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JOHN WATTS WILL GIVE

'A TRIP AROUND THE NORTH ISLAND USING ADVERTISING ENVELOPES'

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ENCLOSURE

The Annual Society Auction list is enclosed with this issue of *The Kiwi*.

ACTING HONORARY TREASURER

Due to Ernie Leppards illness, Derek Diamond has agreed to take over as Treasurer on a temporary basis. Contact details are shown at the head of this page.

SOCIETY NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP

New Members:

We welcome:

L. Turner, Inverness
D.J. Cox, Gloucestershire

Resigned:

Mrs. E.C. Moore, Hon. Life Member

Deceased:

I.J.Till

NEXT MEETING OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Western Region Group will be held on Saturday, September 15th, 2007 at St. John's Church Hall, Taunton starting at 13.30. Will members bring up to 16 sheets from their collections and/or any recently acquired items.

NEXT MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held on September 8th, 2007. It is the Annual Competition. Full details were published in the last issue of *The Kiwi*.

The November meeting will be held on November 10th, 2007. John Watts will be giving a '**Tour of the North Island using Advertising Envelopes**'.

Both meetings will be held at St. Luke's Church, Orrell starting at 13.30.

JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AND SCOTTISH GROUPS

There will be a joint meeting of the two groups on October 13th, 2007 at the Lakes Hotel, Carlisle starting at 12.30. This will be a members meeting so please bring along items of interest to entertain everybody.

This is the old Station Hotel and has been the venue for previous joint meetings.

NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Midland Regional Group will be held in Warwick on Saturday October 6th, 2007 starting at 14.00. The venue will be Warwick & Warwick (Auctioneers) Ltd, Scar Bank, Millers Road, Warwick. Ample car parking is available on site.

The subject is the general one of 'DESIGN' and will include mini displays by those attending. This is a very general subject so gives lots of opportunity for inventiveness. We hope that all those coming will contribute to the meeting.

The venue is easy to find: follow the signs in Warwick for 'Hospital' which is at the east end of Millers Road. Scar Bank is a small side road halfway along Millers Road on the northern side. As a bonus, lots for the next Warwick and Warwick auction may be viewed before or after the meeting. See the map in the September 2003 issue of *The Kiwi*.

NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Convention of the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies on Saturday, October 13th, 2007, starting at 13.30 and finishing at 16.30. The Meeting will be entertained by John Watts, the Society's Man in New Zealand, who will take us on 'A Trip around the North Island using Advertising Envelopes'. Those who have seen one of John's displays will know that this will be a most entertaining and informative session.

The Convention opens at 10.00 and at least 30 dealers will be in attendance so come along early and see what you can find. Maurice Allen will also present a display of New Zealand stamps to, hopefully, attract new members.

The venue is the **South of England Agricultural Society Centre at Ardingley**. To find the Centre by road from the M23:

Exit the M23 at Junction 10 and take the A264 towards East Grinstead. At the first roundabout, continue straight on along the A264. At the next roundabout, turn right and head towards Haywards Heath along the B2028. (the South of England Centre is signposted at this roundabout). Continue through the villages of Turner's Hill and Selsfield Common. Just before you reach the village of Ardingley, you will see the Main Entrance on your right.

NOTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING HELD IN LONDON ON JULY 28TH 2007

The Chairman began the meeting with the sad news that the Honorary Treasurer has been forced to surrender his duties through ill health. The Committee had agreed to accept Derek

Diamond's offer to become Acting Treasurer for the time being. He then handed over the meeting to Michael Wilkinson who, before introducing the topic of the Penny Dominion, described his new role as the Society's Liaison Officer and spoke warmly of his visit to the British Postal Museum and Archive where our Library is now located with that of the National Philatelic Society.



Figure 1: Michael illustrates a point

Michael introduced the topic with an apology on behalf of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Rt. Hon. Jonathan Hunt ONZ, for cancelling his visit to the meeting. We hope to receive him on a future occasion.

Although the Penny Dominion stamp appeared in 1909, 'Dominion' status had been granted to New Zealand on 26th September 1907. Hence, this year marks the Centenary of that event. To explain the context of the change from Colony to Dominion, Michael showed copies of correspondence between the Prime Ministers of New Zealand and Great Britain, Sir Joseph Ward and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Elgin in the Westminster Cabinet and King Edward VII, culminating in an Order in Council declaring that the country should be known as the Dominion of New Zealand. He also showed items of the time including bank notes, newspapers, a map with the name Middle Island for what is now known as the South Island and souvenir postal items.

The history of the Penny Dominion is lengthy, extending from 1909 to 1926 and beyond, and somewhat complex, as illustrated by the eight different papers used to print the stamp. There was further complexity within these eight papers, beyond that listed in Campbell Paterson catalogue, since, for example, the first paper used (De La Rue – chalky) was supplied at different times by three different firms each with its own characteristics. In April 1925, the De La Rue paper was used sideways giving rise to a range of watermark varieties including one strip of three in which the left hand stamp showed no watermark, the middle stamp showed the marginal letters watermark and only the right hand stamp showed the NZ and Star that was intended to be the watermark. Michael also displayed a page from Don Scregg's collection showing the lithographed watermark paper with an amazing range of colour variation in the watermark.

