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THE WEDNESDAY MEETING.

THE CUSTOMARY MIDWEEK EVENING MEETING WILL HAPPEN THIS YEAR ON
WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1979, AT 6.30 P.M.

AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD.

THE SUBJECT IS THE Q.E.11 FIRST DEFINITIVES

THE QUEEN'S HEAD ISSUE

THE DISPLAY BEING ORGANISED AND PRESENTED BY MEMBER J.A.W.SMITH.

JOHN WILL WELCOME THE SUPPORT OF OTHER ENTHUSIASTS IN

THESE INTERESTING STAMPS

AN UNOFFICIAL PRE-CANCEL ?



SEE PAGE 86.

EDITORIAL.

We are at present in the so-called "closed season" for Philately. Most local Philatelic Societies close for the summer. Many collectors put their albums aside, in response to the call of more outdoor pursuits. Yet there is no cessation of philatelic activity in its broadest sense. This Journal is still produced, for example.

Yet copy is once again very short indeed. This may be a reflection of the "closed season". Whatever the reason, such copy is badly needed. So, if you can help, please let me know.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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MEETING HELD SATURDAY 19TH MAY, 1979 - LADIES DAY.

The May Meeting was Ladies Day organised by Joan Donovan and while the men took a back seat we were entertained by some fascinating displays. Betty Mitchell sent greetings from far off Penzance, and used one of the Post Office Publicity Cards showing

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375/a	5/- Mount Cook deep red shade(either wmk)	95.00	70.00	85.00
376/aa	5/- Mount Cook vermilion shade(either wmk)*	85.00	60.00	60.00
	<u>1906 PICTORIALS, P14 WITH WMK</u>			
447	1907/8 1/- Kea & Kaka scarce deep Orange-Brown shade	90.00	60.00	60.00
474/7	KE VII comb perf set(5) P14x13½	50.00	38.00	15.00
	<u>1915 KG V DEFINITIVE ISSUES</u>			
479/95	The complete set (15)	55.00	35.00	20.00
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489	KG V 6d Carmine-Lake shade (with certificate)	100.00	80.00	45.00
490	7½d Red-Brown (either perf)	5.00	3.50	5.00
495b	1/- Orange-Brown shade with certificate	225.00	175.00	135.00
	All KG V 2 perf pairs also required	85% SG	65% SG	85% SG
542	2/- Blue Admiral on Cowan paper	12.00	10.00	1.50
543	3/- Mauve Admiral on Cowan paper	40.00	30.00	35.00
	<u>HEALTH ISSUES</u>			
552	1932 Hygeia	16.00	10.00	8.00
	<u>HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS</u>			
	1957 pair (sideways wmk)	2.00	-	2.00
	1962 pair	3.00	-	3.00
	1965 pair	3.50	-	-
	<u>AIR ISSUES</u>			
548a	3d Chocolate P14x15	65.00	45.00	90.00

Postal Services in Cornwall to convey her good wishes.

The first display was by Mrs Grace Gordon Kaye entitled "Sailing Ships". This display showed the early links between New Zealand and New South Wales as many of the covers carried New South Wales stamps on letters that had been forwarded to New Zealand. Also shown were covers from the wreck of the Colombo and a cover with the rare Otago Marine Handstamp.

Mrs. Banbury, a recent recruit to the Society, first showed a copy of the 9d. Peace stamp with write up which had been given to her by our late President, Harry Bartrop, and from which her interest in New Zealand philately had grown. She then went on to show Christmas Stamps, with examples of various shades and flaws, all of which could be seen with the naked eye.

Joan Donovan came in at No. 3 and showed her collection of the Second Sideface issue. She displayed part of a sheet of advert. stamps which she had managed to persuade her husband to give her as a birthday present. She went on to show the different variations of the stamps she had since managed to obtain.

Mrs. Carter, who had only just joined the Society, was able to show one sheet of Chalons which surprised everybody and will be used as a basis for a future article in 'The Kiwi'. Joan Willis had decided that as it was 'Year of the Child' she would show her Health Stamps and these proved to be most interesting.

Miss V.Boyd of Newcastle was unable to be present but had sent some very interesting Postal Stationery items and Rita Gilders presented these with some Postal Stationery items from her own collection. Rita then went on to present some of the gems from her display entitled New Zealand Cocktail. This is the display she gives when asked to Societies to show New Zealand. It includes all aspects of New Zealand Philately and even the label off the first side of New Zealand lamb Rita tucked away in her freezer.

It was altogether a most interesting afternoon and all the gentlemen joined in the support of the vote of thanks given by Stanley Cross-Rudkin at the end. We must not let another five years pass before we have the Ladies take the floor again.

TERRY BROCK

KIWI DAY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Kiwi Day will now be on December 1st, 1979, and not on November 24th, 1979, as previously advised. The venue will be the Shaftesbury Hotel, as usual. Would members please make the necessary changes in their diaries.

AN "OFFICIAL" APPEAL FOR HELP.

