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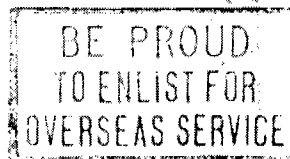
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1993,
AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.300 P.M.

OUR MEMBER C.R.P.GOODWIN WILL ENTERTAIN WITH A DISPLAY ENTITLED
NEW ZEALAND HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS.

CINDERELLA CORNER - FOR KING AND COUNTRY



POSTAGE
PAID
Wellington

*A Personal Message
from the Governor General*



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EDITORIAL

A New Year is upon us, with better forecasts for the financial well being of the country than there have been for a very long time. Naturally, our hobby has suffered with less spare cash to be devoted to purchases. Perhaps it is remarkable that a Society such as ours continues to prosper and function. We are lucky with the expertise shown by our Treasurer, which has not only allowed us to keep our subscription unchanged, but by good husbandry of resources, to permit enlarged issues of 'The Kiwi' to be prepared.

Each one of you can help. All of you can pay your subscriptions promptly, using the form that is customarily enclosed with the first issue of our Journal for a New Year. The next thing you can do is to write something for the Journal, as I am sure many of you have a problem or an item that you would like to discuss. Write it up and send it in, as that is where 'The Kiwi' can help, as many have learnt in the past.

The Treasurer and I look forward to hearing from you. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

ALLAN P. BERRY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

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KIWI DAY - SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1992

The 41st Annual General Meeting commenced at 11.15 a.m., with Alan Gardiner in the Chair. 22 members were present; apologies for absence were received from 13 members and recorded.

THE 41ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

1) The Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting, having been circulated in 'The Kiwi', were taken as read and passed with a show of hands.

2) Our President, John Smith, then welcomed all present and gave his annual address, reviewing, in the traditional manner, the activities of the Society during the past year.

"I have often wondered how to make Annual General Meetings interesting but I have not come up with an answer. As part of the general tedium this report is inevitably much the same from year to year, so I think I will change the batting order this time, then those of you who doze off at halfway may just hear something different.

"We have, I think, a Society we can be proud of in many ways - we have members with lovely material and some of them bring it along and share it with us. We have the Packet which even in these difficult times is doing quite nicely. We have a splendid journal in 'The Kiwi', even if some of the articles leave me slightly more confused than I was before. We have an admirable Chairman and a good and hard working Committee.

"There are so many people who should be thanked and if I start mentioning names I shall upset someone by forgetting them. Purely as examples perhaps I can mention:-

Running the Packet.

Meetings - arranging both speakers and rooms.

Work with the Auction.

Correspondence and membership records.

Reporting Meetings.

Running Regional Meetings.

Subscriptions and finances generally.

The Library.

An of course 'The Kiwi', editing it and arranging production and dispatch. Indeed the Society's beautiful book 'New Zealand - A Philatelic Miscellany', edited by Allan P. Berry, won a Large Silver Award at PhilITex in New York recently, and 'The Kiwi' itself won a Silver-Bronze Award.

"Very many thanks are due to all involved - of course, so much work for the Society does go on behind the scenes.

"Again this year we have been privileged to see some remarkable displays. In January, Dr. Dove showed us the King George V Heads - and a truly magnificent display it was. I have hardly dared look at my King George V collection since.

"In March we had the Annual Competition and Ernie Leppard with the Postal History of New Zealand. Again - can I make a plea for more competition entries. We have some magnificent trophies and it would be nice to see them going round more members. We also have a medallion for what we are pleased to call the Best Novice Entry. I am not sure of the word 'Novice' - especially when someone like Tom Latto wins it - but what it means is that it is for the best entry from someone who has not previously won one of our trophies. Please have a go next year. For the first time since it was anything to do with me we already have a Judge for March, 1993.

"In May, Ross Valentine put on a splendid show ranging from Chalon Proofs, First Pictorials, King Edward VII and King George V. And also a grand display about the Maori Wars. Ross has already returned to New Zealand, and we will miss him.

"In July, Royce Bowen was over from South Africa and we were entertained to a quite remarkable display of Chalon Heads. To describe the collection would take a long time - it just left me happy that as a non-Chalon collector I could admire it without going green with envy. I think that it was only twice before that Royce has shown it to any Society.

"In September there was another fine display - this time by our very long-time member Albert Johnstone. This principally dealt with Railway Travelling Post Offices and, as I suppose is almost normal for this Society, included many unusual items. He also brought along some of his other treasures and altogether it was another enjoyable meeting.

"I think that it is the first time in my twenty-odd years as a member that I have actually managed to get to every meeting. It may be imagination, but I fancy that attendances have been up a little - please do what you can to get to meetings - it may take a long time but perhaps you too can attend all of them.

"It goes without saying that it is a great honour to be President of one's Specialist Society and I think this was my fifth year. I thoroughly enjoy it but you will have your chance shortly to say if you are getting fed up with my pontificating in ignorance.

"Quite seriously, for once, as I told the Committee, I am delighted to be your President but have no wish to outstay my welcome."

3) The Hon. Treasurer, Ernie Leppard, presented his Report and Accounts for the year. It has been a good year, and there is no reason for any increase in the subscription. After a question or two were answered on the best methods of investing money, it was admitted that with falling interest rates, there may not be such good returns in the future. It was then proposed by Mike Baker and seconded by Allan McKellar that the Accounts, as audited by John Smith, be adopted. This was carried on a show of hands. A copy of the Report and Accounts is enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi'.

4) The Hon. Packet Secretary, Bernard Atkinson, then gave his report. Once more the necessity of fully registering the Packet was stressed. The Packets have been doing well but there is still a real need for more new material from a greater variety of people. It was then proposed by Lewis Giles and seconded by Allan McKellar that the Report and Accounts of the Hon. Packet Secretary be adopted. This was also carried on a show of hands. A copy is enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi'.

5) The following Officers of the Society were then elected for the year 1993:-

President.....	John Smith
Vice-Presidents.....	Ian Fogg, Frank Scrivener, Tom Hetherington
Chairman.....	Alan Gardiner
Vice-Chairman.....	Mike Baker
General Secretary.....	Margaret Frankcom
Assistant General Secretary.....	Ernie Leppard
Meetings Secretary.....	John Buchanan
Treasurer.....	Ernie Leppard
Packet Secretary.....	Bernard Atkinson
Librarian.....	Bernard Atkinson

Editor of 'The Kiwi'.....Allan P. Berry
 Meetings Reporters.....Mike Baker, John Woolfe
 Public Relations Officer.....Allan McKellar
 Membership Recorder.....Ernie Leppard
 Auctioneer.....Lewis Giles
 Auction Officers.....Eric and Elizabeth Lewis
 Auditor.....John Smith
 Representative in New Zealand.....John Watts

6) On a show of hands, Ann Carter, Alan Baker, Brian Maynard and John Woolfe were elected to the Committee, following a proposal made by Ian Fogg and seconded by Allan McKellar.

7) The Programme for 1993 was then announced:-

30th January - C.R.P. Goodwin : 'New Zealand - Highlights and Sidelights. A Committee Meeting will be held after the main meeting.
 27th March - Annual Competition. During the judging a display entitled 'Modern Miscellanies' will be given by Allan McKellar.
 5th June - Major Henry Dumas will show 'Early Postal History and Stamps'.
 31st July - Allan P. Berry - 'Government Life Insurance Stamps and Postal History'.
 25th September - Lewis Giles and Alan Gardiner - 'Air Mails'. A Committee Meeting will be held after the main meeting.
 27th November - Kiwi Day, Annual General Meeting and Annual Society Auction.