For the sheet stamps, two plates were made by Perkins, Bacon & Co, numbered 12 and 13 in their sequence from Plate 1, the ½d Mount Cook of 1907, to Plate 44 for the KGV 4d. However, the plates appear not to have been marked with these numbers and so no examples of the plate number exist on the selvage of any sheet. There is no obvious explanation for this absence. Some large pieces of plate proofs from both plates were shown and examples showing the cumulative manner in which the five main flaws of plate 12 appear. A second transfer roller was used for plate 13, leading to different flaws and making it possible to identify the plate position of almost every stamp. The flaws are also visible on the stamps overprinted for the Auckland Exhibition and for

use on the Dependencies. Copies of three research monographs on the plating of the 1d Dominion (by George Fisher, Alan Wilson and Frank Parkinson) were on display, as were a range of articles about the issue, including some by Michael's late father-in-law, Peter de la Mare, who had collected and researched much of the material on display.

A final and major section of the display was related to the electrotypes and steel booklet plates. Of great interest were three photo-copies of complete sheets from the booklet plates, both perforated and imperforate. Two of these sheets were overprinted 'SPECIMEN' in vertical columns and had advertisements in the selvedge for Kodak, Jeyes Fluid and Abdulla Turkish Cigarettes. Michael believed that these copies were from originals in the philatelic archive in Wellington, which he had yet to visit. Each of the sheets contained 144 stamps arranged in sixes, sufficient to make 24 panes for the booklets.

Michael skilfully wove in further sheets from the collections of Don Scregg and Maurice Allen throughout his display. In discussion, the meeting identified several unresolved questions requiring further research which Michael hoped to tackle in the future. 'There is considerable life (i.e. philatelic challenge) left in this issue already 98 years old!', he said.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks and expressed the gratitude of all present for a fascinating afternoon which helped to put the stamp issue in its historical context. The meeting closed at 16.00.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps*.

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

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

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH GROUP HELD ON JUNE 2ND, 2007

A meeting of the Scottish Group was held in Edinburgh on June 2nd, 2007 and was hosted by Rosalind and David Edwards. Twelve members attended and showed:

Aileen Davies told the history of New Zealand: this was a very informative display which she shows to children around schools in her area. **Bob Bell** showed the commemorative sheets issued by a range of exhibitions between 1997 and 1999. **Peter Brown** showed miniature sheets which illustrated the Best Stamps of NZ 1998 – 2004. These are issued under the Stamps Reward scheme are not included in CP Catalogue. He also showed some Customised Labels.

Bob Clark showed three covers from the flight between Australia and New Zealand by Kingsford Smith during which one of the engines failed and Taylor crawled onto the wing to

manually transfer oil from the broken engine to the one which was still working. One of the covers was signed by Taylor. He also showed covers franked with the Airmail stamp used during the first 6 days of issue.

David Edwards showed a collection of the QEII Definitive series including varieties. **Michael Kirwan** followed on with the 1975 – 1982 Roses stamps and some QEII with many errors and varieties.

Alexander McCulloch also showed 1954 QEII errors and varieties including the 4 scarce plate blocks of the large 3d overprinted 2½d. He also showed a piece of cloth of Sandwich Island manufacture measuring 11cm x 5cm which was brought back from the Sandwich Islands by Captain Cook for his wife. There was a letter of authenticity concerning the cloth and how it came to be the family's possession.

Pat Riddell showed a selection of KGV Plate Blocks of 4. **David Stalker** showed up to date Kaikoura scenic stamps and five Christmas card cartoons by Sir Gordon Minhinno. **James Smith** showed 1929 – 1947 Health stamps. Lastly, **John Studholme** displayed the Gold Rush stamps and all the attendant publicity that accompanied their issue. he also showed some decimal postal stationery.

Dates of forthcoming meeting

13th October 2007	Joint meeting with the Northern Regional Group at Lakes Hotel, Carlisle, starting at 12.30p.m.
19th April, 2008	Scotex, Perth. Meet at 12.30 in the usual Bar
31st May, 2008	Meet at Bob Bell, Edinburgh, starting at 12.30.
4th October, 2008	Meet at Alexander McCullochs, Castle Douglas, starting at 12.30

AN APOLOGY

Readers will be aware that the last edition of *The Kiwi* was despatched with insufficient postage. We would like to offer our apologies to all those who were affected by this and express the hope that it did not cause too much inconvenience. The Society would be pleased to offer a refund on request.

On a positive note, those concerned with producing and posting *The Kiwi* were delighted to hear from so many readers for the first time!

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

A Committee Meeting was held prior to the Society Meeting on Saturday July 26th, 2007. Amongst other matters the following were discussed:

- The Society Library is now located at the National Philatelic Society which is located at the British Postal History Museum, Freeling House London WC1 0DL. So far, our library has not been integrated into the main library. The sale of our surplus material was very successful and generated approximately £2,000 for the library fund. This fund will be used to ensure that the library is kept up to date and in good condition.
- The 2008 Programme was discussed and will be:
 - January 26th Joint Meeting with the Pacific Island Study Circle
 - March 29th Postcards: members to bring approximately 50 cards: Bernard Atkinson to lead.

