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ON SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1999 STARTING AT 2 P.M.

ALAN BAKER WILL DISPLAY HEALTH ISSUES AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

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NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held on September 11th, 1999 at the usual meeting place in Orrell. It will start at 13.30 hours.

This meeting is the Group's Annual Competition. This year, the Competition will be judged by Ernie Leppard, President of the Society. Ernie will also give a display of miscellaneous New Zealand material.

The display will contain much rare and fascinating material: please try and come.

For further information, contact Jack Lindley ☎ 0161 7051074.

JOINT MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH AND NORTHERN BRANCHES

A joint meeting between the Scottish and Northern Groups will be in Carlisle on Saturday October 16th, 1999.

The meeting will be held in The Cumbrian Hotel, Court Square, Carlisle. The hotel is adjacent to Carlisle Railway Station.

Those attending should meet in the bar at 12.30 for lunch. The afternoon will open with a brief display of K.G.V. by Dr. A.F.Dove and will continue with invited displays from members of each group. The aim is to finish by 17.00.

This will be a good afternoon: please try and come. For further information, please contact: David M. MacGill, 16, Eglinton Street, Saltcoats, North Ayrshire KA21 5DG, ☎ 01294 464100.

NOTES OF MEETING HELD IN LONDON ON JULY 31ST, 1999

Lew Giles opened the meeting, held at the new venue, with 13 members present. The meeting was devoted to a display of Queen Elizabeth II issues by John Smith.

He explained that he had originally thought that was to show the stamps from the early part of the reign. However, he had been informed that he was expected to cover the whole of the reign. This he did with his usual skill. The first sheet showed the 1952 Health issue and the last carried examples of the recent U-Bix Rugby booklets. In between were 238 sheets that gave a comprehensive and panoramic view of the philatelic activity of the reign.

Eschewing fly-specks and most re-touches, items on show included James Berry sketches for the high value Queen on Horseback, an example of the unissued 1985 Royal Portrait without decorations on the sash and a miscut 1995 Farm Animals booklet.

In between there was exemplary coverage of all the definitive issues with proofs, missing colours, and perforation varieties and of selected commemoratives and Health issues where they contained particular points of philatelic interest.

The accompanying commentary was, as expected, full of aphorisms and informative notes.

Derek Diamond gave a vote of thanks and the meeting closed at 16.20.

AFD

NOTES OF MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD ON JUNE 5TH, 1999

Eleven people were present at this meeting and apologies were received a further five members. The meeting subject was "six sheets on any subject".

Harry Fox showed Airmail covers from the 1930's and Tom Latto show a variety of Health items. Brian Stonehouse displayed a selection of K. G. V. Colour prints and colour separations from modern limited editions. Brian Cartmill showed postmarks on Chalons. Paul Wreglesworth demonstrated marginal markings on the 23c. Egmont National Park and 50c Abel Tasman. John Percival showed a study of the 2½c. overprinted on 4c. stamp and Aubrey Halpern showed covers from the Ross Dependency. Jack Lindley showed postcards from the First World War including cards from the series displaying the red Y.M.C.A. triangle illustrated with cartoons and humorous cards from Featherston Military Camp. Geoff Wragg concluded the displays with various instructional markings.

A vote of thanks was proposed to those taking part and the meeting closed at 16.30.

JL

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH GROUP HELD ON JUNE 6TH, 1999

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards welcomed eight members to their house for our June meeting.

After tasting the wine and enjoying a beautiful lunch, varied and informative displays were given by: Dave Edwards, Pat Riddell, Ken Addison, Dave Stralker, Alex McCulloch, David MacGill and John Studholme. The quality of the exhibits was uniformly high.

Those present expressed their thanks to John Studholme for acting as Co-ordinator for the past year and noted that David MacGill would be taking over.

David Macgill gave a vote of thanks to both those who contributed to the Meeting and to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for their hospitality.

NEW CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE SCOTTISH BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY

David M. MacGill has taken over as the Co-ordinator of the Scottish Branch. His address is: 16, Eglinton Street, Saltcoats, North Ayrshire KA21 5DG, Scotland. ☎ 01294 464100.

Please contact David for details of future activities.

AWARD TO A MEMBER

The extent of the contribution to New Zealand Philately of our President, Ernest W. Leppard, has been recognised by the New Zealand Federation of Philatelic Societies by the vote to bestow upon him the Award of Honour. This is the highest recognition of achievement that the Federation can make.

A full report of the award ceremony and citation will be carried in the next issue of *The Kiwi*.

A PHILATELIC WEEKEND

Members will recall that, last year, they were asked to indicate whether they were interested in attending a weekend event run by the Society.

The result was encouraging and a meeting is now being organised for the weekend of September 22 - 24, 2000. The meeting will be held in the Moathouse Hotel, Chester.

The meeting will start on Friday evening with a get together and philatelic event. More philatelic activities will follow on Saturday and Sunday mornings and the Annual Society Auction held on Saturday afternoon. A celebratory Millennium Dinner will be held on Saturday evening.

The Committee is looking to establish the weekend as a permanent and important part of the Society's Annual calendar. It is envisaged that, in due course, the weekend will include the Annual General Meeting, Competition and Auction as well as hosting major displays and other philatelic events. The Committee would very much like to hear the views of members about these proposals. Please let the Honorary Secretary, Keith Collins, know your opinion. Any comments expressed will be carefully considered by your Committee.

The maximum indicative cost for the whole weekend is £240 for member and partner or £180 for a member alone. This will include accommodation for Friday and Saturday nights and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Other packages are available. These costs are not yet finalised as sponsorship is being sought that may result in a reduction in the cost.

In order to confirm the booking, we require definite commitments from members. Can those who are definitely planning to come, contact Paul Wreglesworth (at Belle Vue House, 37, Blakelow Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 7ED) by September 24th, 1999. No payment is required at present although a deposit of £50 will be required from those coming when they pay their annual subscription.

This is the first weekend that the Society has run. The venue is central, the programme will be entertaining, the company good: you should come!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAMPBELL PATERSON:

Congratulations to Campbell Paterson Limited who celebrate their 50th. Anniversary in June, 1999.

Campbell Paterson Ltd. was founded in Auckland in 1949. In 1966, the Founder moved to London to establish an U. K. Branch. Following this move, Warwick Paterson, an accountant by training, took charge of the Auckland branch of the Company.

Based in Auckland, the Company deals only in New Zealand Philatelic material. Campbell Paterson, Ltd. has become an acknowledged authority in the area of published research and information on New Zealand stamps. The company publishes the definitive Catalogue of New Zealand stamps as well as a monthly Newsletter.

To commemorate the anniversary, the company has donated "THE CAMPBELL PATERSON AWARD" to the Federation of New Zealand Philatelic Societies. The financial prize will be awarded to an outstanding display of New Zealand or Dependencies philatelic material in a National Exhibition held in New Zealand. The award is solely financial. The idea of awarding a silver salver etc. was discussed and rejected. The final view was that money talks, hopefully in the soft tones of encouragement and support.

ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The Annual Society Auction will be held on Kiwi Day, Saturday, 27th November, 1999. Members who wish to place items in the Auction should note the following instructions:

1. A list of your Lots, typewritten or in block letters please, should be prepared, giving a brief description of each Lot - e.g. U.M. : Unmounted: M: Mint: F.U.: Fine Used, etc.
2. State your realistic estimate of the market value and reserve for each Lot. This is a must. If you have no reserve, please say so. Estimates for Lots should be more than £4.00.
3. All Lots should be contained in clear envelopes or plastic holders. A white label about one inch square should be placed in the bottom right hand corner for the insertion of the lot number.
4. Lots may be sent to the Auctioneer with your list, but in any case, they must be in my hands prior to the Auction. The Auctioneer will acknowledge receipt of lists and Lots. Lots handed in on the day of the Auction must have their Lot numbers clearly shown.
5. The Auctioneer is:

A.J.Woolfe, 31, Emberson Way, North Weald, Essex CM16 6DL

Lists must reach the Auctioneer by Saturday, 26th September, 1999, so that the Catalogue can be printed in time for distribution with the November issue of *The Kiwi*. Lists may be faxed to the Auctioneer on: 0171 5407739.

6. Commission will be charged at 10% of the sale price. All postage, poundage, insurance, etc. is payable by the vendor. A lotting fee of 20p per lot will be charged. Bulky lots comprising books, periodicals, boxes of stamps etc. cannot be accepted unless the vendor undertakes to deliver and collect from the auction room, or, if sold, to deliver to the purchaser direct.

An analysis of previous Auctions suggests that modern Lots, such as First Day Covers, unless unusual, have a poor rate of sale and would be better disposed of through the Society's Exchange Packet.

In recent years, problems have been experienced with the contents of some Lots. Accordingly, the Auctioneer has the right to decline lots that do not conform to their description or which, in his view, are of insufficient quality to sell. Payment to vendors will be made when postal purchasers have received and paid for their Lots.

APPEAL

Each year it has been the practice of many generous members to offer items, both philatelic and general, to be auctioned on behalf of Society's funds. This is much appreciated. Do please see what you have surplus to your requirements. No matter what it is, we will be delighted to receive it, preferably by 25th September, 1993, so that it can appear in the catalogue, otherwise at any time up to 2.00 p.m. on Kiwi Day.

