues are also represented and include a block of four of the 6d value imperforate and the 1/- carmine stamp with the point of the lower limb of the letter Z blunted. The latter is described as the one prominent variety in the issue. By far the greater part of Volume 14 is devoted to the Pigeon Posts but there are some conventional airmail items also; for example, the 1931 Air Stamps, a Trans-Tasman flight cover and the 3d Air Force stamp of 1946. An example of the 3d chocolate coloured 1931 Air Stamp perf. 14 x 15 (S.G. 548a) is accompanied by the statement that Gibbons Stamp Monthly of July 1936 hails the stamp as a "possible great rarity". There is also a vertical imperforate pair of the FIVE PENCE surcharge on 3d (S.G. 551) printed on Specimen paper.

To me the most interesting of the non-Pigeon Post material was a cover, bearing a 2d King George V Official stamp cancelled August 28th 1920, with a rubber stamp cachet AERIAL POST in purple, which was carried on a special flight Wellington - Christchurch. (Air Mails of New Zealand, Volume 1, the Internal Flights, page 12 refers.) The Post Office in Wellington accepted an offer by Captain Dickson to carry mail on his return flight to the South Island and mails were made up for Blenheim and Christchurch and forwarded to Trentham by car.

However, because of stormy weather conditions, the flight could not be continued beyond Blenheim and the Christchurch mail had to be sent on by road. Only 18 letters were actually carried for Christchurch and arrived there on 1st September 1920. Thus the flight is classed as Wellington - Blenheim involving interrupted air mail Wellington - Christchurch.

In order to accede to my request to look at Volume 14, Mr. West placed part of his far from spacious office at my disposal and for that I am grateful. However, I was only too aware that my presence was preventing him from giving full attention to his own work. One day perhaps the British Museum will be able to provide greatly improved facilities for members of the public wishing to examine philatelic material. Even so, it was an interesting and exciting experience to be able to take a look behind the scenes in the King's Library where the stamps are housed.

D.S.HAGUE

THE STAMP VENDING OR 'SLOT MACHINE' ISSUES OF NEW ZEALAND

Has anyone made a study of the automatic vending machine issues of New Zealand stamps, since the inception of this service on an experimental basis in 1906? Has anyone a complete list of these stamps issued from that time to the present day? Has anyone seen a recorded history of the details of these most interesting issues?

New Zealand was the pioneer in this field of postal service to the public, and the study of its development provides a fascinating side-line interest for those who are so inclined. There appears to be a great deal of room for research in the slot machine issues of New Zealand, as all past records previously retained by the New Zealand Post Office have been destroyed in Departmental fires. A sorry state of affairs, as not even a complete list of stamps sold through the slot machine service is available to anyone interested in these issues. Apart from the few details recorded in Volume 1 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, concerning the 1d Universals of 1906/7, and mention of the re-introduction of the service in 1910 with the 1d Dominions, there appears to be a paucity of knowledge of subsequent issues, which have been relatively numerous. It would appear that there have been about forty-five identifiable issues of slot machine stamps to date, with the possibility of more being added as they are identified.

The writer has checked many thousands of stamps from various bulk sources in an endeavour to complete the list, but some of the earlier issues are now quite difficult to find, even in lots of several thousands. For example, how many slot machine 1d Universals, 1d Dominions, including the first hand-separated strips showing the identifying transport roller pin holes before guillotine separation was used, 1d Auckland Exhibition, ½d King George V, ½d King George V War Stamps have you seen lately, or have in your collection?

An endeavour is being made to complete a collection and history of these slot machine issues, and to this end, the writer solicits the co-operation of anyone who has made a study of them, has identified any values and papers, or knows of anyone else who has knowledge of them, by getting in touch with him. Opportunity to purchase some of these earlier items, and mint copies of subsequent issues, would also be appreciated.

(See membership list for address.)

L.E.DUNCAN

I LIKE 'EM !

Considered by some to be New Zealand's ugliest stamps, to me they are things of beauty. Why?

They were my first love, chosen for my first study of an issue. And what a lot there is to study.

Beginning with the 1d value, with colours ranging from a pale pink to a deep carmine, I find that there are three dies, or to be precise, one die and two major retouches, so that die one has states a, b, and c. There are seven plates to study, and four each of papers and watermarks. Perforations vary through 12 x 11½, 10, 10 x 11, and 11, not to mention mixed and double perforations.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately for we philatelists, the flaws have already been recorded. They may be major flaws that stand out when seen, or they may be those that require hours with one's eyes glued to a magnifying glass, searching through hundreds before one spots something. Then with a cry of joy I see such a flaw which I hope has not been recorded, only to check up and have my hope shattered. But at least I did have the fun of finding it myself.