8) The Exchange Packet Rules have been revised and will shortly be distributed to members.

9) It was proposed by the Committee that one of our members, JOHN FIREBRACE, should be accorded the status of Honorary Life Member. This was formally proposed by Ann Carter and seconded by Elizabeth Berry, and passed by a show of hands.

10) The British Philatelic Federation has issued a questionnaire to all members and member societies to ascertain views on the future of the Federation. It was agreed that our President will submit our views.

11) Our President, John Smith, was congratulated on behalf of the Society on his election to Fellowship of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

On our behalf, Alan Gardiner also congratulated Ernie Leppard on the award of a Large Silver Gilt Medal in the International Class of this year's Autumn Stampex / B.P.E. for his collection of Penny Universals.

12) Following the formal business of the Annual General Meeting, the presentation of our Society Awards for 1992 was made by Professor Robin Gwynn.

Classic Section : Kiwi Shield - Allan McKellar.
 Runner-up : Paua Musical Box - Ernie Leppard.
 Modern Section 1 : Stacey Hooker Cup - Ernie Leppard.
 Runner-up : Paua Book Ends - Ernie Leppard.
 Modern Section 2 : Noel Turner Trophy - John Smith.
 Runner-up : John D. Evans Trophy - Ernie Leppard.

Modern Section 3 : David Forty Salver - Ernie Leppard.
 Runner-up : Teko-Teko Carving - Ernie Leppard.
 Postal History : John J. Bishop Trophy - Allan P. Berry.
 Runner-up : Barton Bowl - Allan McKellar.
 Novice Award : Medallion - Tom Latto.

The F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best contribution to 'The Kiwi' during the past year was awarded to Alan Gardiner for his series of articles entitled 'Caveat Lector'.

The Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting at 12.30 p.m.

The Annual Society Auction commenced after lunch at 2.15 p.m. with 25 members present. Ian Fogg acted as Auctioneer with Allan P. Berry assisting and John Woolfe and Ernie Leppard acting as clerks, and Alan Gardiner and Mike Baker as runners. The realisations are given elsewhere in this issue of 'The Kiwi'. We are very grateful to those who presented Lots for sale on behalf of Society funds, and to those who presented prizes for the raffle. The present Auctioneer and Auction Officer, Ian Fogg, is standing down this year. To show the Society's appreciation for his sterling service, a small presentation was made.

NORTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING - 21ST NOVEMBER, 1992

The third meeting, held on Saturday, 21st November, 1992, commenced at 1.30 p.m. with nine members present. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of three members. The Chairman, Tom Latto, opened the meeting by welcoming George Rawle who was attending a Regional Meeting for the first time. He complimented George on braving the weather conditions in having travelled from County Durham.

The Chairman then introduced Laurence Kimpton who proceeded to demonstrate his knowledge of External Air Mails with a vast range of material commencing with early flights of Ulm, Kingsford Smith, Francis Chichester and mail from the Cook Islands. Many official and unofficial covers were shown with a variety of cachets which included Late Fee and Censored Mail, followed by covers to Karachi, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait, with the New Zealand to Africa service, and New Zealand feeder flights. The development of the 1943 Airgraph service was shown together with Trans-Pacific services, Trans-Polar and later flights which included the 1953 race to England. Supporting material including Crash Covers came from Stuart Potter, Ron Kirby, Jack Lindley, Geoff Wragg and Tom Latto.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to six sheets on any subject from members present.

To start, Jeff Hook showed varieties of printing and paper from the King George VI definitive issue.

Stuart Potter displayed the cancellations of the First World War, followed by the cancellations and cachets on mail from the Royal Train; Tin Can Mail; Not Transmissible; Marine Post Offices and Onward Air Transmission.

Geoff Rawle followed with six sheets of Queen Elizabeth II definitives and officials in Plate and Imprint blocks with the scarce provisional blocks including Plate 13 of the 2d. on 1½d. and Plates 19 and 20 of the 2½d. on 3d.

Jack Lindley displayed a variety of postcards from the New Zealand Tourist and Health Resorts Department.

Ron Kirby showed a selection of Internal Air Mails and Special Flights.

Tom Latto concluded with double cancellation handstamps - that is, from two Post Offices - on Health covers, and irregular use of special Health pictorial handstamps on Postal Stationery.

Proposals for dates, time and location of Regional Meetings in 1993 were discussed and it was agreed that these would continue to start at 1.30 p.m. in St. Luke's Church Hall, Orrell, on the following Saturdays:-

20th February; 22nd May; 18th September and 20th November.

The subjects and leaders for the first two meetings would be:-

20th February - Queen Elizabeth II Definitives, by George Rawle.

22nd May - King George VI Definitives, by Stuart Potter.
Postal Stationery, by Geoff Wragg.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by expressing the appreciation of the Society for all who had supported the meeting with such excellent material, despite the weather conditions, and extended best wishes to all for the forthcoming Festive Season and for 1993.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

J.H./T.L.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

This will be held on Saturday, 27th March, 1993, at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, 16 - 22, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR. Details of the classes and awards are as follows:-

CLASSIC SECTION

AWARDS

The issues of Queen Victoria and the First Pictorials.

Condition.....	30 pts.	Noel Turner Trophy and
Completeness.....	20 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	20 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	20 pts.	Runner-up :-
Judge's Discretion....	10 pts.	John D. Evans Trophy
	<u>100 pts.</u>	

MODERN SECTION 1.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of King Edward VII and King George V, the Penny Universals and the Penny Dominion.

Condition.....	20 pts.	Kiwi Shield and
Completeness & Rarity..	30 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion
Presentation.....	20 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	20 pts.	Runner-up :-
Judge's Discretion....	10 pts.	Paua Musical Box.
	<u>100 pts.</u>	

MODERN SECTION 2.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of King George VI and the pre-decimal issues of Queen Elizabeth II.

As Modern Section 1.

Stacey Hooker Cup and
Silver-Gilt Medallion.

Runner-up :-

Paua Book Ends.

MODERN SECTION 3.

AWARDS

Stamps issued since decimalisation.

As Modern Section 1.

David Forty Salver and
Silver-Gilt Medallion.

Runner-up :-

Teko-Teko Maori Carving.

POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

Knowledge and personal study displayed.....	40 pts.
Originality and importance of the Exhibit.....	20 pts.
Relative Condition.....	10 pts.
Presentation, including write-up.....	20 pts.
Judge's Discretion.....	10 pts.
	<u>100 pts.</u>

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

RUNNER-UP :- The Barton Bowl.

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

Postal Entries should be sent to :-

E.W.Leppard, 68, Chestnut Grove, Balham, London, SW12 8JJ

Such postal entries should arrive with Ernie Leppard not later than TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1993. It is regretted that entries from overseas members cannot be accepted, due to problems that have been encountered with the Customs and Excise Authorities.

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

Once again, an Award will be made to the best entry submitted by a Member who has not previously won an Award in the Society's Annual Competition. Also, the Officers and Committee are hoping for an improved turn out from last year. It is not difficult to win one of the trophies listed above. Many have before now.