Remember to bring your catalogue to the auction. Copies available in the room will cost £1-00.

COMING EVENTS:

HAMPEX 1999

Hampex '99 is to be held on October 23rd 1999 at Chandlers Ford. The Society has taken a room and will be mounting a display of New Zealand material. More importantly, officers of the society would very much like to take the opportunity to meet members from the South Coast and the West Country with a view to initiating a West Country Group. The meeting will be held in the school grounds of Thornden Secondary School, Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford.

To find the school, exit M3 at Junction 12 and follow road signs towards Chandler's Ford, pass the Wessex Nuffield Nursing Home on the left and take the next left into the school grounds.

CANPEX 2000

A National Stamp Exhibition will be held in Christchurch between October 5th and October 8th, 2000.

To encourage and promote Pacific philately, Canpex 2000 is looking for competitive entries in the Great Pacific Challenge. The regulations for these entries are not yet finalised but entrants will be able to apply for between 3 and 8 frames, each holding 16 sheets.

This exhibition will be held just after the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Members may wish to combine visits.

Further information is available from: Canpex 2000, P.O.Box 18779, Christchurch, New Zealand.

THE NEXT MILLENNIUM

Mt. Hikurangi, East Coast New Zealand, is the first spot on any mainland in the world to see the sun at the dawn of the new millennium.

To commemorate the event, a choice of pictorial postcards personalised to the addressee is available from Te Puia Springs Post Office. The selected card will have the name and message of the sender printed on the card and will be posted from the foot of the mountain at Te Puia Springs. It will carry the official New Zealand millennium stamp that will be postmarked in Gisborne on 1st January, 2000.

Orders may be placed through a Web Site: address: www.firstsun2000.com.

For members not on the Internet, the contact address is: Te Puia Springs Postal and General Store, Main Road, Te Puia Springs, Gisborne, New Zealand.

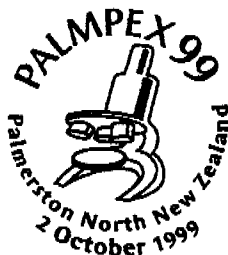
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SPECIAL DATESTAMPS WHAKAPEX '99 STAMP EXHIBITION



A special pictorial date stamp will be issued to commemorate the Whakapex '99 Stamp Exhibition being held in Whakatane between September 24th and 26th, 1999.

PALMPEX 99 NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION



Three special datestamps will be issued to commemorate the Palmplex 99 National Stamp Exhibition being held in Palmerston North between October 1st and 3rd, 1999.

NEWS RELEASES:

HAIRY MACLARY AND FRIENDS POSE FOR 1999 CHILDREN'S HEALTH STAMPS

10 June 1999

Hairy Maclary and friends are set up to help out Children's Health this year in the 1999 New Zealand Post Children's Health stamp issue being released Wednesday 16 June, focusing on children's books and their contribution to the education, health and well being of New Zealand children.

Health stamps raise money for children's health by carrying an additional five cent charge that is donated to Children's Health Camps around New Zealand. The 40-cent self adhesive stamp (plus 5-cent donation) features Hairy Maclary's Bone, by Lynley Dodd published in 1984 and the 40-cent gummed stamp (plus 5-cent donation) features A Lion in the Meadow, by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Jenny Williams, first published in 1961. The 80-cent gummed stamp (plus 5-cent donation) depicts New Zealand's all time favourite Greedy Cat, by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Robin Belton and published in 1983.

"This is the 70 year anniversary of Health Stamps in New Zealand and we have come a long way from the first Health Stamps in 1929 which featured a nurse and an emblem of the Anti-Tuberculosis Societies," says Wendy Riley, New Zealand Post Stamps Marketing Manager.

"This year's Children's Health Stamps are a collection of some of New Zealand's timeless children's stories, celebrating both the enchanting text and the endearing illustrations."

New Zealand's seven Children's Health Camps provide a supportive and healthy environment where children and their families can gain long term skills and confidence, offering both residential and non-residential care. Last year, \$157,495 was raised from the sale of Health stamps for the 3,000 children who attended the Children's Health Camps.

"We are really pleased about New Zealand Post's on-going support for our Health Camps. The funds we receive contribute to Camp life and programmes, allowing us to continue with all our activities, as well as our expert professional and specialist care," says Sandy Sturgeon, national spokesperson for the Children's Health Camp's health stamp campaign.

This year's stamps, miniature sheet and first day covers were designed by Ann Adams of Wellington and printed by Lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin.

NEW ZEALAND ARTISTS WORK FEATURES ON NEW STAMP ISSUE

14 June 1999

Four vastly different works by Christchurch Artist Doris Lusk feature in the third of New Zealand Post's "New Zealand Art" series of stamps, on sale 16 June 1999. This issue follows Peter McIntyre's works in 1998 and Colin McCahon's paintings in the 1997 issue.

The Doris Lusk stamp issue depicts four of Lusk's works. First, "The Lake, Tuai", 1948 (40 cents) oil on gesso on textured board. Secondly, "The Pumping Station", 1958 (\$1) oil on newspaper on board. Thirdly, "Arcade Awning, St Marks Square, Venice", 1976 (\$1.50), pencil and watercolour on paper and card. Finally, "Tuam Street II, 1982 (\$1.80), acrylic, pencil and coloured pencil on canvas.

"Doris Lusk was one of this country's pre-eminent artists, and this stamp issue reflects her contribution and unique place in the history of New Zealand art" says Wendy Riley, New Zealand Post's Stamp Marketing Manager.

"The paintings chosen for the stamp issue reflect the wide variety of styles and materials with which Lusk worked. The Pumping Station was her best known piece".

Lusk was born in Dunedin in 1916 and trained at the Dunedin King Edward Technical College from 1934 to 1939. During the 1940s she spent time painting with Colin McCahon before moving to Christchurch and marrying. Lusk raised three children, while continuing to paint and teach pottery and later in the 1960's Lusk taught at the University of Canterbury School of Fine Arts before winning the National Bank Art Award for a watercolour portrait of mother and child.

Shortly after her death in 1990, Doris Lusk was posthumously honoured with the Governor General Art Award for her outstanding contribution to New Zealand art.

The stamps and first day cover were designed by Hamish Thompson of Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin by lithography.

APEC STAMP CARRIES CHILDREN'S MESSAGES TO WORLD LEADER

16 July 1999

US President Bill Clinton and the First Lady, Hilary Rodham Clinton will be among the first to receive letters displaying the colourful APEC 99 stamp, being issued by New Zealand Post and launched at Royal Oak Primary School in Auckland.

School children from Room 19 at Royal Oak Primary School have been busy writing to the US President and First Lady about their upcoming visit to New Zealand, using special APEC letterhead, and will post the letters using the new APEC stamp which goes on sale Wednesday 21 July.

New Zealand Post and APEC officials are visiting the class today to meet the school children, view their letters, and launch the new stamp.

"The APEC stamp is an excellent way to showcase this country, both nationally and internationally, and is a unique way to portray the vibrancy of New Zealand," says Wendy Riley, New Zealand Posts Marketing Manager.

The single 40 cent APEC stamp depicts the APEC logo which is designed to reflect the 'real colours of New Zealand' with nine images and colours that represent distinct aspects of the New Zealand way of life. They are: Long White (our Aotearoa), Silver Lining (our potential), Awe Black (the colour our athletes wear with pride), Green As (our wonderland), Blue Horizons (our lack of limits), Zeal Teal (our pioneering spirit), CultuRed (our diverse culture), 1/4 Acre Ochre (where we live), and Kiwi Brown (those unique and shared New Zealand experiences).

The APEC logo was designed by Nigel Swinn of Designworks, with the stamp and first day cover designed by Stephen Fuller of Wellington and printed by Southern Print, Dunedin, by lithography. The stamp and first day covers go on sale on Wednesday 21 July.

NEW STAMP RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY

28 July 1999

A new stamp release by New Zealand Post, entitled 'Scenic Walks', highlighting the rich diversity of New Zealand's landscapes, goes on sale on Wednesday 28 July.

'Scenic Walks' is the latest in a line of annual scenic issues and follows on from 'Scenic Skies' released in July last year. The annual scenic issues are designed to highlight New Zealand's superb and renowned natural environment, making them memorable for all who buy and receive them.

"The stamps in this issue are a wonderful glimpse of some of the stunning and varied landscapes New Zealand has to offer," says Wendy Riley, New Zealand Post Stamps Marketing Manager.

The six stamps which make up the 'Scenic Walks' issue include: 40-cent West Ruggedy Beach, Stewart Island; 80-cent Ice Lake, Butler Valley, Westland; \$1.00 Tonga Bay, Abel Tasman N.P.; \$1.20 East Matakita Valley, Nelson Lakes N.P.; \$1.50 Great Barrier Island; \$1.80 Mount Taranaki/Egmont.

"This fantastic stamp issue from New Zealand Post allows us to admire some of our most stunning landscapes from our own homes. The stamp issue depicts the wide range of walks available within the public conservation land DOC looks after. There's something to suit everyone, from a family day trip in Abel Tasman National Park to a serious sub-alpine experience encountering glaciers on the West Coast," says DOC's Director-General Hugh Logan.

