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## From the "Newsletter" December, 1968

1960 CHRISTMAS. One "backroom" observer (who likes to remain anonymous) has pointed out two completely different grades of paper in this issue best seen in the used. The less common type ( 25 per cent to 30 per cent of copies) is a whiter buff colour, possibly thinner and lacks the resiliance of the other-has a "flabbier" texture. The second is yellow buff and is apparently a better grade ( 70 per cent copies). Presence of residual gum may be distorting the issue a little but I'm satisfied the different is real enough to warrant representation.

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1960 Westland Cent. Mint or Used. 55
1962 Telegraph. Mint 40c. Used 35.
1963 Railway, Mint 65c Used 50.

1963 Cable. $M$ or U 50
1965 Anzac M 18 U. 12
1965 I.T.U. M 15 U 20
1966 Churchill M or U. 10

# NOTES FROM THE EDITOR 

On November 15th and 16th The Federation met at Wellington. Mr. S. R. Dacre of Christchurch was elected president and may I on behaif of readers extend our congratulations to Mr. Dacre on attaining this high post in New Zealand Philately.

One of the major decisions to come out of the Federation meeting was the raising of society affiliation fees to the Federation. This is a good move in the right direction. In a very small way each society member through their society is contributing to the welfare of stamp collecting in New Zealand. The Federation has a very important place and collectors have shown a measure of faith. Whether the affiliation fees have been raised enough is now at this stage largely an academic point. It is now up to the Federation officers with their knowledge, enthusiasm and available funds to prove the worth of the Federation in the encouragement of Philately in New Zealand.

On December the 10th two new stamps will be placed on sale. The $\$ 2$ in new colours will replace the old one colour $\$ 2$ (if reading this before December 10 th, buy the old colour now if you do not have a copy already) and a new 25 c design to replace the old 25 c butter. With this design it appears the Post Office policy of dual scenes started with the 10 c Timber will be added too. Presumably this method is an attempt to promote exports and tourism. Somehow I feel an added picture of a smart housewife buying FERNLEAF butter is required.

If the Post Office must continue with this method of promoting New Zea'and's exports overseas-please -no more dual designs on one stamp. If both parts are worthy of being on a stamp may I suggest two stamps perhaps se-tenant.

1968 is very nearly at a close and it gives me much pleasure at this time of Christmas festivities on behalf of us with the New Zealand Stamp Monthly to wish all our many readers a very pleasant Christmas and all the best in your stamp collecting in 1969. Some of you will no doubt be travelling on holidays. If in New Plymouth remember we will be thrilled to renew acquaintances and meet new friends.

LEN JURY.

# DECEMBER <br> New Zealand New Issues 



The dairy industry is again featured on a new 25c definitive stamp which will be issued on 10th December 1968 to replace the current 25 c butter-making stamp. The design consists of two illustrations, a typical dairy farm in Taranaki with Mt. Egmont in the background and a scene showing the exporting of cartons of butter, cheese and milk biscuits. Both are reproduced in natural colours.

A reprint of the $\$ 2$ Pohutu Geyser stamp in modified colours is also being issued on 10th December. The background is in light blue and the foreground in pumice shades.

Both these stamps are part of a series within the definitive set designed to publicise New Zealand exports and tourist attractions. On the export side, this series will comprise stamps depicting the Timber, Dairy, Wool, Meat, Fruit and Fishing Industries. The 10c Timber stamp was issued earlier this year

and the production of the other stamps is under way. Included in the series are the tourist attractions of Fox Glacier, Westland National Park (28c); Tongariro National Park (30c); Sutherland Falls, Fiordland National Park ( 50 c ); and Tasman Glacier, Mt. Cook National Park (\$1) which are featured on current definitive stamps.

## FIRST DAY DATE STAMPS

The date stamp to be used fot the first day of issue rubber canceller service, which is available at all Chief Post Offices, will incorporate the words "Dairy Industry-Pohutu Geyser first day of issue,"

## SPECIAL POSTMARK

As an addition to this service, a special "First Day of Issue" date stamp will be provided at the Whakarewarewa Post Office for the $\$ 2$ stamp only.