May 31st	Members queries and Learning about the Chalons: Neil Jones to lead
July 26th	King George VI: John Smith to lead.
September 27th	The Society Weekend in Torquay and 16 Sheet Competition. The theme for members displays will be: 'The Coast of New Zealand and the Off Shore Islands'.
November 29th	Annual General Meeting and Auction

- The Annual General Meeting was discussed and it was proposed that there should be no increase in the annual subscription rate. All of the Officers are eligible to stand for re-election: all the Officers have indicated that they are willing to stand again but the Committee is always trying to identify members who are willing to take part in running the Society. If you would be interested in joining the Committee and taking an active part in YOUR Society, contact Keith Collins.

REPORT ON THE LITERATURE SALE

The sale by tender (to be completely accurate) was a great success for the Society and everything sold except for a few pamphlets and a copy of Volume 2 of the RPSNZ Handbook. These will appear in the Society Auction on November 24th. There were 56 bidders of whom only 5 failed to obtain even a single item, so there are 51 partly or fully satisfied members! A small number of items attracted a large number of bids. The four most in demand items were: A Dictionary of Maori Place Names (Lot 147) with ten bids; The Shock of 31 – The Hawkes Bay Earthquake (Lot 42) with nine bids and, jointly in third place, both with eight bids, were A Postal History of the Ross Dependency (Lot 88) and An Illustrated History of New Zealand and the South African War 1899 – 1902 (Lot 44).

Most important of all, however, is the fact that the sale saw the completion of the Library strategy devised by the Committee following the tragedy of John Woolfe's unexpected death in January 2006. The Society now has an outstanding collection of New Zealand philatelic literature – the combined resource of the NPS and ourselves – housed and professionally managed by our partner, the National Philatelic Society. We also have a useful Library Fund to support future needs derived from the sales achieved in this auction which totalled approximately £2,500. Only some of the irregular runs of the key NZ Philatelic Journals remain to be sorted and disposed of. This is now the responsibility of the Library Liaison Officer – Michael Wilkinson (☎ 01732 456997; e-mail mwilkin799@aol.com).

List of Prices Realised:

Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£
1	8	47	3	93	22.50	139	15	185	1
2	5	48	15	94	13	140	16	186	4.50
3	7.50	49	5	95	12	141	17	187	7
4	Unsold	50	5	96	25	142	1.50	188	2
5	Unsold	51	60	97	6	143	2.50	189	1.50
6	3.50	52	60	98	20	144	2	190	2
7	6	53	5	99	26	145	6	191	41
8	6.50	54	2	100	5	146	6.50	192	2
9	12.50	55	2	101	5	147	8	193	5

10	15.50	56	4	102	9	148	7.50	194	11
11	1	57	11	103	11.50	149	3.50	195	6
12	20	58	Unsold	104	2	150	4	196	5
13	25	59	26	105	10	151	2	197	1
14	11	60	11.50	106	5	152	5	198	38
15	11	61	5	107	15	153	4	199	60
16	Unsold	62	6.50	108	5	154	7.50	200	1
17	3	63	10	109	10.50	155	6	201	25
18	7	64	10	110	5	156	9	202	25
19	21	65	6	111	Unsold	157	5	203	10
20	15	66	7	112	10	158	4	204	1
21	2	67	7	113	10	159	5	205	5.50
22	16	68	6	114	70	160	3	206	5
23	29	69	10	115	55	161	5	207	2
24	5	70	16.50	116	5	162	8	208	2
25	8	71	5	117	6	163	10.50	209	16
26	5	72	26	118	15	164	5	210	2
27	5.50	73	24	119	41	165	3	211	7
28	5.50	74	2	120	6	166	4	212	1
29	30	75	Unsold	121	60	167	10	213	2
30	10	76	4	122	1	168	2	214	9
31	2	77	2	123	Unsold	169	10	215	30
32	Unsold	78	16	124	36	170	4	216	1
33	4	79	2	125	2	171	1	217	7
34	5	80	1	126	6	172	7	218	15
35	3	81	12	127	11.50	173	6	219	Unsold
36	6	82	20	128	15	174	3	220	151
37	126	83	2	129	4	175	3		
38	Unsold	84	25	130	7	176	1		
39	75	85	24	131	6	177	6		
40	70	86	26	132	2	178	4		
41	102	87	5	133	11	179	4.50		
42	15.50	88	11.50	134	7	180	15		
43	2	89	5.50	135	1	181	w/drawn		
44	12	90	3	136	3	182	1		
45	5	91	16	137	11	183	Unsold		
46	4	92	16.50	138	15.50	184	21.50		

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INFORMATION RECEIVED:

MEDIA RELEASES

STAMPS REACH FOR THE STARS

6 June 2007

The dazzling beauty of the Southern Hemisphere's night sky is being captured in a new stamp series from New Zealand Post.

The Southern Skies series celebrates five stars of the stars – the constellations of the Southern Cross, Pleiades, Trifid Nebula, Southern Pinwheel galaxy and the large Magellanic Cloud.

Most identifiable to New Zealanders, the Southern Cross constellation, which is on the country's national flag, is featured on the 50c stamp.