A closer look at the 'Scenic Walks' stamp issue reveals contrasts between the wilderness of West Ruggedy Beach on Stewart Island, to the grassy clearings of the East Matakita Valley in the Nelson Lakes, the longest valley in the Park. The stamp issue also looks at some of the more compromising landscapes, such as the glacial Ice Lake in Westland and sub tropical climate which awaits explorers on Great Barrier Island.

The stamps were designed by Ocean Design of Wellington and the first day cover was designed by Stephen Fuller, also of Wellington. The stamps were printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin by lithography.

CURRENT EVENTS:

A FURTHER CONSEQUENCE OF THE DEREGULATION OF NEW ZEALAND POST

An interesting consequence of the de-regulation of the postal service in New Zealand has now been manifested.

Stamp dealer, would be politician Len Jury of New Zealand has created a world first for Postage Stamps. Under New Zealand's deregulated Postal system private mail firms are able to issue their own stamps. Len Jury the well known New Zealand and International Stamp Dealer, has issued his own stamps in conjunction with private Mail carrier "Pete's Post" to use on mail to every household in his electorate. It is understood that this is the first time that stamps have been used to promote a political candidate.

There are two designs: the first features Len with his wife, Heather, in front of a local tourist feature named as Sugar Loaves by Captain James Cook when he sailed past in 1770 on his exploration of New Zealand. The second design features Len beside his campaign car in party colours and suitably signwritten! Special number plates read LEN4MP.

EXTRACT FROM "NEW ZEALAND NEWS UK"

Editors Note: the following excerpt is taken from "New Zealand News UK" (Wednesday May 26th, 1999), a free newspaper distributed amongst the New Zealand population in the United Kingdom and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Editor.

COMPANY NEWS:

■ **New Zealand Post** is looking to increase its share of the courier market to between 36 percent and 41 percent if it successfully negotiates the purchase of Ansett Express. The State-owned enterprise was the preferred bidder for Ansett Express from a shortlist of two. Two years ago, the Government stopped NZ Post buying Freightways Express because the investment was considered too large. But NZ Post distribution manager Chris Callen said the shareholding ministers had approved the Ansett Express purchase. It was a smaller investment than the Freightways proposal. Ansett Express, a courier and domestic air freight company, is jointly owned by Air New Zealand and Ansett Australia. Its turnover is about \$90 million a year. NZ Post's Courier Post is the largest brand in the market.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND READERS QUESTIONS:

THE PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT FRANKS (PART 2)

ALLAN P. BERRY

The frank was also used on wrappers (Figure 13).

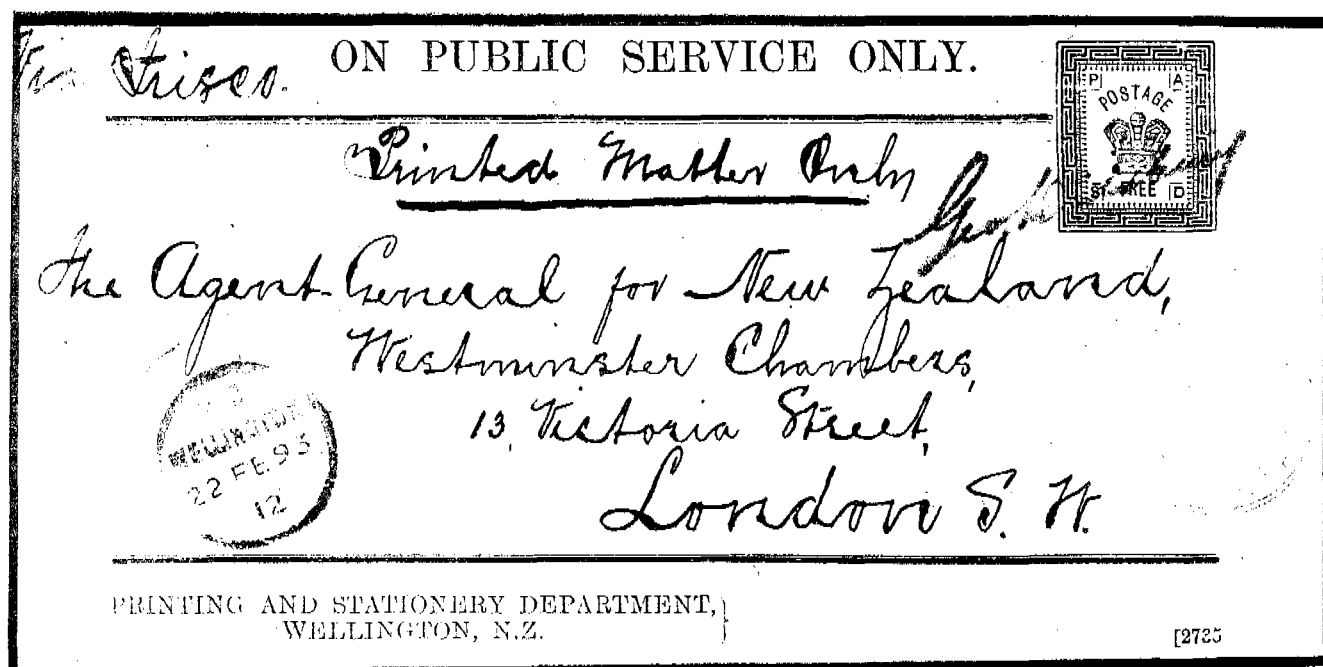


Figure 13

Most of these survive as cut down pieces, but enough material remains to identify various printings:

- Print number (66 in the bottom right hand corner. Example used 2 FE 91..
- Print number [2735 in the bottom right hand corner. Example used 22 FE 93.
- Print Number [3648—94 in the bottom right hand corner. Example undated.
- A cut down example, but clearly different from the others, as it carries the designation above the top frame line **NEW ZEALAND MINES RECORD.**

A third type of printed frank was introduced (Figure 14), incorporating the Royal Cypher, V.R. I have not had access to the Post and Telegraph Official Circulars, so I do not know when the new type was authorised. The earliest example that I have in my collection is on a cover dated 1 JL 99.

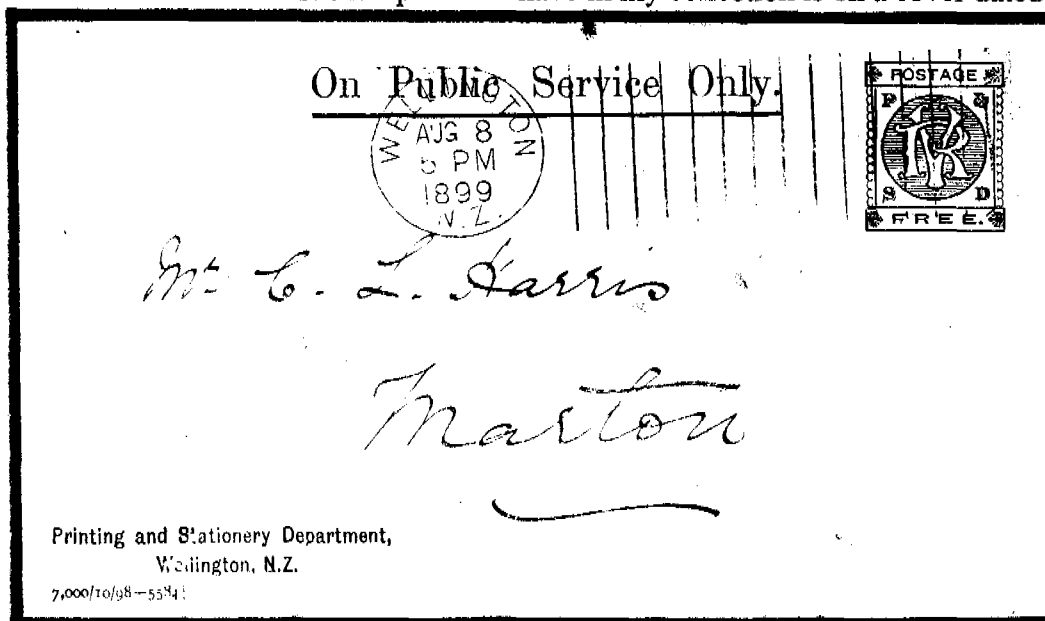


Figure 14

Varieties that I can record are:

- An envelope (illustrated as Figure 14) measuring approximately 140 mms x 80 mms, which carries the print number 7,000/10/98—5584].
- Print number 7,000/6/99—3285].
- Print number 7,000/1/1900—478]. An example of this is known with the printing offset on the back on the envelope.
- Print number 10,000/7/1900—4794].

As with previous examples, this frank is also used on parcel labels (Figure 15).

The varieties that I can identify include:

- A label without printing designation. The printed frank is placed 4.0 mms from the top inner frame line and 3.0 mms from the right inner frame line.
- Print number inside both frame lines in the bottom right hand corner reading [1941—99. There is a partially printed address *Chief Postmaster* /. The inscription at lower left is "Printing and Stationery Department, / Wellington, N.Z.,.....,1.....
- The print number is inside both frame lines in the bottom left hand corner and reads 10,000/4/1900—2611]. In addition, there is a partially printed address *The Postmaster*, /. There is also a printed instruction **For delivery to / on payment of the amount advised.** The inscription above the print number reads "Printing and Stationery Department, / Wellington, N.Z.,....., 190....