By now, I think that my love should have a change of dress, so on to the 2d value, in lovely shades of mauve to purple. Here we have only three dies and five plates to have fun with, but the same papers, perforations, and flaws to search for.

The 3d value, lemon to deep orange, and the 4d value, pale green to deep green always bring to me a touch of Spring. As they have only one die and one plate each, I am able to let up a little. This relief is due partly to the fact that, although printed with the rest of the issue, the 3d was not put on sale until two years later, and in the case of the 4d, it is not known on the Life Insurance Paper. But the variety of perforations remains the same, the mixture as before.

The brown or drab brown 6d value soon has one on one's toes again, with Dies 1 and 11, and like her sisters, the usual collaboration of perforations, papers, and, for good measure, flaws.

The 8d value, in her lovely blues, was not so much in use, hence has only one die and one plate with which to enjoy myself. Maybe this is just as well, for by now my pocket is feeling the pinch. But alas, there is no let up, for our lady in red, the 1/- value, is just as expensive, in fact more so, for owing to wear she required two plates and all the frills.

At a later date, the ½d, 2½d, and the 5d values showed their faces, to comply with the Postal Union Rate for overseas letters of 2½d per half ounce. These I find rather hard to love, but there, youth has had her fling and could not go on for ever.

The ½d and 5d are clothed in black, the 2½d does brighten up rather in various shades of blue. With all three, I enjoyed considerable fun yet once again, with paper, perforations, and flaws.

More pleasure yet to come, for, during the life of this issue, after considerable discussion, permission was granted for advertisements to be printed on the back of these stamps. Sunlight Soap, S. Myers & Co., Dentist, Beechams Pills, Cough Mixture, and what a mixture!

These were in three settings and a variety of colours, red, mauve, brown, black, blue, green, and believe me, they won't lick off, I have tried.

By now, I think you will have guessed my love, the Second Sideface Issue of 1882 - 97.

Just for good measure, with the aid of postmarks, I can go for a journey across New Zealand, beginning with the early numeral obliterations and duplex cancellations, on to the circular date stamps introduced in 1875, followed by the squared circles adopted in 1882, the concentric circles of 1894, reverting back to the circular date stamps of 1896. The difference between this and the earlier one being the placing of the place name. In the later ones, it runs round the top of the circle, with N.Z at the bottom.

To savour the fascinating names of the post offices, alas, many now gone beyond recall, and the very occasional manuscript cancellation, should one have the luck to find a copy, what more could one ask for. No wonder I fell in love.

RITA GILDERS

NEW ZEALAND RELIEF DATESTAMPS

The following notes spring from a conversation with the Editor of Kiwi at a meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain in London I attended last November. They are intended simply to point out some of the more interesting aspects of the history and use of reliefs in New Zealand and are by no means exhaustive. Readers who wish more detailed information are referred to a Study just published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand, 'NEW ZEALAND RELIEF DATESTAMPS 1925-1974', and obtainable from that Society at P.O.Box 25-105, St. Heliers, Auckland 5, New Zealand. (Cost to members 35 cents, to non-members 55 cents.)

In addition, work has been under way for several years on a comprehensive checklist of all recorded relief usages, and this is due for publication by the Society within the next year or two. Such a checklist was in fact compiled in 1960 by R.M.Startup and published by Laurie Franks Ltd., but is now very much out of date. The original list gave details of approximately 1,400 different usages recorded, whereas in the file held by the writer, well over 2,100 are now recorded, - not only have there been many more usages since 1960, but much new information has also come to light regarding earlier usages.

Special skeleton-type datestamps for emergency, or 'relief', purposes were introduced into New Zealand in 1925. Most readers will be familiar with the equivalent British skeleton-type datestamp, introduced many years earlier, and the New Zealand skeleton datestamp works on exactly the same principle, that is, blank slots in a circular steel face into which loose type can be inserted to make up the desired impression in imitation of the appearance of an engraved datestamp. The appearance of the head of a skeleton datestamp, as it is used in New Zealand, is illustrated in Figure 1. The curved slot is intended for the office name, the first horizontal slot for the dateline, the second for the mail dispatch number if any, and the bottom one for the letters NZ. This design makes a relief quite distinctive from any other New Zealand datestamp, and, with the exception of a very few unusual types described later, all reliefs used since 1925 have conformed to this pattern. For the benefit of readers not particularly familiar with New Zealand datestamps, the following features differentiate reliefs from other datestamps.