As will be seen from the Society's 1979 Programme, the September Meeting is to be devoted to Official Mail in its various guises and Official adhesive stamps, including that peculiarly New Zealand species, the Government Life Insurance issues. In a moment of weakness I agreed to play the role of leader at this meeting and as such, I cordially invite the assistance of any member who possesses appropriate material and who is prepared to join my 'team'. I am particularly interested to contact a member or members who would be willing to display the Life Insurance

SG No.	AIR ISSUES - contd	Unmounted mint £	Mounted mint £	Fine Used c.d.s. £
549	4d Purple	8.50	5.50	7.50
551	5d Green surch.	4.00	2.50	2.50
554	7d Trans Tasman	10.00	7.50	12.00
<u>DEFINITIVE ISSUES</u>				
556/69	1935 Pictorial set (single wmk) (14)	22.00	13.00	5.00
603/9	1938-44 KG V set (7)	1.50	0.75	0.50
680/9	1947-52 KG VI set to 3/- (10)	3.50	2.00	0.75
732a	1958 QE II 1/- Die II	38.00	28.00	-
1008/20	1973/6 set to 20c without wmk (12)	1.00	-	0.75
<u>COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES</u>				
470/3	1913 AUCKLAND EXHIBITION set (4)	300.00	240.00	320.00
511/7	1920 Victory set (7)	35.00	-	25.00
536/8	1925 Dunedin Exhibition set (3)	40.00	-	45.00
538a	Dunedin 4d 'POSTAGF' error	65.00	-	75.00
573/5	1935 Silver Jubilee set (3)	9.50	7.00	10.00
591/2	1936 ANZAC (2)	0.25	-	0.30
758/9	1957 Lamb Export pair	0.75	0.50	0.75
835/7	Parliamentary Conference (3)	1.75	1.25	1.50
MS910	Cook Miniature sheet	9.00	6.00	8.00
946/7	Chatham Islands	0.20	-	0.25
958/9	Satelite Earth Station (2)	0.50	0.35	0.50
972/7	Vintage Car Rally (6)	1.25	0.75	1.25
978/82	1972 Anniversaries (5)	1.00	0.60	1.00
1041/5	Commonwealth Games (5)	0.80	0.50	0.60
MS1046	NZ Day Miniature sheet	0.50	-	0.50
1065/8	1975 Anniversaries (4)	0.50	0.30	0.40
1075/8	Forest Parks (4)	1.25	0.75	1.25
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Department Stamps, and/or the definitive stamps overprinted O.P.S.O. or Official. Alternatively, in the case of someone not able to attend the Meeting in person I could display material on his or her behalf and indeed, would be delighted to do so. So, if you can help me out I would be most grateful and look forward to hearing from you. It would be useful to know in which aspect of the subject a member is able to contribute.

DOUGLAS HAGUE

Editor's Note :- Douglas Hague's address is
17, Chandlers Way,
Hertford, Herts., SG14 2EB.

Please let him know if you can help with this Meeting in any way. On the next page is illustrated an example of the Government Life Insurance Department $\frac{1}{2}$ d. V.R. stamp, used on cover. The stamp is perf. 11 x 10, reperf. 11 vertically. Thus the perfs. measure 11 x 11 x 11 x 11 & 10 mixed. Until this example came to light, this variety had not been recorded in this issue. It is one of the items which it is hoped to show at this Meeting.

NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE COMPLIMENTARY FOLDERS.

A.M.MADIGAN, Principal, Stamps Branch,
Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand,
writes as follows:-

"The complimentary folders referred to by Brian Coker in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVlll, page 53, were used previously to send "mint" stamps to publishers of philatelic magazines, and other news media outlets, for reproducing with publicity material about new issues. This practice ceased, however, when the Post Office introduced the current stamp leaflets illustrating the stamps in full colour. The folder is now outdated (as evidenced by the Wellington address quoted for the Bureau which has not applied since 1974) and has not been used regularly for some time. Very occasionally, if stamps need to be supplied to the news media they are enclosed in one of the folders, more for protection than anything else. These folders have never been a sale item."

Our member, R.A.BETTS, sends the following information, which appears to clash somewhat with A.M.MADIGAN's notes.

"These folders were prepared for all issues from the 1972 Health Stamps to the 1974 Health Stamps inclusive. They were also prepared for the stamps of Niue and the Tokelau Islands that were issued during the same period.

"Apparently, they were also sent to those Stamp Dealers who bought their supplies of New Issues direct from the Philatelic Bureau.

"The report of an issue prepared for the EXPO 70 set is new to me, and it does fall outside the time range as outlined above. It is possible that these were used in some way on the New Zealand Stand at this Exhibition."

Clearly, more information is required. Can any member help?

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Who would suspect that the beautifully peaceful Whangaroa harbour has such a gory past.

Certainly not the thousands of tourists visiting its shores each year. The site of the terrible Boyd Massacre, Whangaroa harbour is one of four small harbours individually featured on this years scenic stamp issue.

The harbours shown on the stamps are Whangaroa (15c), Kawau Island (20c), Akaroa (23c) and Picton (35c), all with interesting and varied histories.

Whangaroa, now chiefly known as a base for deep sea game fishing, has a far more deadly past.

In 1809 an English vessel called "The Boyd" sailed from London to Sydney and from there on to New Zealand. Included in the 70 or so people on board, was a Maori chief, Tara, who was a member of the crew. Falsely accused of stealing, he was whipped and divested of possessions, after which his claims of being a chief were ridiculed.

There are differing versions of the Boyd Massacre, but what is certain is that when Captain John Thompson and his party went on shore in search of timber spars, they were set upon, killed and later eaten by men from Tara's tribe, who returned to the ship to slaughter all but four of her company.