Once again, there are special parcel labels on which this frank appears (Figure 16). They are also printed on blue paper and also carry the office designation RAILWAY TICKET / PRINTING OFFICE and the word REGISTERED in a double lined rectangular box and a partially printed address 'Stationmaster'. My collection has examples of two print numbers:

- 2,000/2/99—840].
- 5,000/7/99—4044].

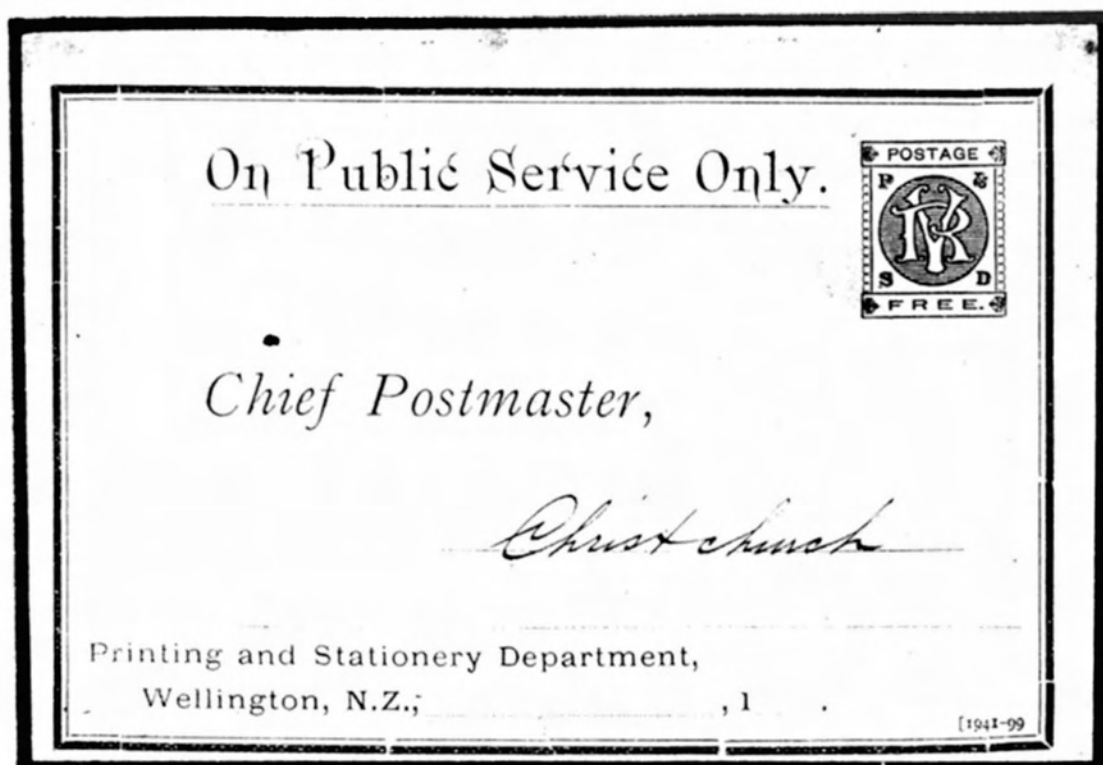


Figure 15

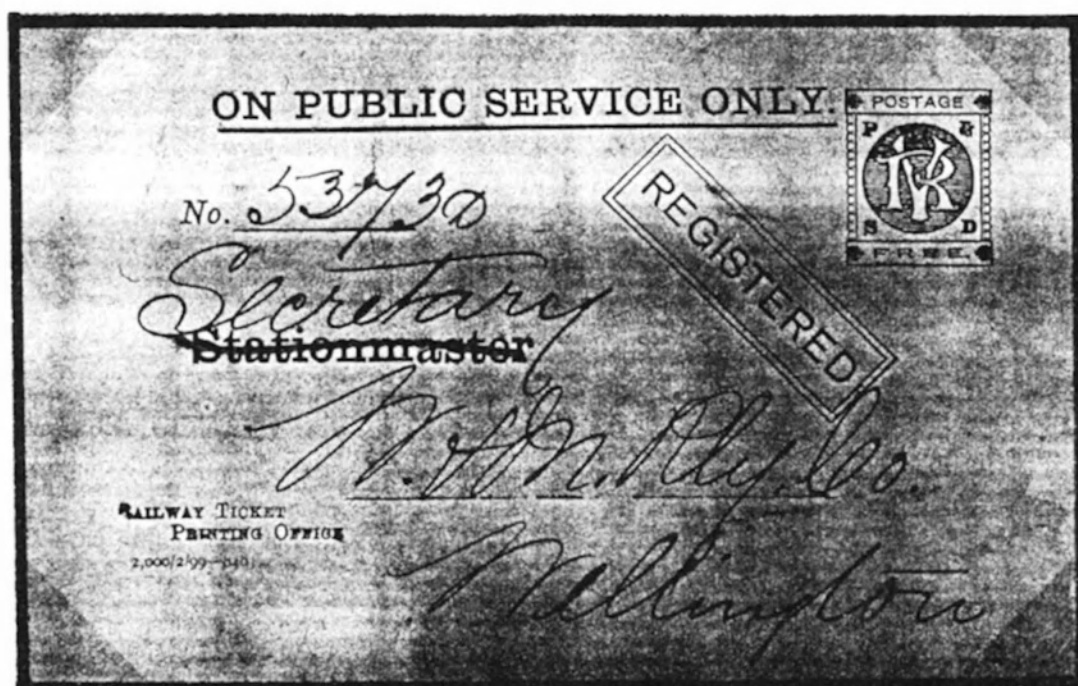


Figure 16

The frank is also used on wrappers (Figure 17). In my collection I have recorded those with print numbers as follows:

- [5,000/1/99—289.
- [3,000/10/99—6056.
- [2,000/4/1900—2666. This also carries the designation above the top frame line **NEW ZEALAND MINES RECORD**.
- [2,000/6/1900—3445. This has the partially printed address *The Postmaster, /*. There is also a printed instruction **For delivery to / on payment of the amount advised**.

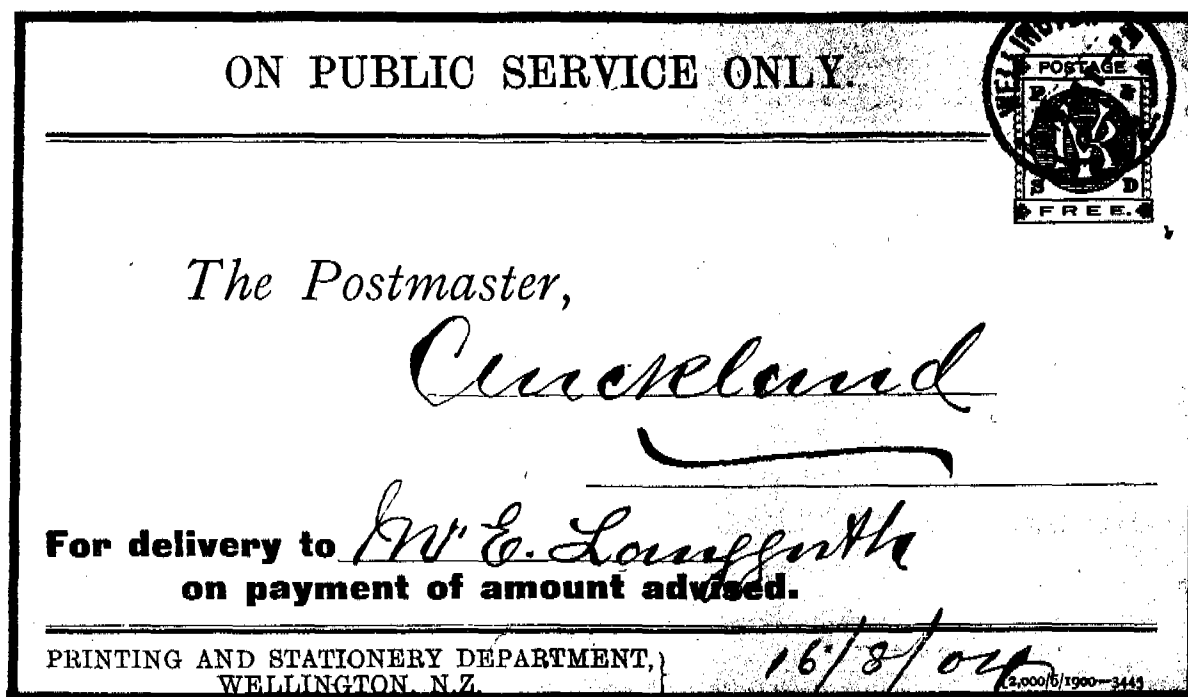


Figure 17

Queen Victoria died in January, 1901, so that the cypher V.R. in the frank was no longer correct. It was replaced with a new frank, the fourth, bearing the cypher E.R. for King Edward VII (Figure 18). I have no access to the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Official Circulars, so that I do not know the exact date that the new frank was introduced. It was also used on a range of stationery items.