The star cluster Pleiades is featured on the \$1.00 stamp which has been launched to celebrate Matariki – Maori New Year – near the shortest day of each year.

New Zealand Post Stamps general manager Ivor Masters says the Southern Skies is a great chance to share New Zealand's night sky with the rest of the world.

'These are iconic views of the night sky – many New Zealanders know where to find the Southern Cross at night, while Matariki is one of the most important lunar events on our calendar.'

The stamps have been developed by New Zealand Post with the help of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand and Canterbury University's Professor Peter Cottrell.

'I'm delighted to have been involved in bringing the idea for this issue from its initial concept to its final state,' says Professor Cottrell.

'It has been an opportunity to convey some of the grandeur of the skies with the scientific and technological achievements of New Zealand scientists and engineers.'

Each constellation is depicted with a different telescope from a range of New Zealand observatories or those with New Zealand involvement such as the Southern African Large Telescope or SALT.

Southern Skies Series

Southern Cross - 50c stamp
Pleiades - \$1.00
Trifid Nebula - \$1.50
Southern Pinwheel - \$2.00
Large Magellanic Cloud - \$2.50

About SALT

Southern African Large Telescope is the largest single optical telescope in the southern hemisphere. It can record distant stars, galaxies and quasars a billion times too faint to be seen with the naked eye – as faint as a candle flame at the distance of a moon. SALT was completed in 2005, funded by a consortium of international partners from South Africa, Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

The stamps and first day cover were designed by Capiche Design, Wellington and printed by photo lithography by SEP Sprint, Australia. They will be available from the usual outlets from June 6th, 2007.

STAMP TIKI TOUR IS HARD YAKKA BUT A BIT OF A DAG

27 June 2007

If you wake up at sparrow's fart, are away with the fairies, get stuck in boots and all, or are prone to throwing a hissy fit you are, like the latest issue of New Zealand Post stamps, a classic Kiwi.

New Zealand Post says the fact New Zealand vernacular is logical, lucid and comprehensible to Kiwis but illogical, ambiguous and incomprehensible to other nationalities, is something to celebrate.

The new stamps have an added twist – people can rub off the black mark to reveal the definition of the expressions.

Chosen from myriad slang terms developed over the years which have become code for activities such as getting up at dawn, throwing oneself into an activity enthusiastically, going somewhere far far away or losing one's temper, the Classic Kiwi stamp issue shows New Zealanders are masters of the understatement.

Victoria University linguist and lexicographer Doctor John Macalister says while New Zealanders and Australians share many expressions, there is still a distinct New Zealand lexicon.

'The most distinctive feature of New Zealand English is definitely the contribution of Maori words, and their increasing presence. It's so common that we stop noticing things like news broadcasts beginning with *kia ora* or *haere mai*, but it certainly strikes visitors to the country.'

New Zealand Post stamps general manager Ivor Masters says it was 'hard yakka' choosing from the many expressions New Zealanders have made their own.

'It was a really fascinating process – we developed the list by going through loads of books and dictionaries and then whittled the list down to what we felt were still most commonly used. There are many more there and this list is the tip of the iceberg.'

Dr Macalister, who also wrote the Dictionary Words in New Zealand English, agrees.

'Language and words are dynamic and change all the time. In ten years time we may not use half of these expressions and may have replaced some words with others. In many ways the public is an arbiter of language and words, because if words and expressions aren't used, they become arcane and our dictionary changes.'

'It's a really fascinating area and I hope more New Zealanders will become a little more interested in language as a result of these stamps.

The sheetlets of 20 stamps (5 x 4) and first day cover were designed by Stamps Business, Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available for purchase from July 4th at all New Zealand Postshops, Real Aotearoa stores in Christchurch and Auckland, the Wanganui Stamp Centre and online at www.nzpost.co.nz/stamps.

SCOUTING CENTENARY PICTORIAL DATESTAMP



A special pictorial datestamp was in use at Wanganui on Wednesday 1 August to commemorate the Centenary of World Scouting. This date in 1907 was the start of the experimental camp on Brownsea Island in the United Kingdom for 20 boys from a wide variety of social backgrounds, and is being celebrated worldwide by all Scouting organisations as the start of the centennial year.

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FROM THE AUCTIONS

On July 25 and 26, 2007, Spink auctioned the New Zealand collections formed by David M. Cohen and Bernard Symonds. Some of the realisations (excluding a 20% buyers premium!) were:

KEVII ½d OFFICIAL with overprint inverted	£1,400
Auckland Exhibition set in blocks of 4. Fine mint	£950
Auckland Exhibition set in blocks of 4. Fine used	£1,500
KGV 5d Plate Proof on issued paper, plate block of 4	£250
KGV 4d bright violet block of 4 with upper stamps imperforate	£1,400
KGV 5d top marginal block of 4 imperforate	£290
KGV 6d plate number '22' block of 4. Mint	£260
Chalon SG1 used with clear to large margins, cancellations clear of face	£2,900
Chalon 6d strip 4, SG13, largest multiple known, ex Yeroc	£2,200
Chalon 1/- block 4, SG100	£950
KEVII 2d with plate 2 dots in selvedge. Mint	£850
1960 4d 'Puarangi' on chalk surfaced paper. Plate block 8 - 2333	£4,500
1996 Health Teddy Bear	£300
1903 2/6½d first definitive booklet complete from second printing	£1,300
1925 2/- complete booklet with Dainties adverts	£550
1928 2/- booklet with buff printed AK for Auckland issue	£1,100
1930 2/- booklet with Parisian adverts – each pane overprinted 'CANCELLED'	£700