AUCTION REALISATIONS

LOT		LOT		LOT		LOT	
A - £	8-00	49 - £	8-50	110 - £	7-00	179 - £	5-00
B - £	19-00	50 - £	2-20	111 - £	3-50	180 - £	9-00
C - £	0-50	51 - £	3-00	112 - £	3-50	181 - £	6-00
D - £	1-00	52 - £	3-00	113 - £	3-50	182 - £	5-00
E - £	0-50	53 - £	1-50	114 - £	3-50	185 - £	50-00
F - £	2-00	54 - £	3-25	115 - £	12-00	187 - £	16-00
G - £	1-00	55 - £	1-50	117 - £	11-00	188 - £	12-00
H - £	5-00	56 - £	4-25	118 - £	0-75	189 - £	8-00
I - £	7-00	58 - £	5-75	119 - £	1-00	190 - £	8-00
K - £	45-00	59 - £	10-00	120 - £	4-00	192 - £	7-00
L - £	1-00	60 - £	9-50	121 - £	4-00	193 - £	22-00
X - £	3-00	61 - £	5-50	122 - £	2-00	194 - £	8-00
Z - £	3-50	62 - £	3-75	123 - £	0-50	195 - £	4-00
1 - £	2-50	63 - £	4-00	124 - £	7-00	196 - £	3-00
3 - £	1-40	64 - £	6-00	125 - £	5-00	197 - £	6-00
4 - £	1-40	67 - £	12-00	126 - £	2-00	199 - £	27-00
6 - £	18-00	68 - £	18-00	127 - £	31-00	200 - £	27-00
7 - £	0-50	70 - £	9-50	128 - £	12-50	201 - £	5-00
10 - £	1-00	73 - £	6-50	129 - £	10-50	202 - £	12-00
11 - £	1-00	74 - £	6-50	130 - £	18-00	203 - £	8-00
12 - £	1-00	78 - £	3-00	132 - £	15-00	205 - £	11-00
13 - £	13-00	79 - £	18-00	133 - £	10-00	207 - £	6-50
14 - £	4-50	81 - £	155-00	135 - £	6-50	208 - £	10-50
15 - £	2-00	82 - £	11-00	137 - £	45-00	209 - £	5-00
16 - £	3-75	83 - £	7-00	139 - £	10-00	210 - £	6-00
18 - £	5-00	84 - £	9-50	140 - £	40-00	211 - £	3-00
19 - £	2-50	85 - £	10-50	141 - £	65-00	212 - £	6-00
20 - £	1-20	86 - £	10-50	145 - £	17-00	214 - £	18-00
21 - £	1-50	87 - £	12-00	146 - £	9-00	215 - £	6-50
22 - £	5-00	89 - £	11-00	147 - £	12-00	216 - £	32-00
24 - £	1-50	90 - £	13-00	149 - £	9-00	217 - £	17-00
25 - £	4-00	91 - £	21-00	150 - £	36-00	218 - £	18-50
26 - £	6-00	92 - £	16-00	151 - £	20-00	219 - £	13-00
27 - £	11-00	93 - £	10-00	152 - £	8-50	222 - £	8-00
28 - £	2-00	94 - £	10-50	155 - £	305-00	224 - £	17-00
29 - £	1-50	95 - £	5-00	156 - £	10-00	225 - £	4-00
30 - £	6-00	96 - £	3-75	157 - £	20-00	226 - £	3-00
32 - £	2-00	97 - £	1-50	158 - £	18-00	232 - £	37-00
33 - £	1-75	98 - £	4-50	159 - £	35-00	233 - £	20-00
35 - £	6-00	99 - £	4-50	160 - £	22-00	234 - £	70-00
41 - £	11-00	100 - £	5-50	161 - £	3-50	235 - £	70-00
42 - £	8-50	101 - £	4-50	162 - £	40-00	243 - £	27-00
43 - £	10-00	104 - £	4-50	163 - £	7-00	244 - £	80-00
44 - £	10-00	105 - £	3-50	169 - £	34-00	249 - £	46-00
45 - £	11-00	106 - £	4-50	170 - £	10-50	250 - £	113-00
46 - £	13-50	107 - £	4-50	171 - £	51-00	259 - £	355-00
47 - £	20-50	108 - £	13-00	173 - £	26-00	260 - £	27-00
48 - £	1-00	109 - £	11-00	174 - £	10-00		

Lots not listed were withdrawn, failed to attract a bid, or failed to reach their reserve. Lots sold on behalf of Society Funds made £96-50. Our thanks to all who donated this material.

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

FONOMARAE 1993



Four special pictorial date stamps were used at the temporary Trentham Post Shop to mark Fonomarae 1993.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Will the Officers of the Society and Members of the Committee please note that there will be a Meeting of the Committee following the close of the General Meeting on Saturday, 30th January, 1993. An Agenda will be circulated before the Meeting.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST DECIMAL DEFINITIVES OF NEW ZEALAND

R.G.DARGE

Continued from Volume 41, page 132.

EIGHTEEN CENT WOOL INDUSTRY

The stamp was issued as a new value on the 8th July, 1969, as a part of the Export Set.

The design was prepared by the Public Relations Division of the Post Office and features a number of sheep in a lush paddock in the left panel and the woolmark in the right panel.

The printing by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. required four cylinders, being black, yellow, blue and red and numbered 1111 and 1alalala. The sheet value is \$11.80.

The paper was supplied by the New Zealand Government and is watermarked and varies in that respect from the paper of the printings in offset lithography. The watermark is upright on the stamps.

The sheet layout is similar to the 7 cent value of the Export Set.

Many shades appear in the same printing but, in particular, some sheets have a dark brown in the right panel. Variations can also be found in the green of the fields. A number of sheets have been seen with colour variation between the top and bottom of the sheet and between vertical rows.

The perforating is similar to that of the 7 cent value in the Export Set.

Several used copies are known from a sheet printed on the gummed side.

18 cent varieties.

1111	Row 9, stamp 7	Brown spot near top right corner of
lalalala		grass.

Printing on the gummed side.

Large yellow ink flaw in woolmark.

TWENTY CENT MAORI ROCK DRAWING

The stamp depicts a Maori rock drawing, said to be the Taniwha, a reptile of Maori legend. The design is similar to the 2/- designed by D.F.Kee.

The printing by Harrison & Sons Ltd. required two cylinders, being buff and black, and numbered 1A1A. The watermark is sideways on the stamps.

The single sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10 stamps, were perforated by a comb head designed for the horizontal format values and used for those values. The sheets were fed sideways into the comb head thus measuring 14 x 14.7.

A curious paper change was seen during January, 1968. The paper has a bluish toning and the shade of the stamp appears orange brown. The paucity of supply suggests that the balance of the order for this value was completed at a later date on toned paper.

The Imprint and cylinder numbers appear on the bottom selvedge, below the first three stamps and the fifth stamp respectively.

An interesting sheet found in Wellington has the background colour almost completely missing in the second row. The third row has the background colour completely missing, whilst the fourth row shows inking bands. The late Colin McNaught dubbed this variety the 'ghostly Taniwhas'.

Warwick Paterson also reports an unusual and similar variety. He writes '...a plate block of ten showing defects in the printing which take the form of a thickening of the ink in an inch wide horizontal strip and below this the partial fading out of the design in the buff colour in the bottom row. I suggest that this bizarre item may be the result of a stop during printing and may show the point at which the cylinder came to rest'.

One sheet is also known with a loss of detail in two horizontal rows. The fine lines of the stomach are missing due probably to inking malfunction.

The black has been seen out of register on both shades.

A number of sheets were used for the manufacture of counter coils. The stamps are vertically coiled with the numbers 1 - 19 inverted and appearing at every tenth stamp.