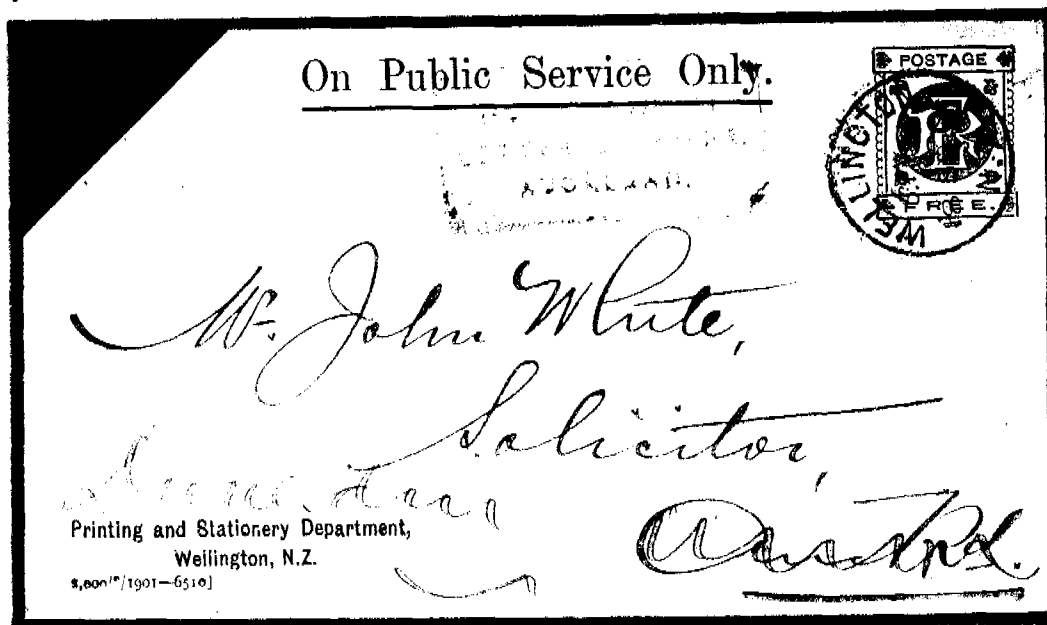


Figure 18

For envelopes measuring approximately 140 mms x 80 mms, I have recorded the following print numbers:

- 2,000/8/1901—6510]. My example is used 18 SP 01 and has a mourning corner at the top left.
- 1,000/10/1901—7791].
- 1,000/11/1901—8869].

- d. 1,000/12/1901—9499].
- e. 3,000/1/1902—512]. No mourning corner - Queen Victoria had now been dead for a year, so the official period of mourning and half mourning would now be over.
- f. 5,000/3/1902—1811].
- g. 3,000/8/1902—6543].
- h. 3,000/10/1902—8522].
- i. 5,000/1/1903—645].
- j. 3,000/4/1903—3437].
- k. 5,000/7/1903—6157].
- l. 5,000/11/1903—9502].
- m. 2,000/3/1904—2585].
- n. 10,000/5/1904—4150]. The last item (n), is used NOV 14 1904.

Despite many years searching and recording these items, I have not come across an envelope with a print number showing a year date later than 1904. The franking system was abolished at the end of 1906 and it seems surprising that a print supply of 10,000 would last the remainder of 1904 and all of 1905 and 1906. This is supported by the fact that the numbers above show printings of 14,000 in 1902; 16,000 in 1903 and 12,000 in the first half of 1904. If readers could advise of any other print numbers, I would be pleased to hear from them.

As with previous franks, this can also be found used on parcel labels (Figure 19).

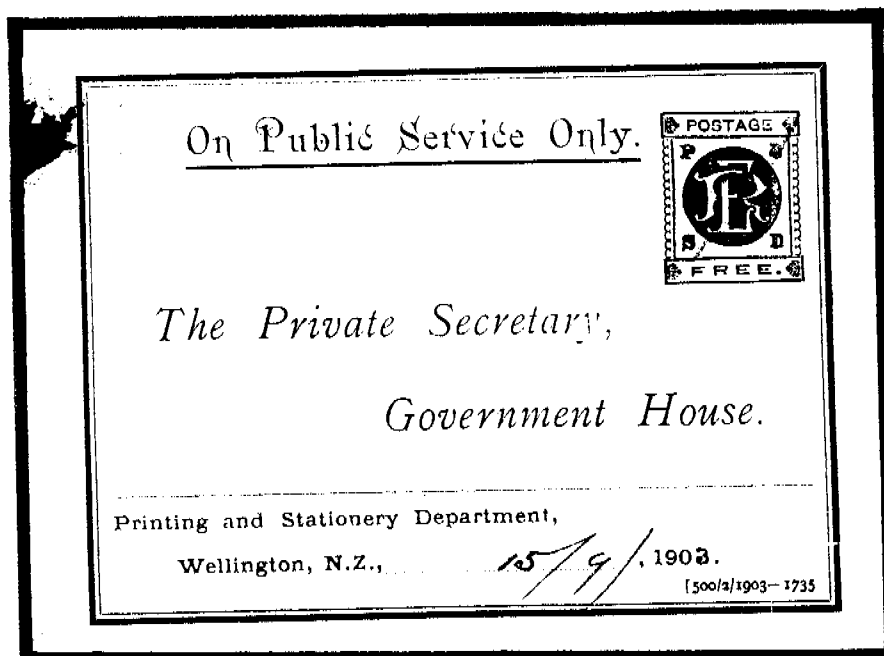


Figure 19

I have recorded the following:

- a. Print number [500/2/1903—1735. This appears in the bottom right hand corner inside the frame lines. The label is much smaller than the normal and has a printed address *The Private Secretary, / Government House.*
- b. Print number [20,000/6/1903—4941. This appears in the bottom right hand corner inside the frame lines. I have another example where the print numbers seem to have been printed defectively, reading ?,000/6/1903—4941.