- 1) Most obviously, there are no inner arcs extending from either side of the NZ. Engraved datestamps, at least those in use today, almost always have these.

- 2) The letters NZ always appear in a straight line set away from the frameline of the datestamp. Engraved datestamps have the N and Z inscribed following the curve of the frameline.
- 3) The mail number, if any is shown, sits below the dateline. In engraved datestamps, it follows the date.
- 4) In reliefs, the office name is often set asymmetrically in relation to the rest of the datestamp, due to faulty positioning of the letters by the assembler.
- 5) Reliefs are invariably of identical size to the examples shown.

Readers who possess one of the commonly met 1934 Trans-Tasman airmail covers postmarked at Auckland (17 FE), or Kaitaia (14 AP or 2 JL) can refer to them for examples of what a relief impression looks like. These three usages, incidentally, are the only examples of early reliefs which could be regarded as really common. Of most recorded usages prior to the late 1950's, relatively few examples exist, in fact there are many specimens of early usages (and even a few of recent ones) which are apparently quite unique. It was not until the late 1950's that postmark collectors in New Zealand began to follow up actively current relief usages, so that examples from earlier periods are really found only by chance. Furthermore, no official records exist of what usages there have been. Post Office datestamp impression books are kept for only two or three years, then destroyed. So when collectors did begin to take an interest in reliefs, it was a case of research starting from scratch on the basis of what odd examples were known in collections.

Before special relief datestamps were introduced into New Zealand in 1925, mail from a Post Office temporarily without a datestamp was generally sent to the district Chief Post Office for cancellation, or, alternatively, each individual item of mail was manuscript cancelled in pen and ink. Occasionally, the expedient of forwarding on mail for cancellation is still resorted to when a relief set is not available for an office which needs one, generally because all the sets held at the district Chief Post Office are out in use at other offices.

The initial issue of relief datestamp sets was apparently made sometime in August 1925. Impressions made out in the name of each of the Chief Post Offices of the 19 postal districts then existing (including Rarotonga) were proofed on 11th and 12th August 1925 - see Figure 2. Sets were then distributed to the offices concerned, though it is not clear how many sets each Chief Post Office initially held. It appears the majority, if in fact not all, were allotted only one each. Later, the major Chief Post Offices certainly each held in stock several sets. Sets were also subsequently issued to four other Chief Post Offices as new postal districts were formed.

The earliest actual usage of a relief may have been at TE KARAKA, a specimen is recorded dated 8(?) SP 25, though this has not been seen by the writer. The next recorded relief is from PORT NELSON dated 10 OC 25, and this time the date is definite. One of the earliest reliefs was that used to supplement the regular datestamp at the 1925-26 Dunedin Exhibition, see Figure 3. This is known over the period 27 JA to 9 FE 26. the date 25 NO 25 illustrated in Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand is believed not to be authentic.

Reliefs have been used in New Zealand over the years for a variety of reasons. The following three categories account for the majority of usages.

- 1) REPAIRS - the need for repairs of one kind or another to the

regular datestamp. Such repairs are normally carried out at the Chief Post Office for the district, or at the nearest Post Office Workshops, and a relief will be used while the regular datestamp of an office is away.

- 2) REPLACEMENT - where a badly worn or damaged datestamp is to be replaced by a new one, a relief is commonly used in the interim. E.g. MANUNUI, see Figures 4, 5, and 6.
- 3) "YEAR CHANGE" - where a regular datestamp needs to have its year wheel replaced, a relief is usually used while the substitution is carried out. The range of years engraved on the year wheel is necessarily limited, which means that it has to be replaced when the range of years expires, usually at the end of a decade. This is why there is always a spate of reliefs at such times. Sometimes, instead of just the year wheel, the whole dateline is replaced, that is, day/month/year/mail number or time indicator.