Apparently another chief, Te Pahi, arrived next morning and tried to save the survivors and had to be forcibly restrained while they were murdered. Te Pahi was killed in a revenge attack on his village some months later.

The harbour, lying between Mangonui and the Bay of Islands on the eastern coast of North Auckland, is a spacious and perfectly land-locked anchorage, with an unusual narrow rock-walled entrance, only half a kilometre across, which is cut in volcanic breccia.

However, the upper reaches open outwards (to over $3\frac{1}{2}$ km in width) and are surrounded by gently undulating country of soft sedimentary shales and sandstones.

Another harbour with a small but picturesque entrance is Akaroa. Under 2 km wide at the entrance, it runs inland, opening into various bays at its upper end. Akaroa was the usual resort of whalers in the 1800's.

Situated at the southeast end of Banks Peninsula it is historically best known for what has since been called "The Race for Akaroa", which took place in 1840.

Although the South Island was already undergoing settlement by families from the United Kingdom, British Sovereignty had not yet been proclaimed. A Frenchman named Langlais, therefore convinced the French Minister of Marine to outfit a colonial expedition for the purpose of hoisting the French flag at the harbour. According to the scheme, Akaroa would be renamed Port Louis-Phillipe, and would be a supply base for French whaling and shipping operations in the South Seas.

So, in February 1840, a French naval vessel sailed for New Zealand. A month later a second ship followed with a cargo of eighty immigrants for the proposed colony. But they were too late. Upon landing in the Bay of Islands, the French were informed that when they were still in mid-ocean, Captain Owen Stanley of H.M.S.

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"Britomart" had proclaimed British Sovereignty over the South Island at Akaroa.

In spite of this the French colonists continued on to Akaroa, and finding it a pleasant spot, elected to stay and build their lives there, regardless of whether the French or English flag flew above their heads.

Therefore, though possessed by the English, the "Frenchness" of the Akaroa settlement has never really been in doubt. Indeed, one of Akaroa's historical attractions is the restored Eteveneaux House, originally belonging to Langlais.

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust made a substantial grant towards the purchase of this building which is now vested in the Akaroa County Council.

Although it is now a busy fishing centre, Akaroa also has great scenic beauty and regular launch trips go to the south side of the harbour, "Scenery Nook", to see the many-coloured volcanic rock terraces.

The third stamp in the series depicts Kawau Island's Mansion Bay, which is at the entrance of Bon Accord Harbour. Just offshore in the Hauraki Gulf and 30 miles north of Auckland, Kawau Island is almost split in two by the harbour which opens toward the mainland.

In earlier days the island belonged to Sir George Grey, one of New Zealand's early Governors, who bought Kawau in 1862 and converted the mine manager's house into the imposing "Mansion House" at considerable expense.

To the native bush were added exotic trees and shrubs from temperate and sub-tropical regions. Regardless of expense, animals and birds were imported to grace Grey's "earthly paradise".

But by 1910, the inevitable subdivision had begun and Mansion House became a great house for visiting yachtsmen. Much of the wildlife Grey introduced failed to acclimatise and died, with the exception of the monkeys who adapted too well, and had to be exterminated.

While Kawau may never regain the glory of its past, its secluded beaches, rocky coasts and lovely bush walks are no less attractive now that the exotic has merged with the native.

The last of the new stamps shows Picton Harbour, which is situated in an inlet of Queen Charlotte Sound, which was the favourite anchorage of Captain Cook on his three visits to New Zealand.

Cook named Queen Charlotte Sound in 1770 when he planted the British ensign there, but 100 years later Picton still had the Maori name of Waitohi and was an important Pa of the Te Ngahawa tribe.

The next European contact with the area was the frequent visits of whalers in the 1830's.

The Maori chief, Ropama, sold Picton to Queen Victoria for 300 pounds sterling. In 1861, Picton became port of entry for the Wairau and capital of Marlborough Province - though the latter was short-lived.

The first Picton wharf, wooden, was erected in 1860 though this was replaced in 1882 by a concrete structure.

Today the wharf is the southern terminal for the rail-road ferry linking the North and South Islands.

Aside from its commercial use, Picton is one of the most popular

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holiday resorts in New Zealand throughout the summer period. New Zealand's first waterski-ing championships were held there in 1959.

The stamps of the four harbours are from photographs supplied by the National Publicity Studio, Wellington, and the graphic designs and printing were done by Heraclio Fournier S.A. Spain, by photogravure.

In living colour, all the stamps are vivid reminders of New Zealand's great natural beauty.

JO KNOWSLEY

A New Zealand Post Office Feature Article.

CHRISTCHURCH EXHIBITION PUBLICITY LABELS

These items are some of the more common Cinderella stamps of New Zealand. I have been able to find out some information concerning these, but I wonder if any member is able to provide more.

A set of seven stickers were produced, and were on sale for several weeks before the start of the Christchurch Exhibition. They were numbered one to seven, and one of them could be stuck to a half-crown lottery ticket, also sold as a fund raiser for the Exhibition.

There was then as now, great rivalry between the North and South Islands of New Zealand. The Exhibition was aimed partly at redressing the balance between the rapidly expanding North and the more leisurely South.