Collectors desiring first day covers cancelled with the Whakarewarewa date stamp should forward their remittance, covering cost of stamps and the usual servicing fees, and addressed envelope to the Chief Postmaster, Rotorua, or the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington. The covering envelope rapper should be endorsed "Whakarewarewa covers 10th December, 1968."

The last day of receipts for orders for first day covers is 6th December, 1968.

## NEW FIRST DAY POSTMARKS

First day cancellers will in future include in the impression the name of the issue being released. This will enable requests to be met for "First Day of Issue" cancellations on covers bearing previously issued stamps, provided that at least one of the stamps is from the new issue described in the postmark.

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$\mathbf{\$ 3 0 . 0 0}$
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## INHERITING A FORTUNE . . ?

The cliche "I'm not going to live for ever" must be a pretty familiar one to most people, particularly as they get on in years. And yet in my day-by-day dealings with stamp collectors, I often wonder whether as a group they are in some curious way insulated from this sort of thought. Probably that sounds an odd thing to say, but this may be a large part of the charm of the hobby-its timelessness and its ability to take us out of ourselves and as far away as we choose to go.

The indisputable fact is though, that many, possibly the majority, of elderly collectors pass on leaving behind a collection or accumulation which is to present one of the most difficult problems an executor can face in the maintenance or disposal of an estate. As a dealer, I would not like to count how many times I have been asked to value collections which have lain in solicitors' strong rooms and safedeposit vaults, often for many years after the date of death and are rendered valueless by the ravages of rust and damp. Possibly in good condition at the time of death the proceeds of the collection could have been earning $3 \%$ in the most modest of savings bank accounts for the beneficiary who is walting to inherit a "valuable property" when he turns 21. And a widow can be overwhelmed-and I do not exaggerate-by the difficulties of finding a buyer for the collection, particularly where she well knows that many hundreds have been put into it over the years; in the absence of advice from someone she knows, she may be bittetly disappointed with an offer which-however realis-tic-seems derisory in terms of the enjoyment and value placed in it by her husband during his lifetime.

A problem it is then, and one most of us will have to face. An obvious solution is to sell up before the day when we are not on the scene to do so. On the the face of it, the easy answerbut we are collectors and to most to part up with our treasures is not a pleasant thought. Many collectors look forward al? their lives to a time when they have no other demands on their days-in this respect stamps can be a blessing indeed!

There is a good solution and one which I think will appeal to
most people who want to keep their collection up as long as they like and yet be confident that their estate will be fairly dealt with after death.
(a) The collection can be valued on a provisional basis by a dealer or expert of the collector's choice who can also advise on putting it into saleable order. Such points as the likely market value of particularly prized items and rarities can be discussed and noted.
(b) The means of disposal can be discussed in the presence of either executors or beneficiaries and even if it is not intended to sell. immediately the advice of an expert can be obtained regarding the basic essentials in its long-term maintenance.

This way I believe that the lot of the collector, executors beneficiaries and dealer/buyers can be simplified and their minds put at ease. Too many times those left behind are faced with the depressing thought, "What am I going to do with all those stamps?"
Warwick Paterson in Campbell Paterson's Newsletter.

## MAGNIFICENT NEW ZEALAND ITEMS FOR SALE IN LONDON

When the first part of a collection of British Commonwealth stamps owned by His late Highness, the Ameer of Bahawalpur, is auctioned by Stanley Gibbons amongst the many superb lots for sale will be forty-six items from New Zealand and her Dependencies. These items alone are expected to make over $£ 6000$

In this section there are many items of extreme rarity: superb mint copies of the high value "Arms" stamps, including a corner block of four of the $35 /$ value (SG 544 s ), only two of which are known to exist; thirteen different issues with colours omitted, three of these, the 1955 Health 3d plus 1d (SG 744a), a strip of the 1959 Red Cros 3d plus 1d (SG 755,) and a corner block of eight of the 1960 Christmas 2d (SG 805a), being unique. Imperforate stamps include a block of ten of the Telegraph Centenary 8d (SG 811a) and a complete set of the 1920 definitives of Niue ( $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$ to $1 /-$ ).