20m cent varieties

1A1A Row 6, stamp 10 White stroke on upper left.



Loss of ink detail.

Poor registration.

'Ghostly Taniwha'.

Printing defects.

Toned paper : Yellow buff.

ECHOES OF THE 'WAIRARAPA'

ALAN GARDINER

In trying to find information to support the 1995 Centenary of the Salisbury and District Philatelic Society, it is reasonable to turn to the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain. The 'P.J.G.B.' was founded in Salisbury by William Brown in 1891 and is the oldest extant philatelic journal in the United Kingdom, being, since 1981, merged with Robson Lowe's 'The Philatelist'. Brown was also the moving force in establishing the Salisbury Society. Naturally, during the scan of this journal, note is made of anything related to New Zealand. The following is an example from the issue of 10th January, 1895:-

"We have been recently making an experiment in Deep-Sea Philately. A subscriber from New Zealand writes to us as follows:-

'Your Journals for September and October came in simultaneously yesterday. The former had been a week under the sea in the wreck of the "WARARAPA" (Sic).'

"The sea is an excellent cleanser of all things; and at any rate this copy of our September number will be less dry than many estimable journals."

Amusing, perhaps, but the Editor might not have been so flippant had he realised that somewhere between 121 and 135 (the figure varies between references) souls perished after the 'Wairarapa' ran aground at Great Barrier Island just after midnight on 29th October, 1894.

Now, if the recipient of the said journals was a philatelist, he may have recognised that the cover in which the September issue arrived was a collectable item and it may be still around. If anyone has a cover "Saved from the Wreck of the 'Wairarapa'", capable of holding an approximately 9½ inch x 6½ inch journal, with a Salisbury postmark, I am sure we would all like to see it!

AHURIRI 1852 - 1991

TONY DODD

The Ahuriri Post Office ceased to exist after 1st March, 1991, and a New Zealand Postal Agency came into existence operating from the same premises but all mail inwards and outwards became routed through the Hawke's Bay Mail Centre in Napier. Thus 1st March, 1991, was the last day of use of a circular date stamp with the name 'Ahuriri', bringing to an end the earliest Post Office on the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand south of Auckland, and of course in the Hawke's Bay Province.

Several changes have taken place in respect of the name of the Post Office serving such a large area in the first instance of the East Coast, and located in the old port vicinity, established long before the formation of Napier. These changes are summarised below:-

- 27/2/1852 This is the date that Alexander Alexander wrote to the Colonial Secretary in Wellington accepting the handling of mail on the basis that payment for transmission both inwards and outwards would be effected at the other end. The name of the Post Office was Ahuriri.
- 2/5/1858 By this time Ahuriri had become a regular type Post Office. Following on the initial sales of sections in Napier in April, 1855, and February, 1856, and the infant town finding its footing, the name of the Post Office was changed to Napier. Incidentally, the Ahuriri circular date stamp continued in use in spite of the name change until at least May, 1862, as shown later.
- 1/1/1869 Late in 1868, the Chief Post Office was moved from the port area to Napier. The vacated office was opened as The Spit, a Telegraph Office.
- 1/6/1869 Port Ahuriri was set up as a Post & Telegraph Office resulting in the discontinuance of The Spit although the Telegraph section officially remained as Spit.
- 1/6/1896 The name of the entire operation was changed to Spit.
- 1/10/1903 Name changed back to Port Ahuriri.
- 16/2/1953 Name changed to Ahuriri back to where we started in 1852!

Not bad for a period of some 140 years for seven changes. The location of the Post Office itself also changed even more frequently. One premises was burnt down in the Napier Earthquake in 1931 - the final Post Office in Hyderabad Road was occupied in about 1934.

For those interested in postmarks, the various cancellations used are set out below, with earliest and latest dates of use thus far noted, commencing with the manuscript type.

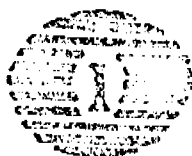
P. Ahuriri
1/2/55



1855 to 1856

15/4/56 to 23/5/62

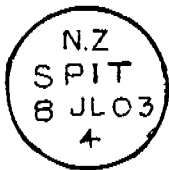
c.1856 to (14/1/1887)



5/10/69 to c.1882

9/7/69 to 21/6/72

27/9/79 to 21/5/96



1/6/96 to 30/9/1903



4/11/03 to 20/5/08



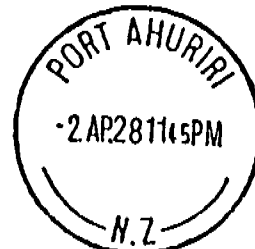
5/10/03 to 8/7/12



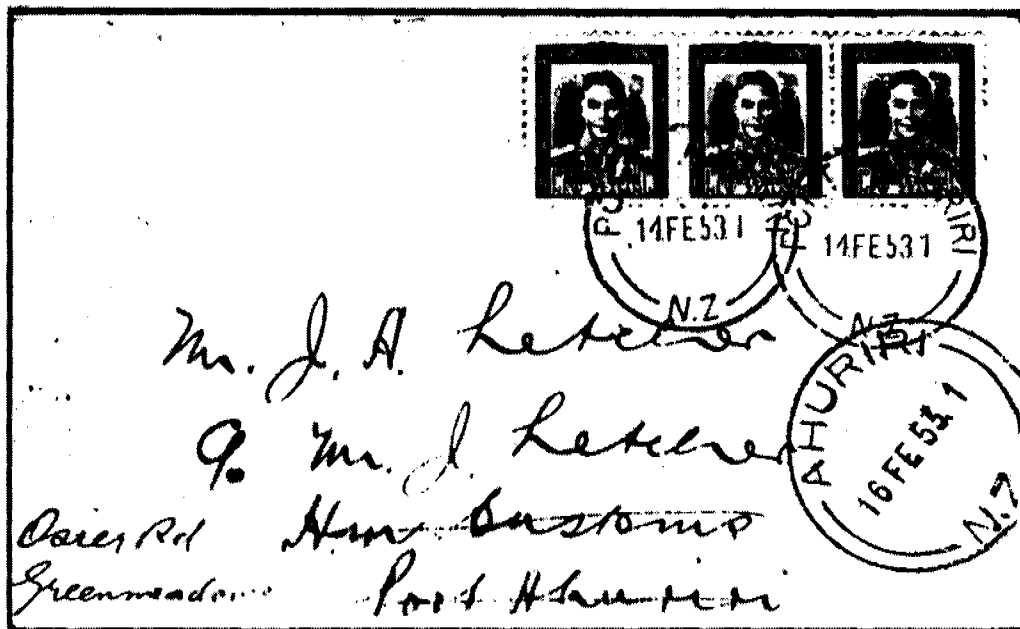
24/9/08 to 28/2/11



22/6/12 to 8/7/26



5/10/26 to 18/12/30



22/4/31 to 14/2/53

16/2/53 to 1/3/91

15/2/53 was Sunday.