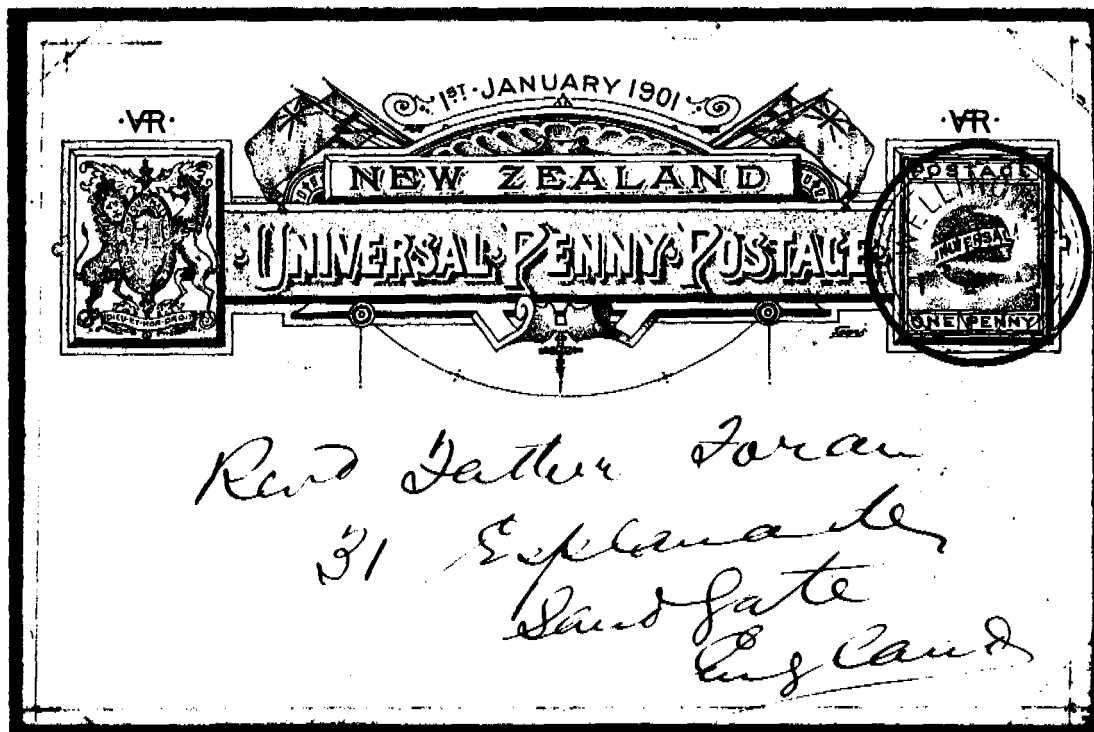
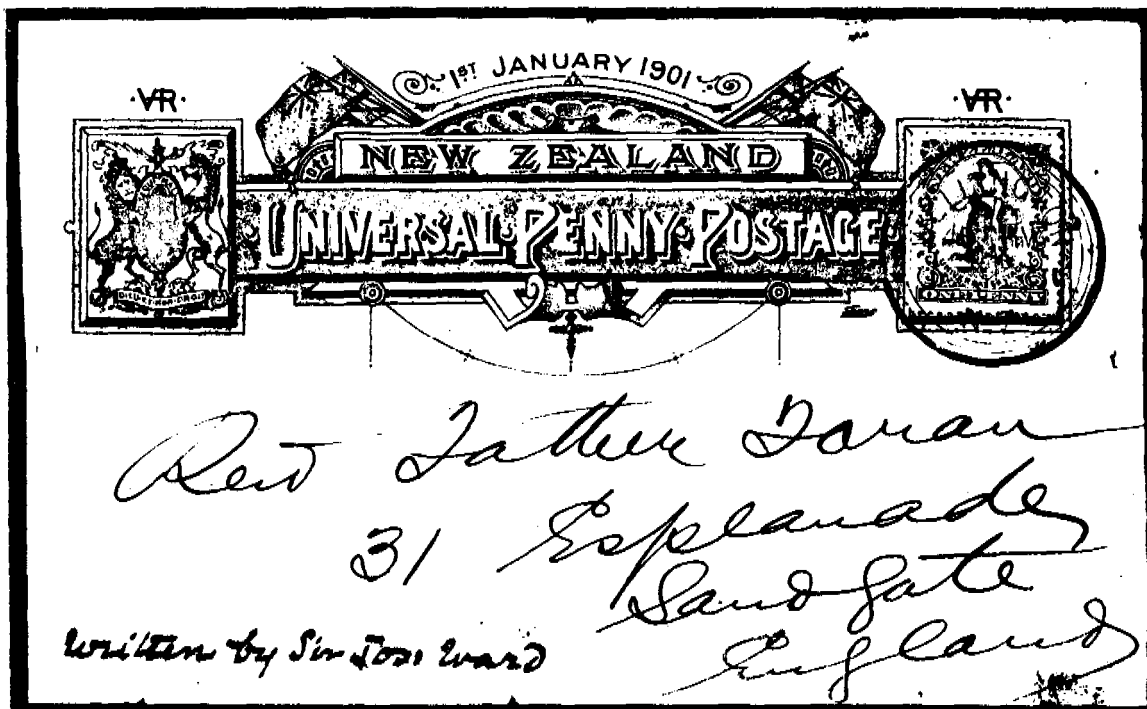
I have an example of Label 5, 'used' on a Tuck's postcard with a Penny Universal. The design is printed in green, and depicts a Tui facing left, and the slogan "New Zealand International Exhibition, Christchurch, N.Z." with the dates Nov. 1906 and Apl. 1907. The card itself is a colourful oilette, a reproduction of a painting by A.H.Fullwead entitled "Auckland - view from Albert Park". The park is described on the address side as "the resort of all classes". The figures are in late Victorian or early Edwardian dress. The painting suggests that Auckland was a smoke-ridden, rather dirty place at that time. The card is addressed to Lenzie, West Glasgow, Scotland, and, in spite of the rivalry described above, was evidently posted in Auckland on 6th August, 1906.