REVIEW OF PUBLICATION RECEIVED

POST & TELEPHONE OFFICES OF NORTHLAND

Author: Robertson GI & Brown E. Pub. The Postal History Society of New Zealand (Inc.), P.O. Box 2121, Stoke, Nelson, New Zealand 7041. Handbook No. 68. ISBN 0-908599-65-8. Pp. 355, softbound, fully illustrated in B&W. Price NZ\$59 + P&P.

The latest publication by the PHSNZ Society has an interesting genesis as the original work was undertaken by Betty Brown but ill health preventing her completing the project. The enterprise was picked up by George Robertson who has orchestrated a team of helpers who have collectively produced this current volume. Betty still lives in the area and, I am sure that she must be delighted with the result of her travails.

This is a substantial volume being 355 pages long and is especially interesting as it covers the original settlement area and, thus, the origins of the postal system.

The first 18 pages cover the early general history of the area, the coming of the Post Offices and the development of the sub Post Offices, the coming of the telephones and Telegraph Offices and the early airmails flown in the area by Walsh Bros. & Dexter Ltd. Thereafter, there is a comprehensive alphabetical list of the Offices with an explanation of the name as well as illustration of the buildings in many cases and illustrations of the postmarks used. The penultimate section lists the unofficial School Model Post Offices which were designed to encourage the savings habit but also processed letters from local inhabitants using a rubber cachet. The final section is a very useful set of location maps which allows the interested collector to place his postmarks accurately.

The PHSNZ series of publications must be one of the best and most comprehensive available describing in detail the postal history of a country. This is a particularly interesting book as it



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Illustrated below are some of the New Zealand 'Long Queen' revenue stamps overprinted 'SPECIMEN' that are in the stock of Classic Stamps Ltd.



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relates the development of the Post Office to the development of the area and the country. Each new volume adds to the value of the series and takes advantage of the technological advances available. This is no exception and can be recommended without reservation.

HELP REQUESTED

The New Zealand Air Mail Society has decided to review and update the Stapleton Air Mail catalogue. Many have found this publication very useful in giving brief details on every New Zealand Airmail flight with pricing information. We hope to reconcile differences in the information on external flights with information contained in Volumes II and III but would also welcome other comments or observations on unknown flights.

We would also very much like to receive any thoughts about the catalogue in general (for example, should we be seeking a new numbering system?).

Information about flights after 1994 (when Stapleton ends) would be particularly helpful.

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RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS ARTICLE:

MR. MERCER AND THE UNSUBSIDISED FLIGHTS – A FURTHER THOUGHT

MIKE SHAND

I am grateful to Keith Collins for adding to the story on the subsidised – or not – flights of Bert Mercer on the West Coast in 1934 (1).

Although it is really a matter of semantics, I do not understand the suggestion that the covers were '*carried on unsubsidised flights of a subsidised service*'. The New Zealand Gazette is quite clear: Mercer received an annual subsidy of £131 to operate his service on a fortnightly basis. If he flew elsewhere in the meantime, good for him! I would have thought that with many Government subsidies, if there is any money left over, it may be spent as the recipient wishes.

Although the official service was due to start on January 1st, 1935 (Tuesday), it is clear from the covers (and from Volume I of the *Airmails of New Zealand* (2)) that he jumped the gun and first went on New Year's Eve 1934 (Monday).

If he then flew every second week, a flight would have been made on May 13th (Monday). This is the flight that is shown in Figure 2 of Keith's article. This cover is particularly interesting as the new airmail stamps were issued on May 4th but, with no services elsewhere and Mercer only going every 2 weeks, the May 13th flight was the first time that the air stamps could have been used on a real (and subsidised) flight.

I also have a cover carrying 2 x 1d Air stamps: maybe it looked better to Mr. Peers. The big difference between the Mercer operation and previous services was that no additional air fee was charged by the Post Office. The Christmas 1932 Flights cost 3d in addition to the standard 1d postage rate as did Ulm's flight in December 1933. The correct rate for Mercer's subsidised flights was 1d.

I think that the question as to why a 'No Air Mail Fee' service was described as 'Unsubsidised' remains unanswered.

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THE TB SEALS

ROBIN STARTUP

I was interested to read the note on the TB Seals in the Meeting Report in the last issue of *The Kiwi* (1). I suspect that the TB Associations became more prominent to collectors when they started producing seals although they would have been widely active well before the 1950's.

I have no specific details but I would think that the TB Association was active in the 1930's. I still recall visiting the TB Ward (25 beds) at Masterton Hospital when employed by the Department of Social Welfare in the 1950s to interview a patient. That stand alone ward was an isolation unit and I could only speak to the person through a veranda window. When I joined the Hospital administrative staff in 1977, there were no TB patients at all and the building had become a Geriatric Ward.