Relief cancellations are known for the following dates:-

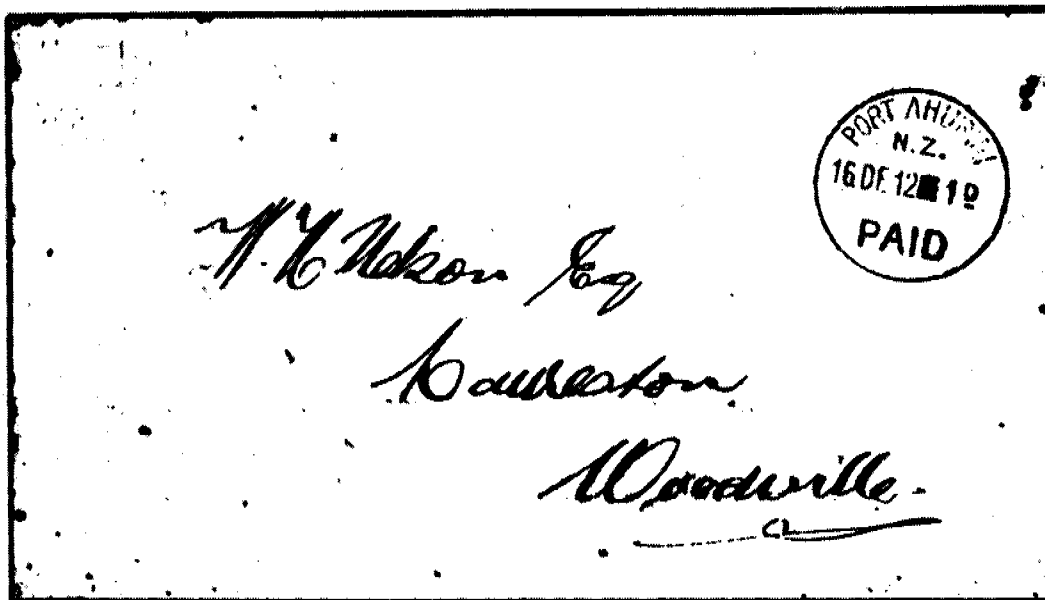
28/ 8/1926 to 31/ 8/1926

26/ 9/1955 to 10/10/1955

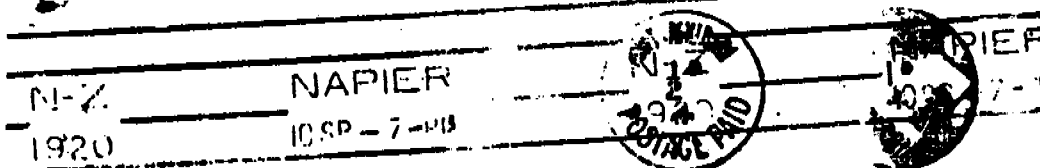
11/ 4/1979

5/10/1979 to 12/10/1979

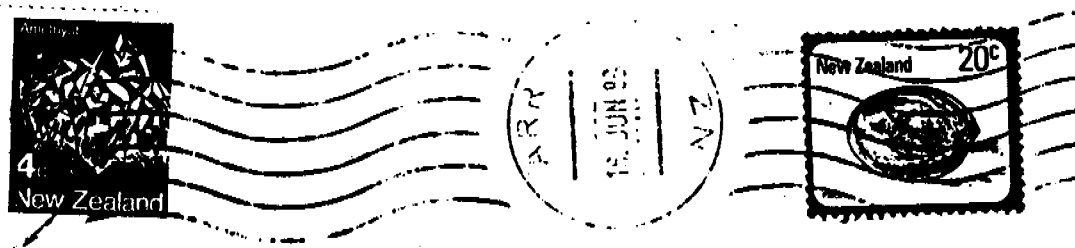
Various machine cancellations, including Saville and slogan types, are known from about the middle of 1965. There are other types of cancellations, some of which are rare. These include 'Paid', Meter Machines and Reiner Parcel Rollers, as illustrated.



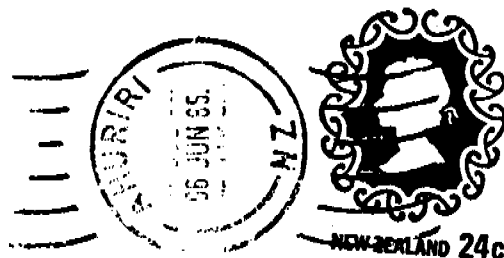
Proofed 5th October, 1911 - Only example known to me.



c.1910's to c.1920's

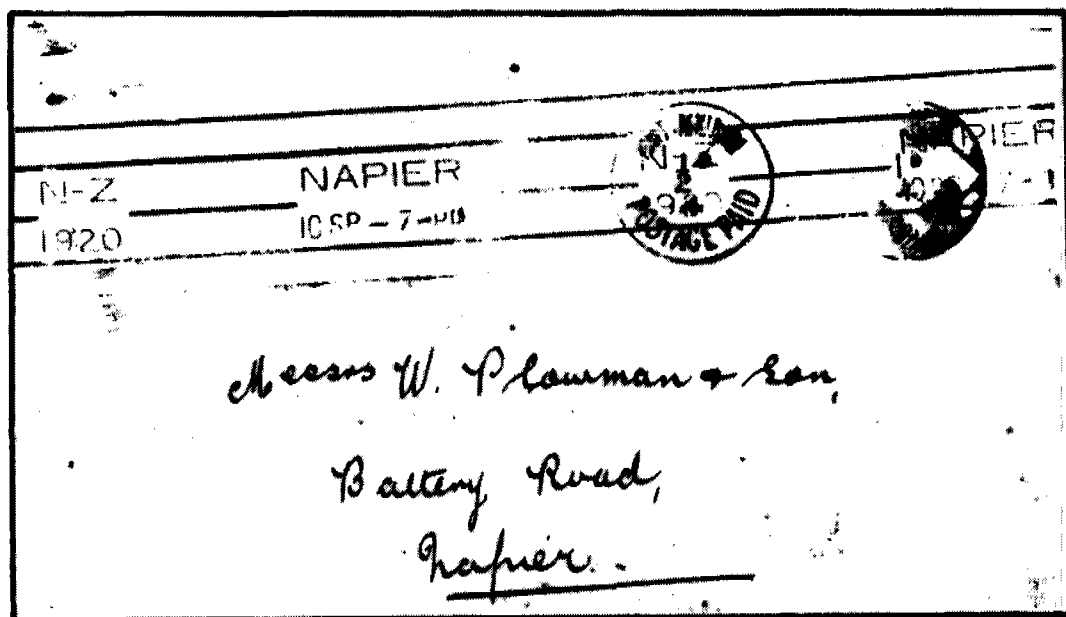


17/5/1983 to 21/6/1984



1985 to 1/3/1991

A Moss Machine Model C, numbered 4, is also known inscribed PORT AHURIRI. The cover illustrated below was posted from 'Ellison & Duncan Ltd. (Merchants), Port Ahuriri, H.B.' and is postmarked with the continuous machine cancellation 'NAPIER 10SP-7-PM 1920'. The wording of the die reads PORT AHURIRI / POSTAGE PAID / ½d / 4.



For further reading, I recommend 'From the Bay to the Bush, the Postal History of Hawke's Bay', by Bruce Marshall and Robin Startup, published in 1984. I am indebted to this publication for the single circular date stamp illustrations.

Not only has there been changes in office names and their locations but also we must remember how the terrain of Ahuriri itself has altered, partly due to reclamation and partly to the Napier Earthquake.

FOUNTAIN OF LOVE

E.W.LEPPARD

The Prisoner of War Airletter illustrated at Figure 1 on page 17 is addressed to Campo Concentramento, Fonte D'Amore, (Fountain of Love), at Sulmona, Italy, which was Campo P.G. No. 78. Attached is the 'Returned to Sender by the Censor' label PC23 in green. The airletter, from Wellington, New Zealand, having passed the New Zealand censor, was returned via the New Zealand Army Base Post Office in the Strand, London, on 28th October, 1942.