These, with over 700 other British Commonwealth items from the late Ameer's collection, will be sold on. December 12th and 13th at the London rooms of Stanley Gibbons Auctions Ltd.

## NEW ZEALAND SUCCESSES IN POLAND

Two members of the Nelson Philatelic Society were successful in the recent International Philatelic Exhibition TEMATICAPOZNAN '68, organised by the Polish Philatelic Federation They were Mr. D. W. Gallagher and his 12-year-old daughter Anne, who exhibited their space and flowers and bird collections respectively. A bronze medal diploma was awarded to Anne in the under-15 section for her Birds and Flowers collection. In addition, she received a Commemorative Plaque. Mr. Gallagher's Space collection was awarded the distinction of a diploma. Both these collectors obtained Centificates of Merit a+ Whakatane last year.

The exhibtion, which attracted 547 entries from 31 countries, is to date the world's greatest exhibition in thematics. It was held from July 28th to August 11th in two large halls of the Poznan International Fair, and was organised for the 75th jubilee of the Polish Philatelic Society. Approximately 30,000 sheets of stamps were on display

A set of nine special cancellations used at the exhibition on first day souvenir covers, along with two sheets of commemorative labels, were sent to each exhibitor.

## I.L.O. 50th ANNIVERSARY STAMP

A special New Zealand stamp will be issued in February 1969 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the International Labour Organisation, which is a specialised agency of United Nations.

The stamp will have a postage value of 7c-the overseas surface letter rate-and will feature a basic design suggested by the International Labour Organisation. Full particulars and the date of issue of this stamp will be released later.

## QUANTITIES

The number of stamps sold of 1967 special issues is listed below.

Health Stamps-Large Sheets: $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{C}-2,257,429$ stamps; 4c1,907,269 stamps. Miniature sheets: 32 $\mathrm{c}-105,199$ stamps; 4 c $-151,580$ stamps.

Christmas Stamp: 24,531,864 stamps.
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Lot 22: 1925 2d KG. 5th. Perf 14. Imperf at top. Pair at $\$ 20$; Strip of 4 with sheet arrow at $\$ 40$. Corner single with sheet number at $\$ 10$.

Lot 23: 1898. 1d Taupo. A used copy dated 27FE 99 Auckland with complete offset of the centre on back Rare thus $\$ 30$. (Illustrated on p 7 of July N.Z.S.M.).
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## TARAPEX - 1969

Since the November article a very important set of dates have now been fixed. The Exhibition will be held from the 6th to 11 th of Oc tober, 1969.

Already sound support has come from many quarters. The Federation, Dealers, a full list of Jury and Judges and many individuals.

Firstly the Federation have donated $\$ 200$ to the Exhibition funds. This is a very fine and generous gesture by the Federation members for which we of the Taranaki Society are very grateful. Support in this manner can only augur well for the future of the hobby.

Dealers throughout the country have come out in full support. Many have supported the Prospectus with advertising. Already some have booked in for dealers booths Many have intimated taking space in the catalogue.

We are very pleased to announce the list of Judges and Jury. Without exception each person approached has been pleased to accept these honoured but highly responsible positions.

## Chairman of the Jury: <br> V. McFarlane, Auckland.

## Jury:

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S. R. Dacre, Christchurch.
C. W. Watts, Wellington.
F. H. Jackson, Christchurch.

## Judges:

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Christchurch.
I. D. Woods,
J. D. Dennis,

Christchurch.
A. R. Burge, Whakatane.
E. R. Wilson, Wellington.
K. J. McNaught,
M. G. Tombleson,
R. A. Dexter,
E. A. Schoenberger,
M. C. Stanley,

Hawera. Hamilton. Gisborne. Auckland. Hamilton. Wellington.

Our grateful thanks also go to those who have sent donations and material for auctions. It is this fine support that puts backbone into any exhibition. We are very happy to see the support that individual collectors are giving us. Upon the support, enthusiasm of all collectors either with donations, entries or any other tangible help rests the success of this exhibition.