The TB Association was very similar to the Heart Foundation, Cancer Society, Diabetes Association, Crippled Children's Society and so on that we have today. Each organisation brings together patients and their supporters, medical and nursing carers and medical researchers interested in that disease or complaint. The TB Association would have provided support (financial, morale and advisory) to the patient and their families, provide contact with fellow sufferers helping them to understand that they are not alone with their problems. They would also ensured that their families received whatever state assistance was available and kept them informed through newsletters and meetings about recent events around their disease.

Most of these organisations have to raise funds from the public to exist – limited Government aid is available. For the TB association, the idea of selling seals – in these years when stamp collecting was so popular – would have been a godsend.

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

POST SHOPS OF TODAY – CHANGES IN NAME

ROBIN STARTUP

About February 2007, we do not know exactly when, there were changes to two New Zealand Post outlets in the Wellington region. The Post Centre, Raumati Post, Book and Gift shop at 4A Margaret Road, which had previously replaced Raumati Beach Post Office, on the Kapiti Coast, closed and moved to new premises about 150 metres north on the north side of Raumati Road where the outlet opened as the Raumati Village franchised Post Shop with a Kiwibank branch. I do not know what is shown in the self-inking datestamps held on the counters for use on documents but, as shown by the undeliverable envelope illustrated below (Figure 1 in reduced scale) the old 'Raumati Beach' datestamp continues in use.

Down in the south central business district of Wellington, the Paddy's Lotto and Post Shop provides the Post Shop and Kiwibank branch facilities for the area known as Courtenay Place – indeed, Paddy's Lotto Post Centre became the successor to the Courtenay Place Post Office five years after it closed in 1990. Early in 2007, the Paddy's Lotto Post Shop was renamed Courtenay Place Post Shop but, you guessed it, they have forgotten to change the datestamps, or perhaps they have forgotten the one 'out the back' used on private box mail (Figure 2 in reduced scale).