Was the Prisoner of War Camp really called 'Fountain of Love', or was the airletter returned by the censor because he thought the sender was perhaps 'taking the mickey'? I cannot see any other reason for the letter to be returned, as the contents are completely innocuous.

A further Prisoner of War Airletter, at the 1/- rate and dated 29th September, 1943, and despatched from Thames, New Zealand, is perhaps more interesting, and is shown at Figure 2 on Page 18. This was addressed to Campo P.G. 47, which was at Modena in Italy. It was rerouted, presumably by the New Zealand Army Base Post Office in the Strand, London, to the New Zealand Army Base Post

Office, 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Middle East Forces, Cairo, and bears the receiving mark of their Chief Post Office, which was K.W.20. Inside it is recorded as being received on 22nd December, 1943.

EXAMINER 7778

PR MAIL
AVION

PRISONER OF WAR POST
KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

20 DEC 1943

MPBELL. 41373 **R.D. Flying Officer**
(SURNAME—IN BLOCK LETTERS.) (INITIALS.) (RANK)

ish Prisoner of War.

Prisoner of War No.:
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP.)

Campo Concentramento.
Camp Name & No.: **Ponte D'Amore.**

Country: **Sulmona. ITALY.**

IMPORTANT: FOR PRISONERS IN GERMAN HANDS THE PRISONER OF WAR NUMBER
MUST BE CLEARLY SHOWN. IT MUST NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE
PRISONER'S SERVICE NUMBER.

PC 21.

RETURNED TO SENDER
BY THE CENSOR
FOR REASON EXPLAINED IN
MEMORANDUM ENCLOSED
IN THIS COVER

Figure 1

Either Lt. Goodwin was not taken prisoner, as his mother's letter certainly suggests, or he was one of the 400 New Zealanders who escaped after Italy signed the armistice on 8th September, 1943. Over 3,600 New Zealanders were held prisoner in Italy at the armistice, and the remainder were transferred to Germany. As the letter has a Camp Number in the original address, the second alternative seems the more likely.

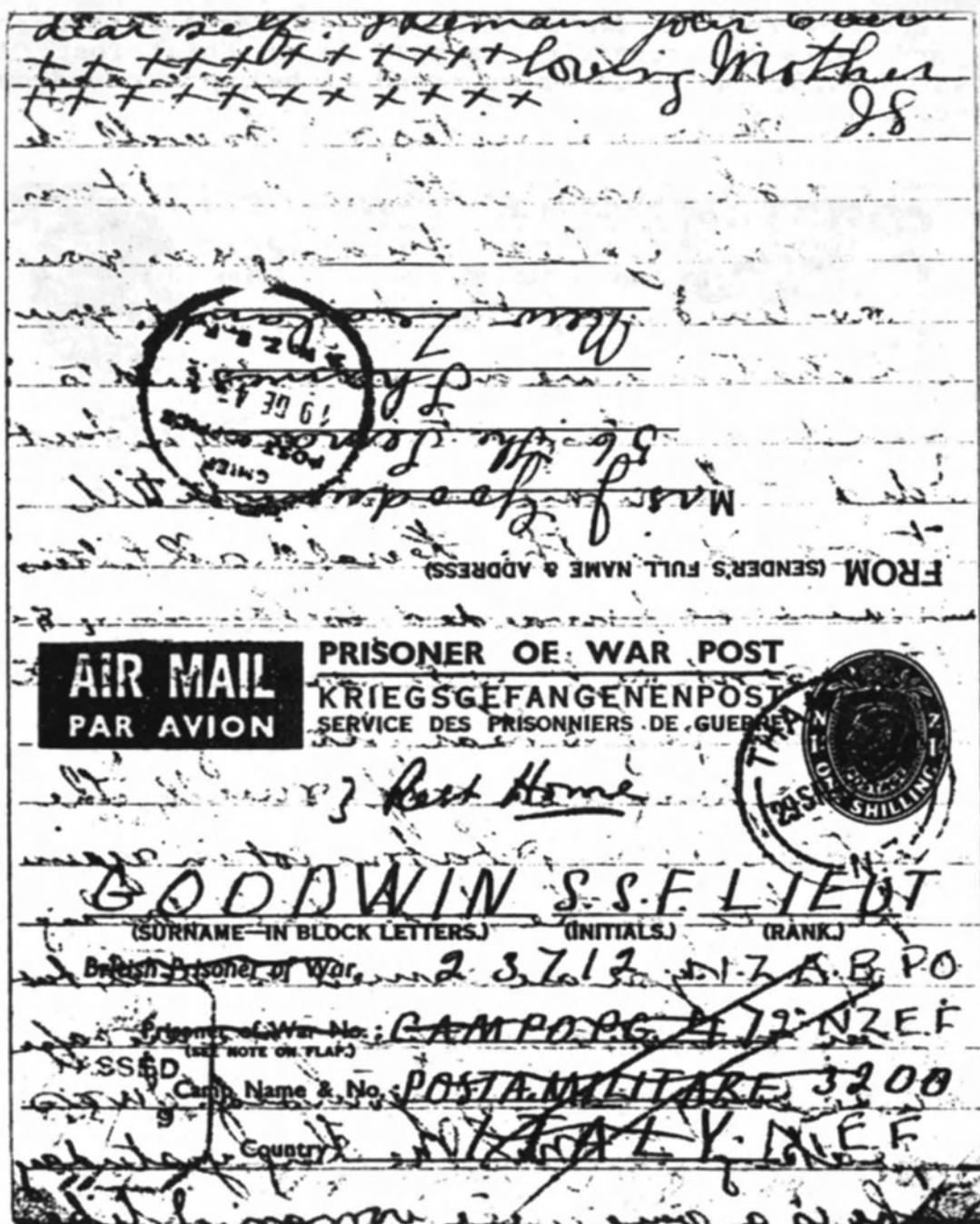


Figure 2

WANGANUI RIVER MAILS

R.M. STARTUP

The Wanganui River is the second major river system in the North Island, rising on the slopes of Mount Tongariro in the central volcanic plateau, and flowing 195 miles southwestwards into the ocean at Wanganui. With tributaries, it drains an area of 2,850 square miles and has an average flow of 8,000 cubic metres per second. Long before the arrival of Europeans, the river was an important waterway for the Maori, both as a means of travel as

well as a source of food.

The first Europeans on the river were the missionaries, who explored its length in the 1840's. The first major European activity up river was in April, 1865, when an armed settlement was set up at Pipiriki to prevent hostile Maori warriors travelling down river and attacking or inflaming loyal Wanganui Maori people. Two hundred men of Taranaki Military Settlers were brought from New Plymouth and taken up river by 'Gundagai' a short distance before marching overland to Parikino. Here they embarked on a fleet of canoes and paddled or poled their way up river to Pipiriki. Redoubts were set up on the western banks immediately opposite the flats of the later settlement. No post office was set up for the garrison, which was withdrawn about the end of 1865, but mails were probably sent down river as opportunity permitted in supply canoes. It is reported that the 79 ton side paddle steamer 'Moutoa' made a trip to Pipiriki during the period, and reached 115 miles. The 'Gundagai' also visited Pipiriki several times.

European mission posts had been established in major Maori villages along the river as far north as Pipiriki but the first up river post office was that at Jerusalem, 50 miles up river, with Rev. Father Christopher Soulas as postmaster. Soulas was required to send a canoe down river to Wanganui once a fortnight to get his mails and amongst the Maori men he employed in this service was Henare Kirimenata. From April, 185, a contract was arranged with A.J.T.Anderson who, in his Maori canoe, travelled down river one day, and back over the next two days.