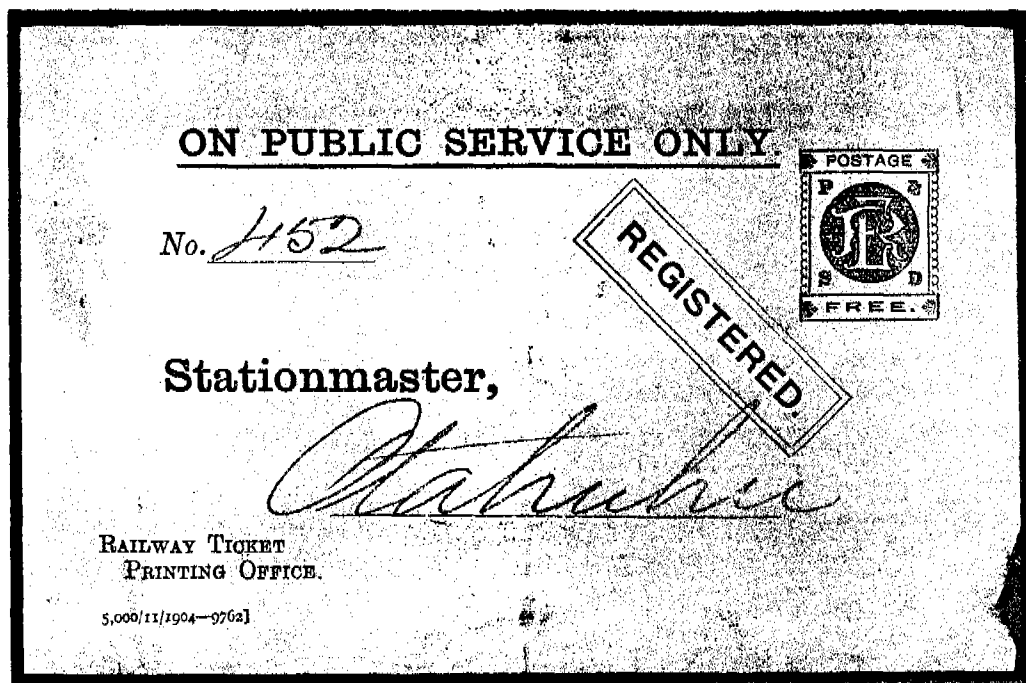


Figure 20

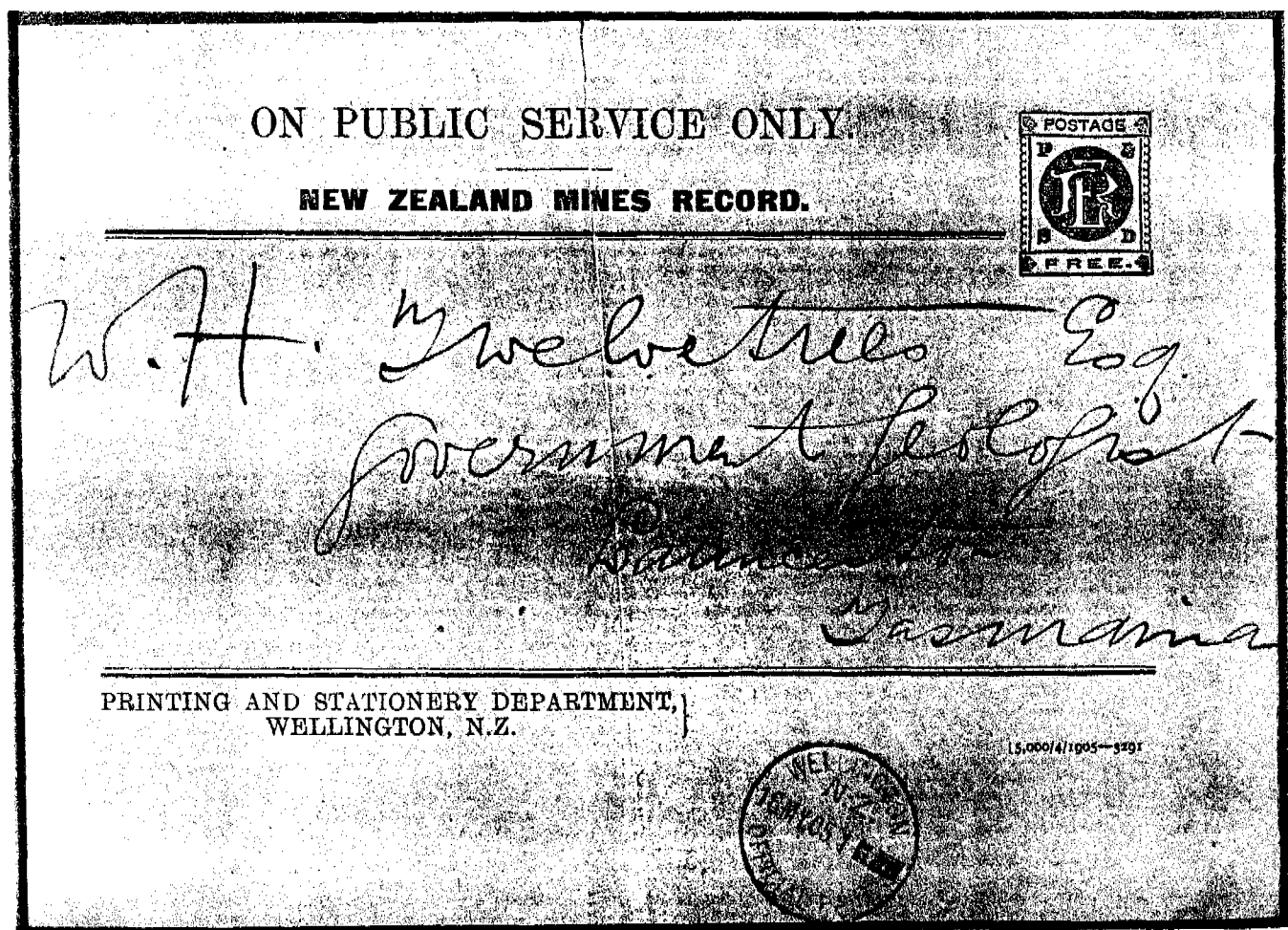


Figure 21

- c. Print number [1,000S./7/1903—5502. This appears in the bottom right hand corner inside the frame lines.
- d. For the first time, the print number appears outside the frame lines at bottom left. Unfortunately in the example in my collection, these numbers have been guillotined away. However, a further example has now surfaced with the print number 20,000/8/1904 -6692].
- e. Without print numbers. On the example in my collection, there is a partial address applied by a rubber hand stamp - THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR, / OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

Once again, there are special parcel labels on which this frank appears (Figure 20). They are also printed on blue paper and also carry the office designation RAILWAY TICKET / PRINTING OFFICE and the word REGISTERED in a double lined rectangular box and a partially printed address 'Stationmaster'. I have only one print number in my collection, as follows:

- a. 5,000/11/1904—9762].

As before, it also appears on wrappers (Figure 21), for which I have recorded the following print numbers:-

- a. [6,000/2/1902—1108.
- b. [3,000/2/1902—1544.
- c. [5,000/4/1905—3291. This also carries the designation above the top frame line NEW ZEALAND MINES RECORD.

An interesting feature of many of the parcel labels and wrappers is that, unless they are addressed overseas, they do not carry postal markings. An exception is mail that is forwarded, where it may be datestamped at the original office of delivery.

Some of the Officials in the Printing and Stationery Department were authorised to frank and receive mail. Their signatures, in facsimile handstamp form may be found on covers or may be printed on certain items. Details of these items and others with approved superscriptions, are outside the scope of the present article, dealing as it has with the printed frank.

If any reader can add further information to the listing here presented, the writer would be most grateful.

THERE'S ONLY ONE SANTA CLAUS!?

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

Readers may recall that the alternative postal operator, National Mail, sold stamps and provided posting boxes in stores of The Warehouse throughout New Zealand in November/December 1998 (1). Point of sale advertising material, included an envelope addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, C/- National Mail, New Zealand. I decided to write to Santa Claus (at National Mail's Auckland address).

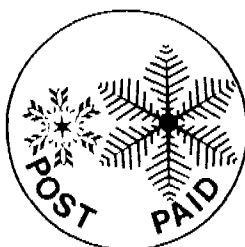


Figure 1

In due course, I received a lettercard reply from Santa, courtesy of New Zealand Post. The pre-printed "Post Paid" impression is the same as that illustrated in Safari's note (2) (Figure 1).

The lettercard itself differs from the 1997 version used by New Zealand Post (2) (Figure 2). The white card, when folded, measures 153mm by 103mm. The illustration is multicoloured. Unfortunately, my card was not postmarked.



Figure 2

It will be interesting to see whether National Mail provide their own Santa reply again for Christmas 1999.

It has been reported that over Christmas 1998, about 75,000 wrote to Santa Claus and were sent special letters in reply (3).

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NUMBERING OF EARLY ISSUES OF *THE KIW*

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The Kiwi, the Journal of The New Zealand Society of Great Britain, was first published in April, 1952. Between the first and sixty-third issue dated November, 1963, there were a number of errors in the Volume, Part and whole numbers shown on the magazine. I thought that it might be helpful to readers to record the published and correct versions.

The whole number was not shown on the Journal until January, 1962: Volume 11. No. 2 - Whole Number 53.

The volume and part numbers were recorded correctly between April, 1952 (Vol. 1, No. 1) and July, 1955 (Vol. 4, No.3).

The volume numbers, number of issues and whole numbers for each year are shown in Table 1:

Year	Vol. No.	No. of Issues	Whole Numbers
1952	1	8	1 - 8
1953	2	5	9 - 13
1954	3	4	14 - 17

Table 1

Thereafter, things went wrong. The printed and actual Volume/Part No. and Whole Number are shown in Table 2.

Date	Volume		Number		Whole Number	
	Shown	Correct	Shown	Correct	Shown	Correct
1955						
Feb,Mar	4		1			18
May	4		2			19
July	4		3			20
November	3	4	4			21
1956						
March	4	5	1			22
July	4	5	2			23
October	4	5	3			24
1957						
January	5	6	1			25
May	5	6	2			26
June	5	6	3			27
October	5	6	4			28
November	5	6	5			29
1958						
January	6	7	1			30
March	6	7	2			31
July	6	7	3			32
September	6	7	4			33
November	6	7	5			34

Date	Volume		Number		Whole Number	
	Shown	Correct	Shown	Correct	Shown	Correct
1959						
January	6	8	6	1		35
March	6	8	7	2		36
1959 (cont.)						
May	7	8	1	3		37
July	7	8	2	4		38
September	7	8	3	5		39
November	7	8	4	6		40
1960						
January	8	9	1			41
March	8	9	2			42
June	9		3			43
September	10	9	4			44
November*	9		5			45
1961						
January	9	10	6	1		46
March	9	10	7	2		47
May	9	10	8	3		48
July	9	10	9	4		49
September	9	10	10	5		50
November	9	10	11	6		51
1962						
January	10	11	1			52
March	11		2		53	
May	11		3		54	
July	11		4		54	55
September	11		4	5	54	56
November	11		6		56	57
1963						
January	12		1		57	58
March	12		2		58	59
May	12		3		59	60
July	12		4		60	61
September	12		5		62	
November	12		6		63	

Table 2

* The month of this issue was not shown on the front cover.

SECOND WORLD WAR "MISSING PRESUMED DEAD" CACHET

ERNIE LEPPARD

The cover illustrated in Figure 1 carries a previously unrecorded cachet applied by the New Zealand High Commissioners Office in London. The wording is "Missing presumed dead/ Signature/ for the High Commissioner for New Zealand". It also carries a Royal Air Force label indicating that the item is to returned to sender via the New Zealand High Commission on Air Ministry instructions.



Figure 1

The letter was sent by Mrs. D. K. McDonald, in Winnipeg, to her husband Sergeant D. K. McDonald, Royal New Zealand Air Force, and posted on 21 April 1943. Sgt. McDonald was one of 7,500 New Zealanders who were trained in Canada under the Empire Training Scheme. He was

posted to Long Kesh in Northern Ireland and then to R.A.F. Turnberry which was on the West Coast of Scotland about 30 miles south west of Glasgow. More than 6,500 New Zealanders served in the Royal Air Force or in special Royal New Zealand Air Force squadrons in the United Kingdom during the Second World War.

Mail for aircrew and sailors serving in the United Kingdom arrived, initially, at the New Zealand Base Post Office which was located at 8, Agar Street, The Strand, London. A card index was maintained here containing the current address of all New Zealanders serving abroad, including Prisoners of War in occupied Europe. This letter was re-directed to Long Kesh, thence to R.A.F. Turnberry, returned to the New Zealand Base Post Office in London by 20 June 1943 and then despatched back to the sender in Ottawa, Canada, with one of the unfortunately worded "Dead Letter Office" cachets, arriving by November 30th, 1943.