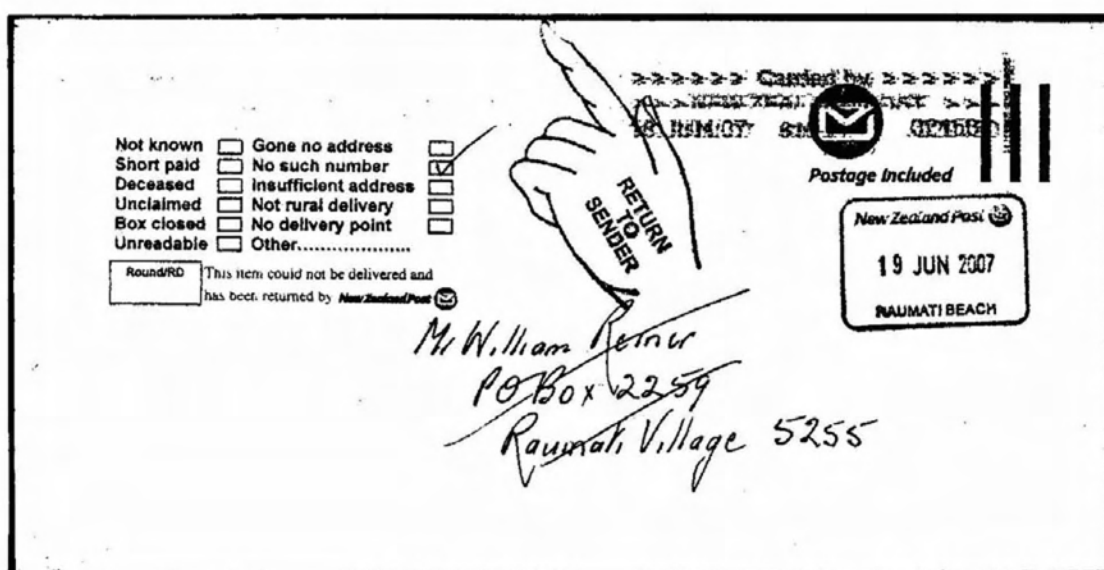


Figure 1: Raumati Beach

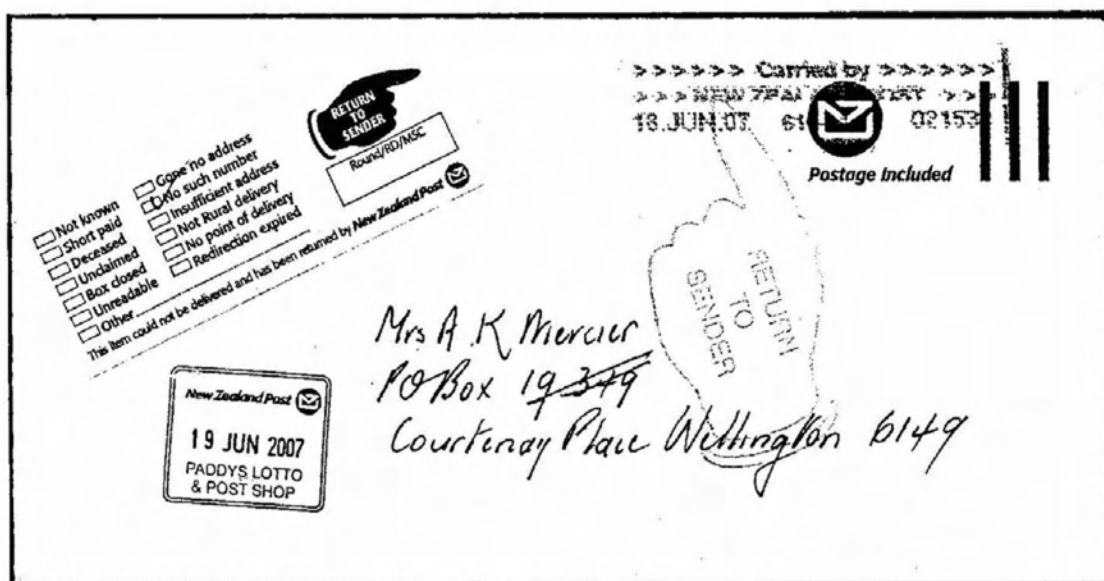


Figure 2: Paddy's Lotto and Post Shop

These are not the only examples of uncertainty in the use of NZ Post outlet names and, perhaps, they represent a sample of the headache that postal historians of the future will have when they are compiling lists of Post Offices and their opening and closing dates! The datestamps on both covers are typical of those used in Post retail outlets, as they are now called, today.

LEVER BROTHERS & SUNLIGHT SOAP (PART 2)

JOHN L. WATTS

As mentioned in Part 1, in 1913 it was decided that the New Zealand market could support an independent manufacturing operation and purchased a local candle company, Lever Brothers (New Zealand) was incorporated in 1919 and commenced manufacturing *Sunlight Soap* and *Lifebuoy Soap* at its Petone factory. In 1924 the *Lux Flakes* mill was installed and by 1930 the Petone factory was producing major volume of powders and soaps for the New Zealand market, the factory site is shown in Fig 5.

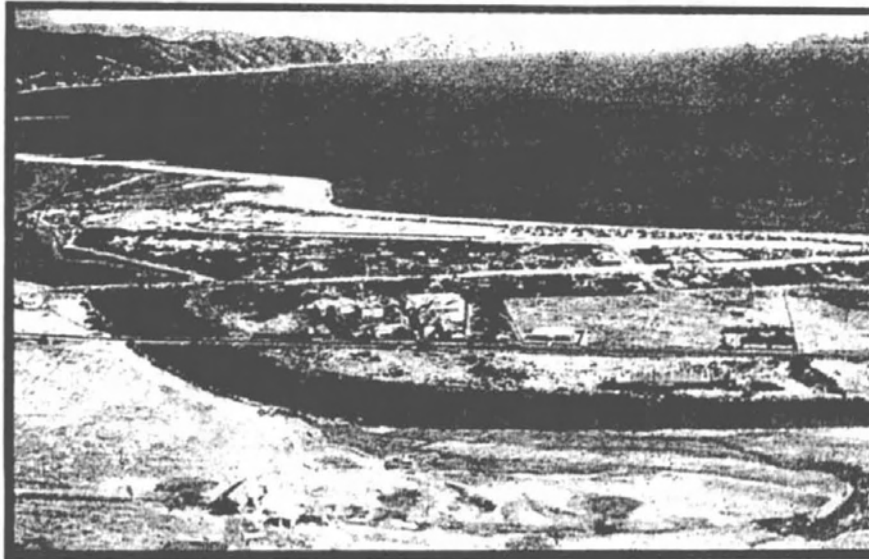


Fig 5. Sunlight Factory Site, Petone ca 1934
(Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, NZ. Ref. F-122254-1/2)

The operation in New Zealand had been producing and marketing a number of these products this is shown by the selection of Lever Brothers (NZ) Limited advertising envelopes shown in Fig 6 that were being used in the mid 1940's.