Perhaps there is a member who can tell me what designs were used on the other six of the set of labels, who designed them, where they were printed, and in what sheet format.

For those interested in cost comparisons, I have an advertisement from the Christchurch Weekly Press of the time, extolling the virtues of the United Service Hotel which "has the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Suite, Sir John Gorst (British Commissioner, New Zealand International Exhibition), Ministers of the New Zealand Cabinet, and most of the leading Commissioners in connection with the Exhibition". The Hotel also has an "electric elevator" and the tariff is given as 12/6 and 10/6 per day - that is, full board from about 50p. Another advertisement of the time, from New Zealand Government Railways, offers a return trip from Christchurch to Kingston, Lake Wakatipu, with steamer passage from Kingston to Queenstown and back, all for £2.00!

IAN MACKENZIE-CALDER

THE PENNY UNIVERSAL
THE ILLUSTRATED CARDS AND COVERS DATED 1ST JANUARY, 1901
NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY, SIR JOSEPH WARD?



Our President, Noel Turner, writes :-

During the past few years we have learned much from the pages of 'The Kiwi' about the earliest Penny Universal Cards and Covers. On

page 123 of Volume XXVII we read of the work that my friend Brian Pratt proposed to do in compiling a Check List of these items, and Tom Hetherington writes on the same page "as far as memory goes all the cards.....are addressed in the same hand".

With the Editor's permission, I am about to insert a somewhat cynical cat among our Penny Universal pigeons.

On my recent visit to North Wales for the Annual Conference of the Postal History Society, I met Fred Dixon of Dublin who displayed and discussed the two items illustrated. After he had told his story he concluded by saying ".....in view of all this should these cards and covers now be regarded as highly suspect and perhaps banned from future Competitions and National and International Exhibitions?"

I have persuaded Fred Dixon to write the story for publication in 'The Kiwi' - and this is what he has submitted.

The examples illustrated were found glued into a diary written by Rev. Thomas Foran, one of the four Chaplains accompanying the 'Imperial Representative Corps' on its visit to the British Colonies of the Southern Hemisphere. The Corps comprised 1172 Officers and men from every branch of the Army and its main objective was to attend the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth. New Zealand was not on the initial programme but the Prime Minister 'King Dick' Seddon (1845-1906) succeeded in persuading the organisers to extend the tour.

The ship, the S.S. Britannic, which had been commandeered for Boer War transport duties, reached New Zealand on 5th February, 1901, and was welcomed by Cabinet Ministers including Hon. Joseph Ward, acting Prime Minister as well as Postmaster General. He brought with him six sets of New Zealand stamps which were presented to

Colonel Crole Wyndham,
Captain Hayes, the Commander of the ship,
Rev. Townend, Church of England Chaplain,
Rev. Thomas Foran,
Captain Whiston, Senior Medical Officer,
Major Goddard's wife.

With the stamps were examples of the card and envelope precancelled O.O AM / 1 JA 01, but unaddressed until Mr. Ward wrote in the names and addresses on board the S.S. Britannic on 5th February. The reverse of the card, printed in blue, is illustrated on the next page.

Mr. Ward asked the six favoured recipients not to mention the gifts to others!

So far, I have summarised Rev. Foran's account. The sequel I leave in his own words:

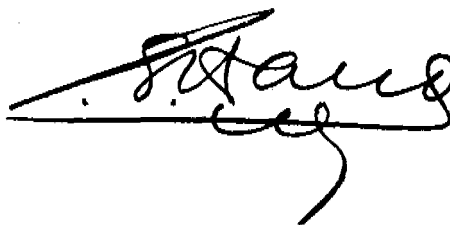
"No one could doubt that my complete set of New Zealand stamps was worth a good deal more than their face value. Otherwise such a similar set would not have been deemed a suitable present to give our present King (God bless him) when he visited Wellington shortly after we had left it. I told a clerical friend that it was my wish to give the value of the stamps (anything above £50 as I was led to believe) to the Southwark Rescue Society and he led me to suppose he could get the highest value for them, but, to my dismay, the Rescue Society got less than £4 for the sale

of the stamps. Fortunately as both the envelopes and stamps (sic) were addressed to me I retained them. The stamp dealer did not consider them of any special value. He is welcome to his opinion but I still retain my own estimation of their value".

WITH THE HON. J. G. WARD'S COMPLIMENTS.

In sending for your acceptance this, one of the first articles posted under the Universal Penny Postage scheme, and date-stamped as the bells are ringing in the new century, I offer you the season's greetings, and trust that the year which brings New Zealand within the circle of the penny post may be one of happiness and prosperity to you and yours.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Well, that is Fred Dixon's story. What do our 'Penny Universal' friends have to say about these awful disclosures?!

Here are my own comments.