## STEWART \& CAROL DIXON

## Secretary and Treasurer

Stewart is a medical technologist with the New Plymouth Hospital Board. At present he is sitting his Finals. Cover collecting has been Stewarts main philatelic interest. He has built up a very fine collection of covers together with material pertaining to a special postmark, stamps, etc. Carol, his wife (Sales Assistant) is building up a good collection of Postmarks, and other related material of New Zealand Stamp Exhibitions.

Stewart and Carol have already spent many enthusiastic hours on exhibition work and are looking forward to meeting the many people who have already written.

## DONATIONS

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Born in London, Charlie spent five years travelling around the world in the Navy. In 1945 he came to New Plymouth and joined McKechnies Ltd., a Iarge manufacturing firm. At present he holds the position of Chief Production Planning Officer. Charlie's interests are varied. He has attained heights in the field of radio having been Editor of the Short Wave Section of N.Z. DX Radio Association. Also winner of Radio National awards.

Philately has held his interest since 1944. At the moment he is very interested in Iceland stamps and covers, Communications and British Commonwealth. In 1965 he joined the Taranaki Society and is at present the Treasurer and enthusiastic exchange superintendant.

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## Christmas lssues:

Australias: '68 7c (2c) Aerogram 20c; '67 45c (40c), Aerogram 20c.
Cook Is: '68 Min Sheet 95c (95c) FDC 1.10 '67 95c; '66 \$1.50.
Gibraltar: 1967 15c (15c).
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Now Zealand: ${ }^{\prime} 67 \mathrm{4c} ;{ }^{\prime} 667 \mathrm{7c} ;{ }^{\prime} 65 \mathrm{8c}$; ' 64 10c; '63 12c; '62 30c; '61 45c; '60 85c.
Norfolk Islands: ' $68 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{u} 8 \mathrm{c}$, FDC 25 c ; ${ }^{\prime} 67$ $8 \mathrm{c}(9 \mathrm{c}) ; \quad 6610 \mathrm{c}$ (111c); ${ }^{\prime} 65 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{v} 20 \mathrm{c} ;{ }^{\prime} \quad 64$ $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{u} 40 \mathrm{c} ; \quad{ }^{\prime} 63 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{u} 35 \mathrm{c} ;$. $62 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{u} 40 \mathrm{c}$; ' 61 $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{u} 90 \mathrm{c} ; \quad 60 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{u} \quad \$ 4.50$.

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## READER'S LETTERS

## health stamp views

Hawera.
Dear Sir,
It would be interesting, but impossible, to find out how many of the Health stamps sold go to dealers and philatelists. The increasing interest in the hobby would surely increase the numbers purchased by this group so that those who buy them as a donation to the Health Camps'must be becoming less even faster than the totals indicate. The Christmas stamp surcharges is a reaiistic suggestion but should health camps be the only ones to use this form of revenue, should not other organisations be given the opportunity which has been the health camp's perogative for the last forty years?

Whilst mentioning Christmas stamps, may I make a request for 1969-if old masters are to continue, that all excess writing be cut out-all it needs is NEW ZEALAND and the amount, the Cook Islands have the idea. One can easily find out the painter and the title if one wishes and there is no need to put Christmas and the year.

Yours faithfully,
Peter H. Gibbs.

## . . . AND BETTER POSTAGE

Dear Sir,
In reply to Mr. J. A. Cole, Oamaru.
In answer to your question, "Why do dealers use common definitives?" Simply because dealers buy collections and lots of N,Z. stamps which also contain current and obsolete material which he cannot sell to collectors. The only way to get rid of them is to use them.
J. MEYER.

In reply to Mr. Len Jury.
In answer to your question and suggestion about Health Stamps. In my opinion the sale of Health Stamps is going down not because of design, but because the "investor" is not buying. Every collector will buy his few Health sets, but the one who is going to buy sheets has stopped this for two reasons. One, the cash is not avallable, and second, and in my opinion the biggest, what does he get back for his investment?