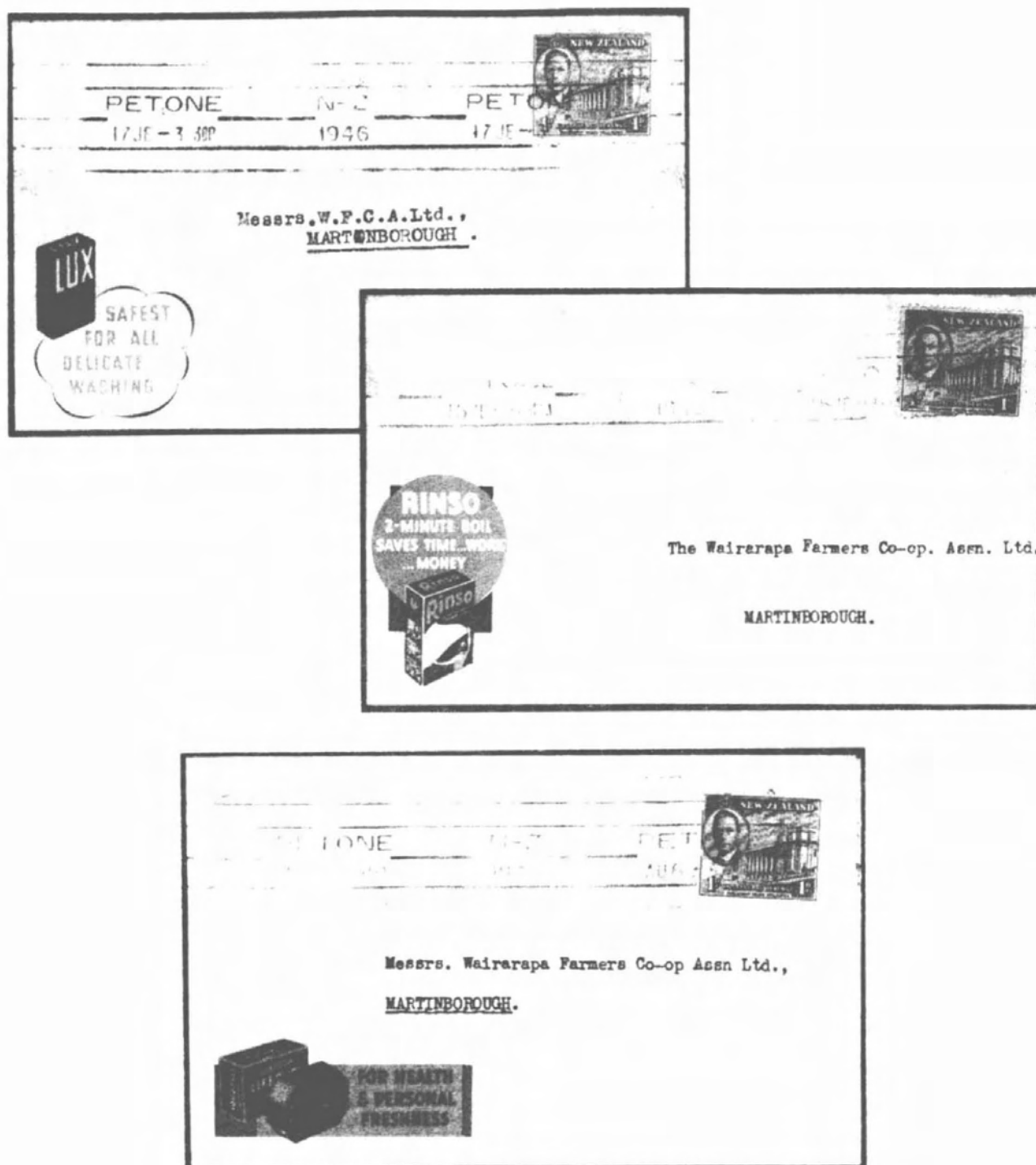


Fig 6 Selection of Lever Brothers (N Z) Limited Advertising Envelopes

In 1989, Lever & Kitchen (soaps and detergents) and Rexona (personal products) merged to form L & K Roxona and then in 1993 amalgamated with Lever Brothers (New Zealand) to form a truly Australasian company bringing all the products under one management structure and one trading name, Lever Roxona. This coincided with the expansion of the Petone plant to produce greater volumes of powder detergents and soaps for Australia and New Zealand, most of the company products are now produced in either North Rocks, NSW, or Petone, Wellington.

The household and personal care division operates as an Australasian business with its head office at North Rocks. The household and personal care (Lever Roxana) merged with the foods division (Unilever Foods) in 2000 to form Unilever Australasia



Fig 7. New Zealand x 4 Bars Packet 1980's (25% FS)

In 2002 the company ceased manufacturing *Sunlight* soap at Petone and announced that it would be withdrawing the product from the New Zealand market. But the reaction of the New Zealand homemakers forced a rethink by management and the soap is now being imported from Australia where it is being manufactured under licence by Pental Products Pty. Ltd., Shepparton, Victoria. The packaging still carries the same 1884 guarantee made by William Lever:

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Acknowledgement is made to the information releases by Unilever Australasia Consumerlink for some of the facts stated in this article.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LINES ON THE 1945 HEALTH STAMPS

ROGER PLUMB

When I obtained two sets of the 1945 'Peter Pan' Health stamps issue in used blocks of 20 in the 2005 Society Auction, I little realised how interesting they would turn out to be.

Campbell Patersons catalogue quotes a variety on the 1d+½d as T17a(Y): '*Thin green line joining border by L of HEALTH to nearer foot*' but does specify this as positional variety. It would seem to be viewed as scarce as it is catalogued at \$14 UHM and \$10 U as opposed to the basic stamp which is valued at 50c and 40c. There is no mention of the variety in Volume II of The Postage Stamps of New Zealand (the Handbook).

In the blocks that I have acquired, I have found various lines from the frame plate, both horizontal and vertical, with some fainter than others, on no less than 17 stamps (none of which match the CP position). The majority are on one of the 2d+1d blocks (CP T17b). To visualise them, I used a X10 magnifying glass on some.

Unfortunately, these blocks have no selvages and I am unable to identify their position or plate. I have also been unable to match them with odd examples that I have obtained since.

I wonder whether anyone has any information regarding these lines.

I would also very much like to contact the purchasers of the other two identical lots in the auction to see whether they have found (or can find) any similar lines in their examples.

If anyone can help, could they please send any information to me through the Editor.

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