- 1) PLEASE, PLEASE, no letters to me. Everything to the Editor of 'The Kiwi', Allan Berry.
- 2) We now have a proving item for the handwriting of Joseph Ward - see Rev. Foran's endorsement on one of the items illustrated. This proof is additional to Ward's signature at the end of the 'message'.
- 3) At least one other handwriting is known on these cards and covers. There must be others.
- 4) I have read somewhere that a number of officials were given the task of addressing these items. Ward could never have coped with the entire printing.
- 5) I wonder what was included in the 'complete set' of New Zealand stamps presented at the same time. Current items only?
- 6) My sincere thanks to Fred Dixon for this contribution to 'The Kiwi'. There is more to follow from the same source, but on an entirely different topic. (Watch this space.)

MUSINGS FROM MIDLOTHIAN.

These musings are being put into final shape for submission to the Editor while on a visit to Edinburgh, hence the title. Some comfort on the cold journey here was provided by a Kaiapoi rug. Described once as the best rug in the world, it is one of my

treasured possessions. Received on my twenty-first birthday, it will last out my time. Kaiapoi is a town just north of Christchurch and on looking it up in Robin Startup's 'New Zealand Post Offices', I see there was a Kaiapoi Island post office one hundred years ago. I am sure this was no island - which leads me to my next thought.

When is an island not an island? When it is in New Zealand. I once acquired a remainder collection including a page entitled 'Island Postmarks', and all dated in the 1940's. Through the years they have all been run to earth and several appear to be on the mainland in spite of their names. Green Island was the first deception noted. This is on the railway line just south of Christchurch. Next came Coutts Island. This took a long time to sort out but again it is on the mainland just north of Christchurch. Gough Island has no post office, but is now surrounded by dry land just outside Napier. I think it must have been more or less an island once but improved drainage has joined it to the surrounding land. The other postmarks are from true islands and it was nice to recognise four different ones from Waiheke Island in Hauraki Gulf. I wonder if this island is illustrated on the 25 cent stamp of the 1970 Pictorial set.

Do you ever get the odd stamp which does not fit in with anything else and does not justify a page of its own? In the corner of my page of island(?) postmarks, for want of a better place to put it, is a Penny Universal with a clear 'Fanning Island 1913' cancellation. I have mentioned keeping your eyes open before. This stamp cost me two pence!

Glancing idly the other day at the history shelves in my local public library I saw a title 'New Zealand'. In fact there were three books on New Zealand, two of which should have been catalogued under travel or elsewhere. However, two of them proved very useful and informative to this collector of New Zealand stamps. The first, 'New Zealand', by J.W. and M.A. Rowe, gives a short history of the Country and a useful summary of its people and Institutions. The second book was 'The Complete Guide to North Island'. Attractively written in the form of a descriptive guide book to all the towns, coasts and countryside of the island with many details of local history, this book helped to convert all my postmarks and pictorial stamps from what were only outlandish or unknown names to scenes where people live, work and enjoy life. So many of the Pictorial stamps are only pretty pictures until one can put them on the map and, if necessary, recognise their importance in the context of the rest of the Country. It is a well illustrated book but possibly the most valuable of its contents is a set of large scale maps for each Chapter area showing towns and communications. Maps are an important adjunct to a stamp collection and a set of these would be worth having for reference with one's collection. Since writing the above an equally attractive companion volume on 'South Island' has turned up.

The New Zealand Post Office drew the world's attention to an unusual animal, the Tuatara lizard, in 1935, by showing it on the new eightpenny stamp. I wonder if they knew at the time that it was a rarity. Today there are only a few hundred left in existence. They turned up in the B.B.C. programme 'The Living World' on 27th August, 1978, where they were described as the laziest animals in

the world being reputed to go to sleep in the middle of a meal! A number of Countries have depicted rare species on their stamps which is a good way of drawing people's attention to the problem of preserving them and it is to be hoped that this and other efforts will be successful in their continued preservation. New Zealand, with a considerable fauna unique to the Country has used much of it at one time or another to illustrate their stamps. Another great rarity is the Notornis, depicted in the Southland Centenary set of 1956. For a long time this was thought to be extinct but was happily rediscovered in 1948 in the Murchison Range south of Lake Te Anau.

I was musing recently about the contents of old envelopes, still sealed when we stamp collectors get hold of them. The other day I picked up a Mauritius Stamp Centenary set (1947) on First Day Cover. The stiffener consisted of part of a stamp dealer's price list and included:

New Zealand - offers for the packet maker

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. Fantail	1/6 a 100
1d. Kiwi	1/3 a 100
1d. red K.G.VI	1/- a 100
1d. green K.G.VI	9d. a 100
2d. Hut	9d. a 100

Those were the days! What a chance to look for re-entries, etc. I didn't think much of the description 'hut' for the rather splendid 'Wharewhakairo'. The dealer's name did not appear on this part of the stiffener, otherwise we might have taken him to task.

TOM HETHERINGTON

BOOKLETS ASSOCIATED WITH STAMP ISSUES.

Tom Hetherington's interesting Musings published in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVII, page 123, have prompted me to add to his list of booklets produced by the New Zealand Post Office describing various issues.

The New Zealand Post Office produced a folder to accompany the 1935 Pictorial Issue. It gives a description of the stamps of this issue.

To accompany the Centennial of New Zealand Postage Stamps issue in 1955, a booklet was produced titled 100 Years of Postage Stamps. It was printed by Thomas De La Rue & Co. Ltd., and contained a number of coloured reproductions of New Zealand stamps. The book was made available at the International Philatelic Exhibition held at the Auckland Town Hall from 16th to 22nd July, 1955. In addition, a distribution was made to all schools in New Zealand.