Other common reasons for reliefs being used are :-

- 4) BURGLARIES - these often result in the office datestamp disappearing along with the rest of the contents of the Post Office safe. A relief will then be used until a new engraved datestamp can be made and introduced. However, the safe, if it has been bodily removed, is occasionally recovered some time later, and the datestamp, if it is still intact, will be reintroduced. A relief will usually have been used in the interim. There are about thirty occasions on which reliefs have been used in these circumstances.
- 5) FIRES - from time to time, Post Offices have been destroyed or partially damaged by fire. If damage to the datestamp is not too severe, it will be repaired and reintroduced; if it is beyond repair, it will be replaced. Examples of relief usages as a result of fire also number about thirty. An example is PAERAU, see Figure 7, recorded 12 - 28 MY 53, a new regular datestamp was then introduced, but used for less than three months, the Office being closed on 19 AU 53.
- 6) NEW POST OFFICES - in recent years, there has apparently been some difficulty in maintaining adequate stocks of uncut datestamps, and an engraved datestamp has not always been available when a Post Office is opened. Hence the use of a relief. Reliefs were used in this way upon the opening of the following offices :-
BROCKVILLE - 1966, CAMERON ROAD - 1971, CASEBROOK - 1968,
COACH CORNER - 1969, CONCORD - 1970, HATEPE - 1966,
KAITERITERI - 1939, see Figure 8, MANAWAORA - 1972,
MARUA ROAD - 1967, MAUNGATAPU - 1970, MIDWAY - 1951,
NAWTON - 1966, PATAUA - 1960, ROSCOMMON - 1967,
TARIKI - 1967, (office closed after fire, then reopened),
LAKE TEKAPO HYDRO - 1941, (shown on relief as TEKAPO HYDRO, see Figure 9),
THORRINGTON - 1970, TOTARANUI - 1972, (a Telephone Office only),
WAIKANAE BEACH - 1935, WAIKAWA BAY - 1972.
- 7) CHANGE OF NAME - occasionally, the name of an office is changed and a relief datestamp is used to bridge the transitional period until the receipt of the engraved datestamp bearing the new name. Such usages occurred on the following occasions :-
FRANZ JOSEPH GLACIER changed to FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER, - 1947.
MANGERE changed to MANGERE CENTRAL, - 1964.
RARONUI changed to RORANUI, - 1948.
TAKAPUNA changed to TAKAPUNA NORTH, - 1956.

TAWA FLAT changed to TAWA, - 1959.

WAINUI O MATA changed to WAINUIOMATA, - 1958.

WAITOITOI changed to WAITOETOE, - 1951. (No engraved datestamp with the latter spelling was ever used, as the Office closed 5 JE 51, still using the relief introduced 9 FE 51 - see Figure 10.)

8) SPECIAL POST OFFICES AND MAILS.

a) MILITARY CAMPS - amongst the most sought after reliefs are those used at temporary military camp Post Offices during World War 11, or at pre-war territorial camps between 1932 and 1939. Sometimes, where an office remained open for a long period, and engraved datestamp was brought into use to replace the relief. At other offices, only a relief datestamp was used. Examples are illustrated in Figures 11 to 14. A complete list of the eighteen territorial camp usages and twentysix World War 11 Army and Air Force camp usages is given in the Postal History Society of New Zealand study. Examples of some of the territorial camp usages have not actually been sighted but Post Offices have definitely been recorded as being open at these camps, and it is believed almost certain that reliefs were used rather than engraved datestamps.

b) SPECIAL FLIGHTS - in addition to the three examples mentioned earlier, reliefs were used to cancel three other special flights in the 1930's :-

DUNEDIN NORTH 24 DE 32, stage on special Christmas flight.

OKURU 28-29 SP 32, applied at Hokitika on mails datestamped after a special flight to and from Okuru - see Figure 15.

WELLINGTON 23 MY 35, applied as a backstamp on salvaged mail from Kingsford-Smith's ill-fated Trans-Tasman Silver Jubilee flight.

c) OTHERS :-

EASTER SHOW, AUCKLAND - a special seasonal Post Office open at various periods from 1953 to 1956, and again in 1961. This relief was unusual in that, because of its length, the office name was engraved on a brass slug, and not made up as usual of loose individual letters. This is the only occasion on which this has occurred - see Figure 16.

PHILLIPSTOWN 12-15 DE 73 - special use for Jehovah's Witnesses Church convention at Lancaster Park, Christchurch. The office was situated in a mobile Post Office van inside the park, and treated by the Post Office as a branch of Phillipstown Post Office several hundred yards away, hence the name.

WAITANGI 26 JA 34 to 9 FE 34 - a temporary Post Office at Waitangi Treaty House, Bay of Islands, marking the centenary of the landing of James Busby, the first British Resident - see Figure 17.

WAITANGI AK 6-7 FE 40 - a temporary Post Office for the centenary of the Treaty of Waitangi. AK is included to distinguish this office from Waitangi, Chatham Islands; it appeared in manuscript on some impressions, in type on others. The relief was used without NZ - see Figure 18.