In December, 1885, a 66 ton stern-wheel paddle steamer 'Tuhua' had been built at Wanganui by David Murray and in 1886 commenced trading up river under the Wanganui River Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. The Post Office paid an annual subsidy of £120-00 for the carriage of mails to Jerusalem and Pipiriki, 55 miles up river, where a post office had opened in the trading store on 1st November, 1886. The mail contract expired on 31st December, 1887, and at about the same time the 'Tuhua' returned to David Murray who retained ownership until November, 1890, when the paddle steamer was lost in the river. At Galatea, 42 miles up river, she struck a boulder and filled with water. A few days afterwards, before she could be salvaged, floods smashed the vessel and washed her into deep water.

It is not now clear why the Post Office did not continue the steamer subsidy after 1887, and on 9th February, 1888, representations were made to the Department of the great inconveniences there would be if the Wanganui up river mail service was discontinued. This resulted in a fortnightly canoe mail service being contracted to S.H.Manson, storekeeper and postmaster at Pipiriki, at £50-00 a year, later in February and, at the same time, a Makirikiri to Karioi mail service was considered.

At this time there was a growing interest in settlement on lands on the western volcanic plateau as well as interest in the Wanganui river for tourists and, as early as 6th November, 1890, the Department of Lands and Survey, who were responsible for land settlement, were in touch with the Post Office about the Wanganui to Pipiriki mail service. A.Hatrick & Co., merchants of Wanganui,

submitted a tender for the Wanganui to Pipiriki mail service on 7th January, 1891, and, though this was not accepted - Manson continuing with his fortnightly canoe - this led to greater events.

A.Hatrick & Co. had been founded by Walker & Hatrick in 1880 but take over by Alexander Hatrick in 1884. He had come from Australia in 1875, and was later Mayor of Wanganui. The firm were general merchants and already had ownership of Wanganui to Wellington coastal shipping as well as inter-colonial shipping. In 1891, the firm obtained from England a 64 ton shallow draught side paddle steamer 'Wairere', capable of carrying 250 passengers, and announced that a weekly steamer service up river to Pipiriki was planned. After some negotiating with the Post Office, and Lands and Survey who were interested in opening land bordering on the river for settlement, a contract to carry mails on the river, for a period of four years, was arranged. This provided for a subsidy of £650-00 the first year, £550-00 the second year, £450-00 the third year, and £350-00 in the fourth year.

The river service was to run weekly, leaving Wanganui each Tuesday, and although the inaugural run was planned for 17th May, 1892, the first run was not made until 24th May, 1892. It is not clear whether Hatrick's had taken over the trading store at Pipiriki at this stage but it was in their ownership in 1896. The river mailman Anderson now became a pilot on the early steamers.

The Public Works Department and Lands and Survey Department were engaged in cutting six foot tracks from Pipiriki inland and widening them for wheel traffic at this time and, in April 1894, an overland coach service Pipiriki - Raetihi - Ohakune - Waioutu - Tokaanu commenced. This was designed for tourists in the main, although settlers were also catered for, as tourists visiting Rotorua and Taupo could now travel across Lake Taupo to Tokaanu, view the hot springs and the central volcanoes, and thence go by coach south around the mountains through attractive bush country, and thence down the remarkable Wanganui river to Wanganui. Initially the overland tourist service was to operate only during the summer months of November through February to April, but the settlers obtained its continuance all the year round. On 5th July, 1894, Hatrick offered to run a twice weekly steamer to Pipiriki and to carry mails on the second service free, if his contract would be extended for a further two years at £350-00 a year. From this a twice weekly steamer service first operated during the 1894-95 summer, reverting to weekly during the winter of 1895.

The international travel agency, Thomas Cook & Sons, and later the Department of Tourist & Health Resorts, became interested in promoting the scenic beauties of the Wanganui river and made it part of a tour through the central North Island. The 1898 summer timetable shows how tourists travelled over this service:-

NORTH

Wanganui depart	7.00 a.m. Tuesday	Friday
Pipiriki arrive	4.15 p.m.	
depart	noon Wednesday	7.00 a.m. Saturday
Karioi arrive	6.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
depart	5.30 a.m. Thursday	5.30 a.m. Sunday

Waiouru	arrive	6.45 a.m.		
	depart	7.00 a.m.		
Tokaanu	arrive	6.00 p.m.		
	depart	9.00 a.m.	Friday	Monday
Taupo	arrive	4.00 p.m.		
	depart	7.00 a.m.	Monday	Thursday
			also branch to Napier	
Wairakei	arrive	8.00 a.m.		
	depart	8.05 a.m.		
Atiamuri	arrive	11.00 a.m.		
	depart	11.30 a.m.		
Rotorua	arrive	4.30 p.m.		

The interesting point about this service, in those days of horse-hair cushioned, bone-shaking coaches, is the short time allowed at what we recognise as tourist sights in our foam-rubber cushioned motorised transport modern travel of today.

With the river service becoming popular with tourists and with further land being opened for settlement Hatrick, in July, 1897, added the 13 ton twin screw steamer 'Ohura' to his fleet and, about the same time, the 117 ton stern-paddle steamer 'Manuwai', capable of carrying 400 passengers, for use on lower reaches.

David Murray, of Wanganui, built and launched the 97 ton side paddle steamer 'Aotea' in January, 1900, for the Wanganui Settlers River Steam Ship Co. Ltd. This firm was formed by river settlers, in the main, who were dissatisfied with the freight charges levied by Hatrick and his monopoly on river shipping, and who decided to run their own service. The Company obtained a mail subsidy of £350-00 a year, equal to Hatrick's, from 4th May, 1901, as the Post Office was quite happy to have an extra service on the river. On the commencement of the rival service Hatrick was quick to try and get a copy of their contract with the Post Office, and in pointing out any failures to adhere to the contract. The new firm was not successful and on 4th September, 1902, the Chief Postmaster advised Wellington that it was being wound up. The firm was unable to meet its creditors and monies due to the Post Office, as well as tolls due to the Wanganui River Trust, which was charged with maintaining a navigable channel in the river amongst other things, had to be written off. In the disposal of their assets the 'Aotea' passed to Hatrick, who renamed the steamer 'Waimarie'. The captain, Jack Allan, continued working on the steamer, but now for Hatrick.

The work of snagging and clearing the main channel was also taken into major tributaries and, in particular, into the Tangarakau, which flowed into the Wanganui from the northeast, just above 85 miles up river. Inland from the Tangarakau, land in the Whangamomona area been opened for settlement and as the roads were impassable to wheeled traffic in winter, it was planned to link the new area to the Wanganui river. At Putikituna, 12 miles up the Tangarakau, a block of land had been opened for settlement in 1897-98 and in the 1898-99 summer a packhorse track was cut from Putikituna through to the Ohura Road, and Whangamomona. Putikituna was the head of the navigable section of the Tangarakau and a channel was cleared to here.

To be continued.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY CHARGES STAMPS

DAVID CHURCHILL

I recently received an enquiry for information from a member who had acquired at auction 'proof blocks' of the 1920 9d. and 2/6 values of the New Zealand Railway Charges stamps, and of the 1926 10/- value. These were all on ungummed, unwatermarked paper, and consisted of:-

- 1) 9d. value - block of 10 (2 x 5) in red-brown on 210mm x 295mm sheet.
- 2) 2/6 value - block of 10 (2 x 5) in carmine on 90mm x 257mm sheet.
- 3) 10/- value - block of 10 (2 x 5) in blue on 210mm x 295mm sheet.
- 4) 10/- value - block of 4 in bright green with wide (50mm) left selvedge.
- 5) 10/- value - block of 4 in lake-brown with wide (40mm) left selvedge and wide (25mm) bottom selvedge.