Although not strictly an issue by the Post Office, in the same category are the folders issued by the Government Life Insurance Department to go with the stamp issues of 1947 and 1969. They both give detailed descriptions of the lighthouses illustrated, the 1947 folder providing spaces to mount the stamps, and the 1969 folder showing enlarged photographs.

These items add interest to the collection and eventually, I am sure, will be sought after as Cinderella items.

JOHN WATTS

Editor's Note. Any further additions to the list of Booklets would be greatly appreciated.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND DATESTAMPS.

Following the publication of the notes on these datestamps by John Evans in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVIII, page 55, I can give the following information from my own records.

1864 - 1866 Era.

Serial No. 2.

C.G.Capill of Bunnythorpe has a proving cover, endorsed "Smith, Te Awamutu" in shorthand, with No. 2 dated 15 JY 66. He also has an 1865 cover, endorsed similarly "Smith, Kihikihi", confirming my conjecture in Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand that mail from the armed settlement of Kihikihi would be cancelled at Te Awamutu.

1867 - 1875 Era.

Serial No. 4 - My latest is AU. 27. 1869.

Serial No. 0 - My example, on cover, is dated OC. 30. 1872.

Serial No. 12 - The example reported in Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, in my collection, is a particularly fine clear strike which can be accepted with complete confidence.

Serial Letter A. - My earliest is DE. 27. 1873; my latest, on reply form proving use at the Auckland suburban office of Newton, is DE. 31. 1875.

The story of these markings is by no means complete. I am sure that there must be hundreds more of these stamps scattered world-wide throughout collections. For this reason, I am confident that more information will come to light if we search for it.

Our present information or conjectures on the allocation of these datestamps can be summarised as follows:-

1864 - 1866 Era.

Serial No. 1. - Probably Newcastle (Ngaruawahia).

Serial No. 2. - Te Awamutu.

Serial No. 3. - Either Cambridge or Alexandra.

Serial No. 4. - Hamilton - Cover in the G.J.Elliott collection, from Thomas Lees, 4th Company, 4th Waikato Regiment, Hamilton.

Serial No. 5. - Either Alexandra or Cambridge.

Serial No. 6.) - (No indications, but might be Rangiriri and

Serial No. 7.) - (possibly Miranda Redoubt.

Serial No. 8. - Delete from the record. I am now satisfied that the figure is a 3, not 8.

The year 1866 was chosen logically by R.M.Startup as the cut-off point for the early period when the Post Offices were manned by military personnel. Most of the offices were operated by civilian postmasters from 1867 on. However the change in date-stamps from the use of the "temporary" Province of Auckland markings to named date-stamps was not determined by the date when civilians replaced military staff, but almost certainly by the provision of Money-Order facilities. Clearly a date-stamp inscribed Province of Auckland was not a fully satisfactory means of identifying the office issuing a money-order. I am satisfied that the Post Office policy was to replace any Letter/Number or Province of Auckland date-stamps with named date-stamps when money-order facilities

were provided. As pointed out on page 366 of Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, Alexandra, Cambridge and Newcastle were made money-order offices from 1st December, 1865, and it is likely that the Province of Auckland date-stamps used at these offices were replaced then or shortly afterwards. Province of Auckland date-stamps Serial Nos. 1, 3 and 5, dated 1866 and later are therefore likely to be examples of re-allocations.

Hamilton was made a money-order office on 12th December, 1867, consequently Province of Auckland Serial No. 4 can be attributed correctly to Hamilton up to this time. My earliest Hamilton date-stamp, MY. 15. 1868, is consistent with this. It is possible that Te Awamutu continued to use Serial No. 2 until 30th April, 1874, after which this office was made a money-order office.

Re-allocations.

On page 367 of Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand I have discussed the problem of re-allocations of the Province of Auckland date-stamps. The only certain allocations during the 1867 - 1875 period were as follows (Serial No. 2 possibly to 1st May, 1874; and Serial No. 4 to 12th December, 1867, excepted).

Serial No. 5 - Newton on 24th December, 1868.

Serial Letter A - Newton on 31st December, 1875.

Serial No. 6 - Wangarei Heads, December, 1875.

The evidence suggests that the Serial No. 5 in the date-stamp used at Newton was later changed to the letter A. The date-stamp impressions otherwise appear to be identical.

K.J.McNAUGHT

AN UNOFFICIAL PRE-CANCEL ?

The postcard illustrated on page 67 has historical value, as it contains a picture of the original post office at Levin, which R.M.Startup in New Zealand Post Offices indicates opened in 1888 and is near Palmerston North.

The reverse of this card, posted in 1912, has a brief message from an individual from Kaikoura, Marlborough, New Zealand. A part strike reads --KOURA. This card is addressed to Canada, and does not appear to be altered in any way. As no trace of a cancel appears except on the stamp, is it an unofficial pre-cancel? Was the sender, Marjorie Hopkins, the postmistress of Kaikoura in 1912? Please Help!