WASHDYKE 16 JA 59 - relief used as a special cancel for the South Canterbury Centennial stage-coach mail.

ALAN JACKSON

To be continued in the July issue of the Kiwi.

CENTENNIAL OF HAWKES BAY
3d VALUE - CAPE KIDNAPPERS

Cylinder 7 with full stop - continued from page 38.

- R10/4 Retouch confined within the top half of the H of HAWKES.
- R11/1 Retouch between the lower parts of the E and W of NEW.
- R12/2 Retouch 1 mm to 4 o'clock of the small flying gannet to the left of the smallest point on the mainland.
- R12/4 Retouch $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm from right margin and $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm below d of 3d.
- R12/6 Retouch touching the right margin and 10 mm from the bottom.
- R13/1 Retouch touching the top right of the 8 of 1958.
- R13/4 Retouch touching the top margin above 19 of 1958.
- R13/5 Line of colour under the W of NEW.
- R14/2 Retouch $\frac{1}{2}$ mm from right margin and 10 mm up from the bottom.
- R14/4 a) Retouch 1 mm in from right margin and 6 mm from top.
b) Retouch midway between lowest nesting gannet and just above the largest gannet's tail.
(Similar to R6/4 cylinder 7 no stop, identifiable individually).
- R14/5 Retouch as R14/4 but fractionally nearer the right margin.
- R15/3 Retouch touching the lower side of the centre bar of the E of ZEALAND.
- R15/5 a) Retouch 1 mm from right margin and $6\frac{1}{2}$ mm up from bottom.
b) Retouch touching top left leg of the N of NEW.
- R16/4 Retouch $\frac{1}{2}$ mm to right of front edge of largest gannet's folded wing.
- R17/3 Retouch identical to R14/4 (b) over the largest gannet's tail, only smaller.
- R18/2 Retouching appears apparent right up the right margin, and at and above the point opposite the tip of the large gannet's tail on R18/3. Copies have been seen which are quite normal, and others very disturbed.
- R18/3 Three separate retouches between $\frac{1}{2}$ mm and 2 mm above the E and A of ZEALAND.
- R18/6 a) Retouch below the right leg of the first N of CENTENNIAL on the horizon.
b) Retouch sitting within the d of 3d.
- R19/1 Retouch from 1 mm to 2 mm from right margin, 9 mm from the top.

R19/2 Retouch midway between the island rock and the right margin.

R19/6 Retouch within the inverted V of the W of NEW.

R20/1 Retouch touching the foot of the L of CENTENNIAL.

R20/2 Retouch halfway between top margin and the d of 3d.

R20/3 White flaw under the 5 of 1858 just above the horizon.

R20/6 Retouch touching the left arm of the Y of BAY.

Note:- R6/4, R14/4 and R17/3 can be plated by the secondary retouches, or by the lack of them on R17/3.

R6/4 looks more like added spots of colour than the retouch on R11/1

Cylinder 7 without full stop - proof sheet report.

R1 /2 Small flaw just above the skyline and under the second E of CENTENNIAL.

R1 /4 Small flaw midway between the skyline and the bottom of the 8 of 1958.

R1 /6 Small flaw just below the 5 of 1958.

- R2 /1
- a) Coloured flaw (blue line) 8 mm long, horizontally across the neck of the largest gannet, $8\frac{1}{2}$ mm from the top.
 - b) Small flaw 5.2 mm in from the right side and 9.4 mm from the top of the stamp.
 - c) Very small flaw 0.7 mm from the right side and 7.8 mm from the top of the stamp.

R2 /2 Small flaw against right side and 9.4 mm from the top.

R2 /5 A 1 mm flaw just below the right leg of the A of CENTENNIAL.

- R2 /6
- a) Small flaw just above the right point of the mainland.
 - b) Small flaw just below and to the left of the largest flying gannet.
 - c) Small flaw midway between the same gannet and the 3 of 3d on the horizon line.

- R3 /4
- a) Small flaw between the bottoms of the 1 and 8 of 1858.
 - b) A 1 mm flaw just below the largest flying gannet.
 - c) Small flaw just below the horizon and between the largest flying gannet and the 3 of 3d.

R4 /1 A 1 mm flaw just below the horizon, under the T of CENTENNIAL.

R4 /2 Small flaw $\frac{1}{2}$ mm from the right side and 8.6 mm from the bottom of the stamp.

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