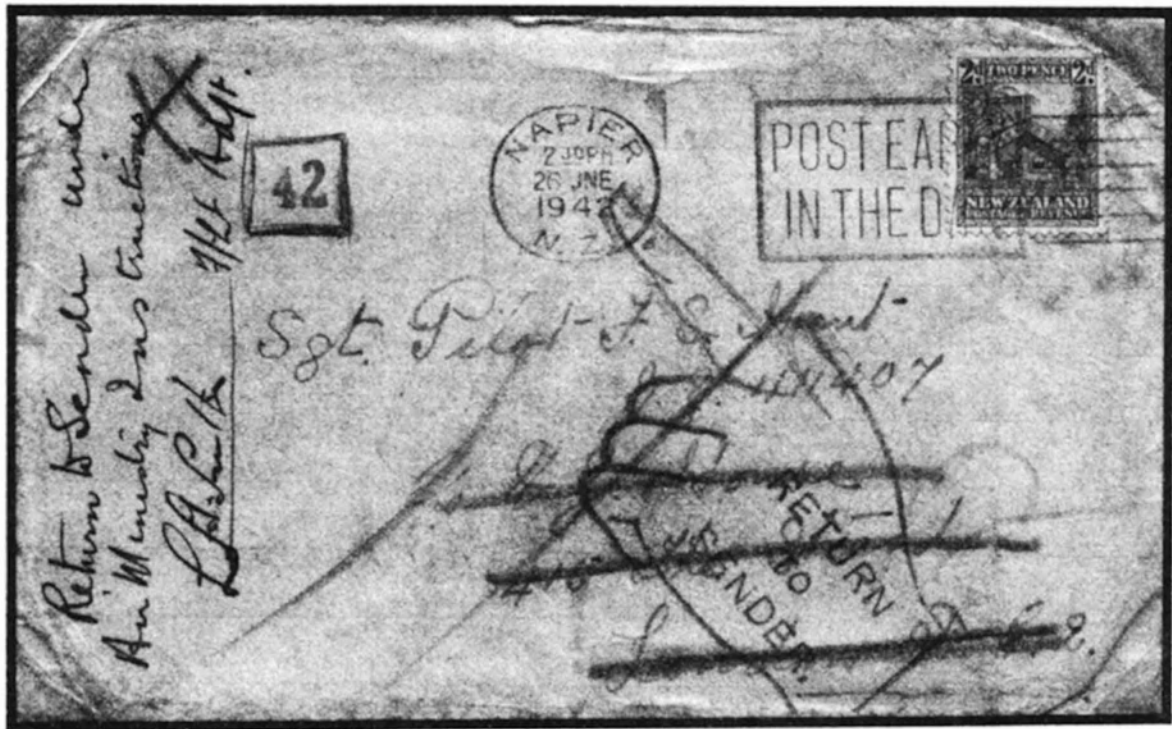


Figure 2

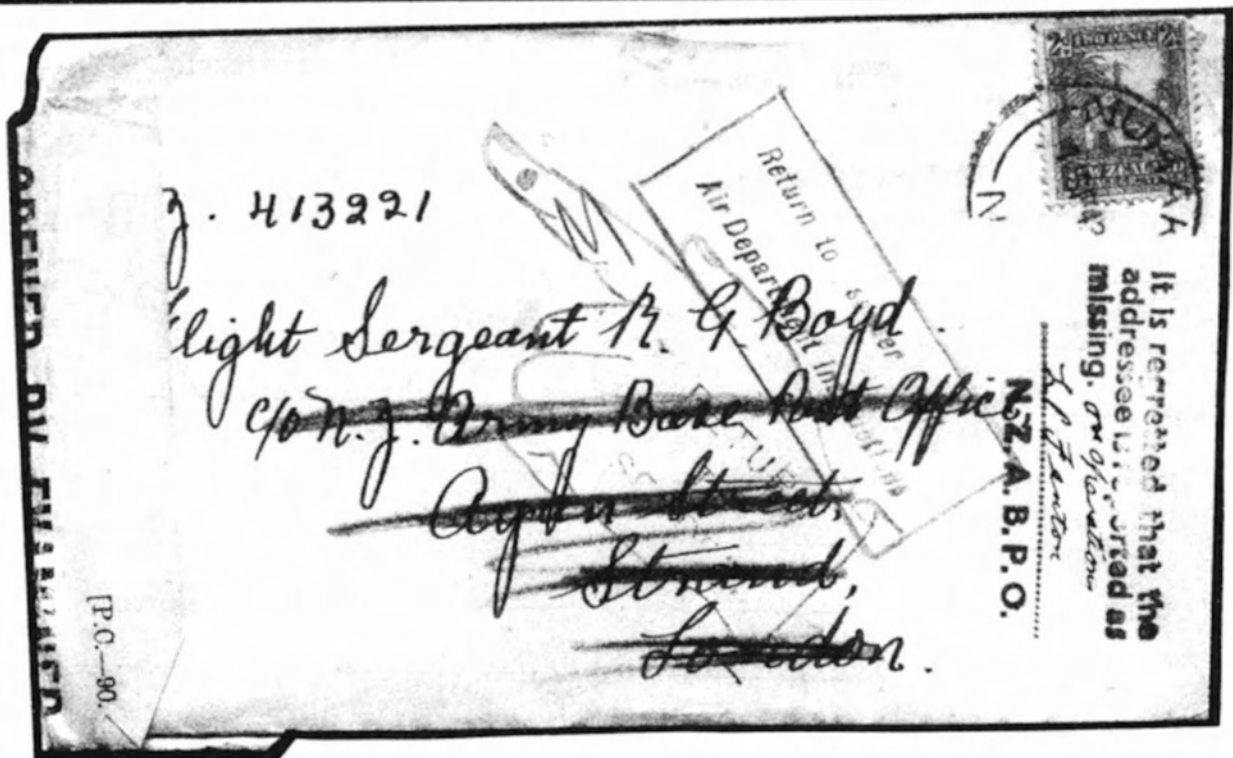


Figure 3

The more commonly used phrase to indicate that an airman had been killed in action was "Return on Air Ministry instructions". Figure 2 and 3 show examples, Figure 2 in manuscript and Figure 3 by rubber stamp.

FOUND OPEN AND OFFICIALLY SEALED - A FOOTNOTE

ANDREW DOVE

Following on the correspondence in *The Kiwi* in 1997 and 1998 concerning "Found Open and Officially Sealed" stickers applied to damaged postal items, I can report an interesting additional item (Magnified image of bottom left corner: Figure 1). It would appear to be a transitional stage between the fourth design of the label, with the inscription "P.O. No. 134", and the fifth design, with the inscription "Mail 76", of the label described by Ron Ingram (1).

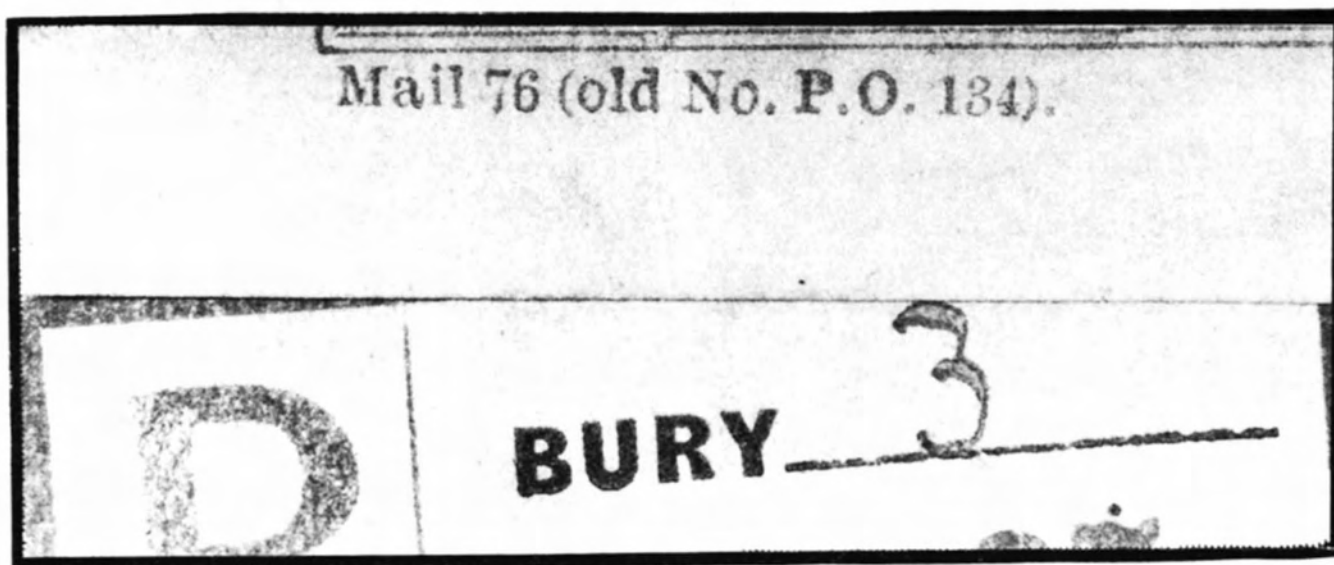


Figure 1

The label has been applied to a Registered cover posted in Bury in the United Kingdom on 24 April 1924. The envelope is addressed to a Post Office Box in Wellington, New Zealand.