J.HILL

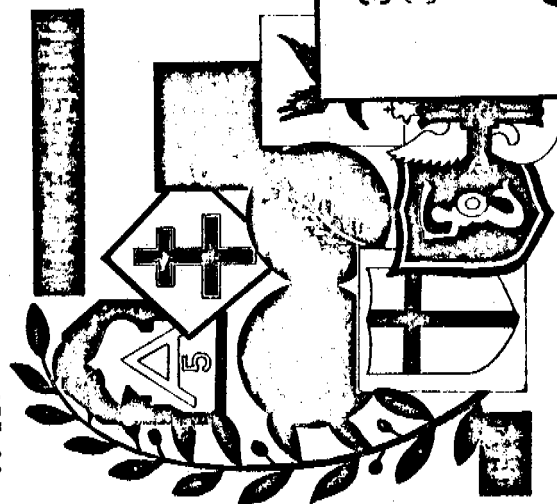
35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MONTE CASSINO.

From 18th to 20th May, the Polish Philatelists Association in United Kingdom commemorated the 35th Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino with an Exhibition held in London.

A specially designed postcard was produced, printed in five colours, for posting at the Exhibition, where a commemorative postmark was applied. A limited number of these cards were also posted from Vatican City to Cassino, where Pope John Paul II celebrated a service at the Military Cemetery of Cassino on the 18th May, 1979, the day when 35 years ago the Abbey of Monte

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE

35-LEONE BITHY C



Viaggio di S.S. Giovanni Paolo II
in Monte Cassino 18 - 5 - 1979.
Repubblica Italiana.

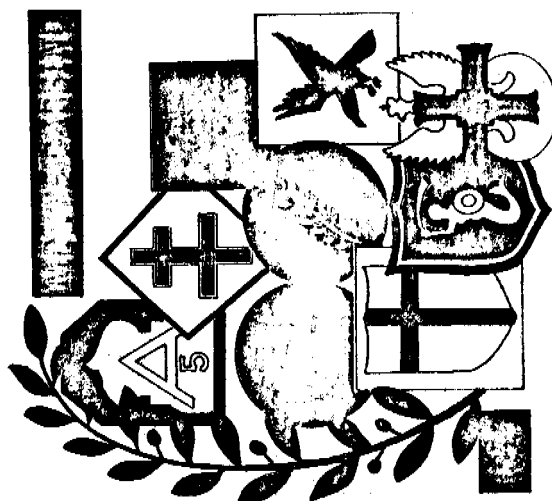
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1944 - 1979
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION



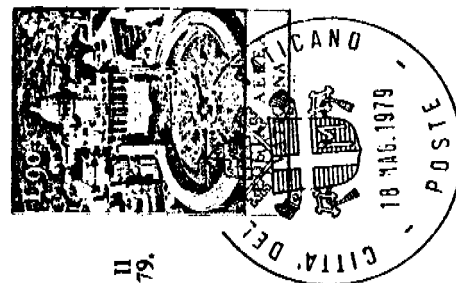
19 MAY 1979
LONDON SW.17



35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE 35-LEONE BITHY C



Back stamp



Viaggio di S.S. Giovanni Paolo II
in Monte Cassino 18 - 5 - 1979.
Repubblica Italiana.



Cassino was captured after one of the hardest fought battles of the Second World War. See illustrations on the previous page.

The design of the card includes the emblems of the Units that took part in the Battle of Monte Cassino. Amongst these was the 2nd New Zealand Division, which took part in the Battle of Monte Cassino in March, 1944. This Division formed part of the Eighth Army, and the badge that it adopted was the New Zealand National Emblem of the fern leaf, in white on a black circular background.

If any member would like either of these cards, would they please contact the Vice-President of S.F.P. (Stowarzyszenie Filatelistów Polskich), Marian Dabrowski, "Bydgosia",
48, Ridge Way, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 6AR.

The cost of the cards is (postage extra)

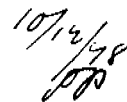
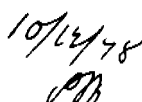
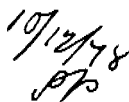
£0.75p for the card posted from the Exhibition in London.

£2.00 for the card posted from the Vatican City.

MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS



Type 1



Type 2

Type 1.

This marking was found on a 2d. Second Sideface Queen Victoria Definitive stamp, die 2, perf. 12 x 11½. The stamp, purchased in England, is further cancelled BLUFF, 28th May, 1887.

New Zealand Post Offices, by R.M.Startup, lists only one Post Office with the initials J.B. This is Jackson's Bay, on the west coast of the South Island, in the Greymouth Postal District. In Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, page 97, Jackson's Bay is listed as having used a manuscript cancellation, but it is not illustrated.

Examination of a map of the South Island shows that Jackson's Bay is very isolated. It is possible that the cover from which this stamp was removed was originally addressed to the United Kingdom. It is possible that after posting at Jackson's Bay, it travelled by sea to Bluff, a port of exit for mail going overseas. The stamp would then be cancelled at Bluff before being placed in the overseas mail bag.

To support this theory, can any member confirm that this marking is from Jackson's Bay; or if not, can the Post Office of origin be identified.

Type 2.

This marking was found cancelling three 2d. First Sideface Queen Victoria Definitive stamps, perf 12 x 11½, on a cover addressed to Scotland. The stamps are further cancelled with an obliterator similar to Type 3 illustrated on page 43 of Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand. The cover is backstamped AUCKLAND, 10th December, 1878.

The cover has been seen by our member, Dr. A.R.MARSHALL. It is not possible to identify the office of posting, where the mark would have been applied. It is only possible to state that this must be in the Auckland Postal District.