For all the initial 1920 value, imperforate proofs in issued colours on unwatermarked wove papers are retained in the 'New Zealand General Collection', Volume 1, in the New Zealand Post Office Archives. I had never seen any such proofs, or seen any advertised at auction or for sale.

My reaction before seeing the blocks was that the 9d. and the 10/- blue were probably pages cut from the monograph 'New Zealand Railway Charges Stamps : Design and Printing', by J.W.Brodie, published by the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand in 1983. However, it turned out that the sheets on which they were reproduced were larger than the pages of that book, although the paper was of a similar good quality. The condition of all the blocks, which were without discoloration or foxing, made me suspect that they were not contemporary.

When the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand were contemplating the monograph and considering illustrations, the blocks of the Railway Charges stamps were obtained from the New Zealand Post Office for the purpose of making trial prints from the different values and in various colours to determine which would best illustrate the monograph. From these 'reference prints', the 9d. and 10/- values from the small supplementary blocks of five rows of two stamps were chosen to be machine printed for inclusion in the monograph, the 9d. value in red-brown and the 10/- value in blue.

The 'proof Blocks' are therefore properly 'reference prints' made in 1982 on modern papers. The 9d. red-brown and 10/- blue could be pulls made in the process of printing the monograph.

Proof blocks of the Railway Charges stamps have not appeared on the market and members should be aware that only those mentioned in the New Zealand Post Archives reference collection are known.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION YET?

PLEASE DO SO WITH THE FORM ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE OF 'THE KIWI'

THE PHILATELIC TRADERS SOCIETY'S RED CALL SYSTEM

ALLAN P. BERRY

On 30th July, 1992, our member JOHN STUDHOLME was the victim of an armed robbery combined with a vicious assault, when two men tricked their way into his home, and ransacked the house. Among the valuables taken were selected items of his stamp collection.

Fortunately, either John or the local constabulary were aware of the Red Call system run by the Philatelic Traders Society, whereby when a robbery is reported to them, they have a system of notifying their members by a chain of telephone calls. Thus if philatelic material that can be identified is offered for sale to a member of the Philatelic Traders Society, there is an ideal opportunity for it to be identified and recovered, and the criminal apprehended. It has proved successful on many occasions in the past. Clearly the system does not work unless the stolen material is offered and recognised.

Of course, many items, such as unaddressed First Day Covers or mint stamps or blocks cannot be identified as coming from a particular collection. But other covers and used stamps may be so recognised. The advice therefore is that such items should be photocopied to provide a record, which then ought to be kept in a totally different location away from the collection itself.

If one is then unfortunate enough to suffer a theft, there is a record that can be used to identify items. As well as notifying the police, the Philatelic Traders Society should be notified at once of the incident, with as much information that can help identification as possible. The person to contact is Derek Yardley, the Chief Executive of the Philatelic Traders Society. Initial contact should be made as soon as possible by telephone to the office on 071-490-1005, to be followed with written details addressed to:-

The Philatelic Traders Society,
The British Philatelic Centre,
107, Charterhouse Street,
London, EC1M 6PT

JOHN STUDHOLME points out that it is not always the most valuable items that are missed the most. Studholme Junction on the main rail route south from Christchurch was named after his Great Grandfather. At one time it was a busy wool loading place, and has a pub named 'The Studholme Hotel'. John had a collection of the postal history and postmarks of Studholme Junction, which was not valuable but whose loss is keenly felt. If any member has such material that he can spare to help replace this collection, would they please contact me. I will pass on all letters to John.

CINDERELLA CORNER

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

JOHN WATTS

In time of war when the United Kingdom has been involved there has always been a contribution from New Zealand that reinforced the strong ties that are felt by the people from the Antipodes. As

a means of coordinating the contribution that the general public could make to the war effort during the Second World War, the 'National Patriotic Board' was set up under the chairmanship of the Governor General. One of the fund raising activities was run in the last months of 1939, with a personal message being sent by the Governor General to households and businesses, contained in an envelope as illustrated in Figure 1 on Page 1. It asked people to contribute towards a national plan to provide comforts for the 'armed forces and the mercantile marine'.

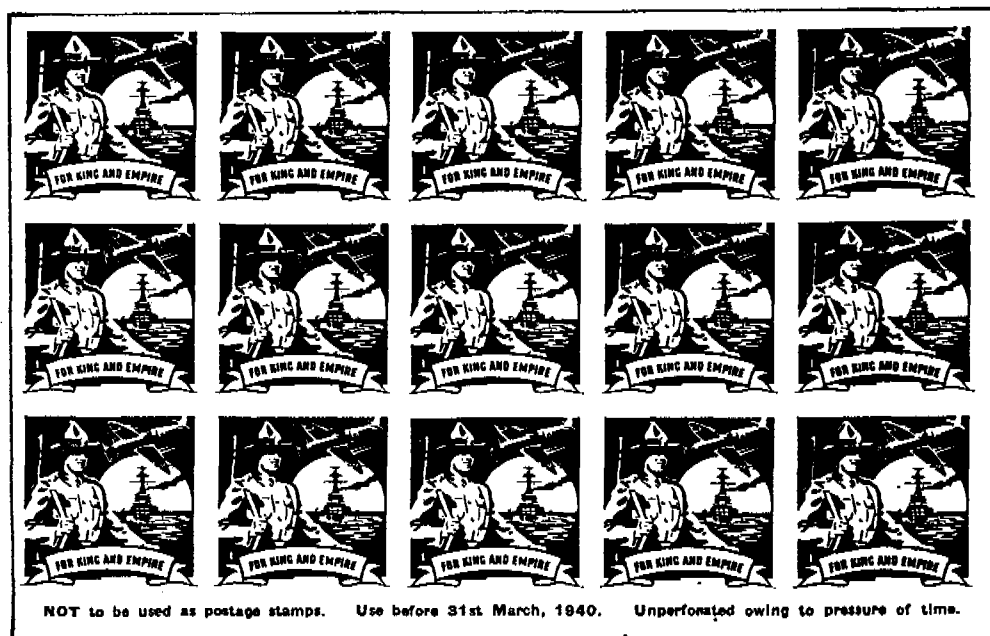


Figure 2

Enclosed with the message were two sheets of 15 labels, as illustrated at Figure 2. The recipient was requested to contribute 2/6 - 1d. per label - and then to use the labels on their mail. This would provide additional propaganda. The scheme was organised in a rush and a note was printed on the bottom of each sheet:-

'NOT to be used as postage stamps. Use before 31st March, 1940. Unperforated owing to pressure of time.'

It is not clear how successful the fund raising scheme proved to be. A commercial cover with one of the labels tied to the envelope is shown at Figure 3, also on Page 1.

The sheets were produced in a variety of colour combinations:-

Colour of Paper

Pale Blue
Blue
Yellow
Orange/Yellow
White
Green
Pink

Colour of Printing

Blue and Black
Red and Blue
Blue and Black
Blue and Black
Scarlet and Blue
Red and Blue
Blue and Black

A copy has been found - Blue and Black printing on White Card - which it is assumed is a printer's sample.