The printed part of the label is the same size as the illustrations of type four and five. The top marginal perforation gauges 10. The lower margin is unperforated: presumably, this was the lowest label in the pane. In other respects, size and wording, the label is the same as that illustrated as the fifth design in Ingram's article.

Reference:

1. Ingram I. "Found Open/Officially Sealed". *The Kiwi* (1997). Vol. 46. No. 4. Pp.70 - 73.

ELECTORAL - 21 PARCEL LABEL

RON INGRAM

The Electoral - 21 label illustrated as Figure 1 is from a printing of 10,000 made in May, 1935. It measures $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches (105 mm.) by $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches (160 mm.) and is printed in black ink on a blue paper. The parcel has been sent by Registered Mail to a Polling Booth set up in Otara School. It was normal practice, and, indeed, still is, to set up Polling Booths in schools. Otara is a farming district in the Invercargill rural delivery area at the foot of the South Island.

The handwriting on the label is in dark blue ink and the 1/9 at the top left has been written in blue pencil. The 1/9 postage paid indicates that the parcel weighed up to 14lbs.: the postage was 1/6 and the Registration Fee 3d.

The pictorial postage stamps, which are all overprinted "Official", are as follows: 3d Perforated 14 x 13½; 6d Perforated 13½ x 14; 1/- Perforated 14 x 13½. All have upright multiple watermarks.

The stamps are postmarked at Gore on October 11th, 1938 by means of a steel roller self inking parcel cancel. This type of parcel cancel was introduced in 1936.

There are orange/red marks in several places on the label where it has been in contact with other parcels bearing sealing wax whilst in the mail. The parcel would probably have contained voting papers that were being sent to the polling booth.

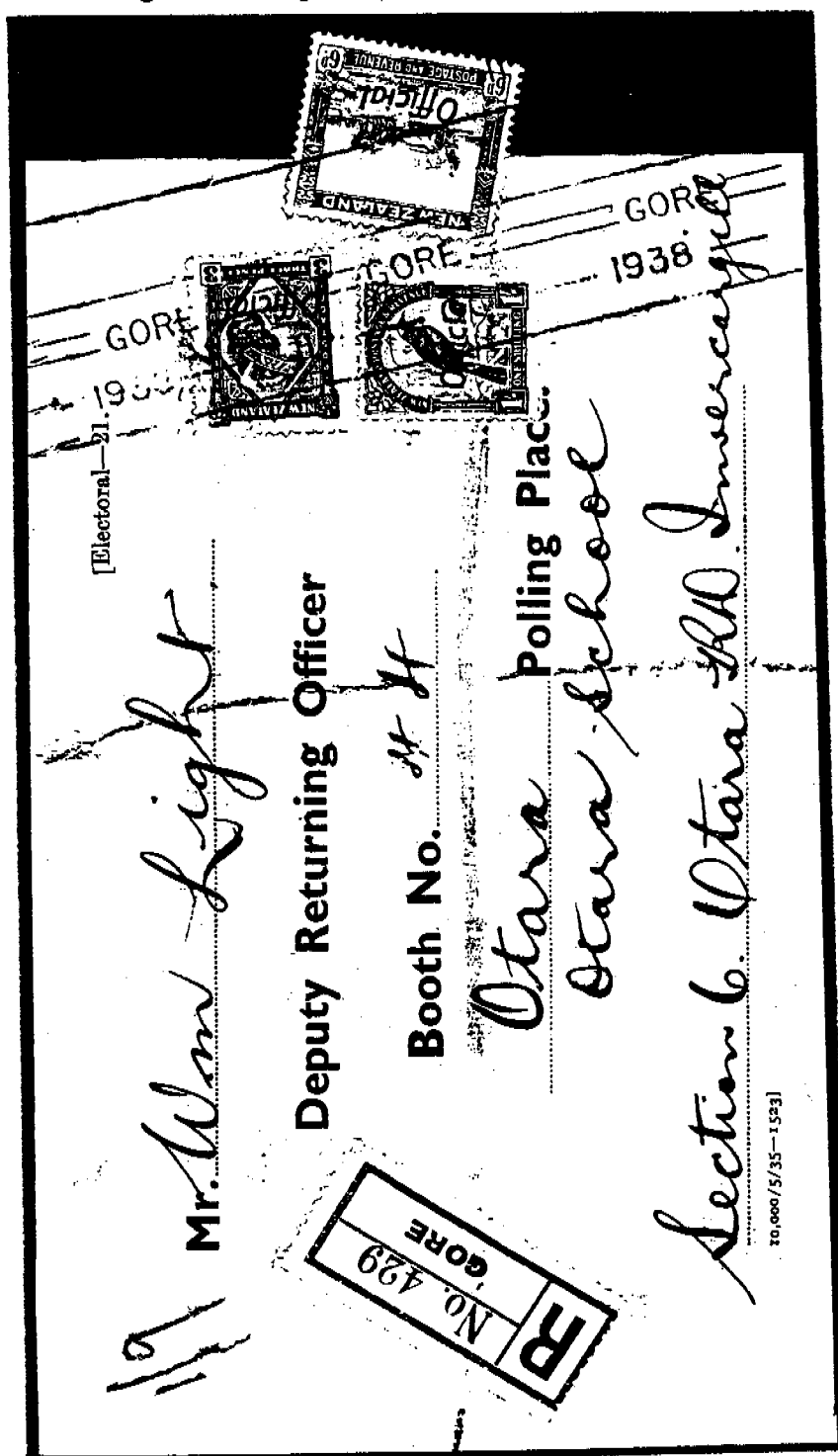


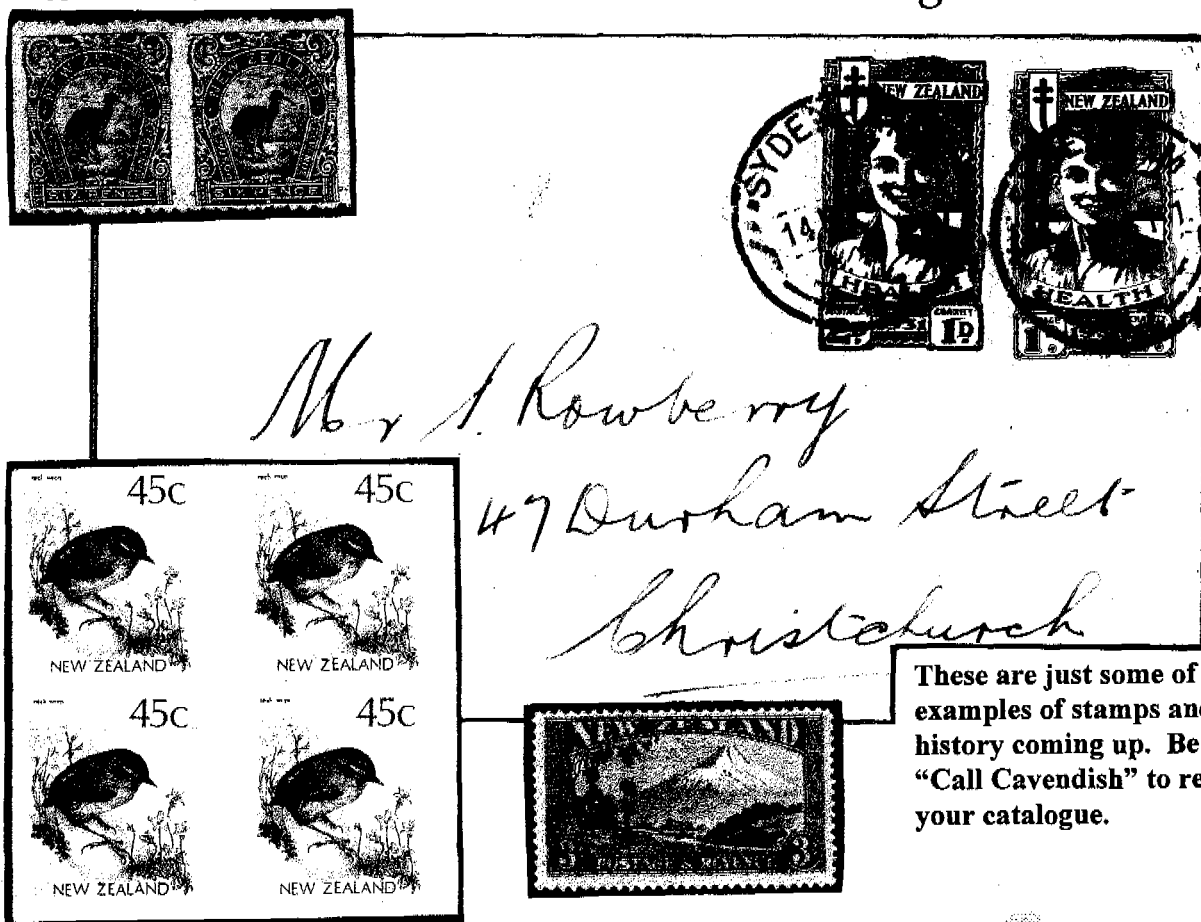
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