Health stamps over the last 20 years have never brought the investor or collector any profit. What can he get for his Health

Stamps which he has put away for several years? Only a loss.

They have been sold to overseas dealers for face value in order to get overseas funds. In exchange, foreign material has been taken back. The overseas dealer has made his profit on the foreign exchange and offers in most cases N.Z. Health Stamps mint below face value. Now the N.Z. dealer is not going to pay more than offered from overseas so what did the investor get for his Health Stamps. ?? The main reason why he does not buy anymore. And now the sales are down, perhaps the stamps will go up in prices.

Suggestion. Why have a combination of Christmas and Health? I cannot see that sales will go up this way.

What is the idea of selling Health stamps, and who is most interested in the sale? There are two parties. The Health Camp Federation and the collectors. The Health Camp comes first, they need the money. The collector is only interested when he has a nice set and when this set goes up in price after a certain time, So the less sets sold the better for the collector, the worse for the Health Camps. Tc satisfy both, why not be like the Netherlands, Switzerland, etc. let us have a long set of 5 or 6 stamps.

Netherlands issues a Health set of 5 stamps every year, total Fl. 0.96 plus 0,44 , which is about $47 \%$ for the Health Camps, the same in Switzerland; in comparing with N.Z. 7 cent plus 2 cent, this is only $35 \%$ which goes to the Health Camps. This means that if there is a $12 \%$ drop in the revenue for the Health Camps now, the $12 \%$ will be recovered by selling a larger set with more profit for the Health Camp Federation. And on the other hand, the collector is more happy with a good set than with sets sold by the millions.

Design. Anything attractive. Paintings, animals, birds, flags, etc., etc. Now before the date of issue, a few advertisements in WHOLESALE TRADE MAGAZINES to attract the overseas dealer so he can order his quantity and everybody will be happy again.
J. MEYER.

We are pleased to see so many people taking the opportunity to write to the Editor. However, to fit in all these welcome letters, we must ask readers to limit their letters to 350 or less words in future.

EDITOR.

## CROWN AGENTS

## -AGAINST

Sir,
I have been following the readers' views on the Crown Agents Bureau and I can see three points arising out of it.
(1) Is the Crown Agents Bureau offering a genuine service to philatelists or is it just out to exploit them?
(2) Does the policy of a private agency offer a better service to philatelists than that of an organised Government company?
(3) Just who is exploiting the philatelist?
Firstly, to quote Mr. Rogan, as to whether the Crown Agents, in "the opinion of collectors and dealers throughout the world, does an excellent job." "Samoan Express", certainly does not think so. I am a collector, and until a few months ago was a part-time dealer; in my opinion this bureau does not do a worthy job. When I first read the policy of the Crown Agents Bureau, I was disgusted to think that they, a government concern, were allowed to operate. "Samoan Express's" information was sadly true. This unworthy bureau must be condemned for explolting philatelists. The Cook Islands is run by a private company; Samoa by a certain unworthy government company, which I will not name. In order that an answer may be found for question (2) above, a comparison must be made.

1968 stamp issuing policy of Cook Islands v. Samoa.
(a) Colour. Both have issued multicoloured issues which are efther sickening or beautiful depending on the personal taste of the collector.
(b) Number of stamps issued. Cook Islands-one set of eight stamps to date. This is the Cook issue, Olympic set and Christmas proposed and will be issued in the near future. The necessary high values of the definitive set were issued earlier this year.

## Reader's Letters - Crown Agents

## AGAINST CONT.

Samoa - Independence, Agriculture, Martin Luther King, Bouganville, Kingsford Smith, Human Rights, South Pacific Commission and Christmas. Eight sets.
(c) Face value of the sets. Cook Islands. If the necessary definitives are not included and the proposed Olympic set is, the value is about N.Z.\$1.90. Samoa. The approximate value in N.Z. currency is $\$ 4.50 \mathrm{c}$.

I have said that the definitive set is necessary and have missed it out, as in this case I wanted to show a comparison of unnecessary issues. The conclusion that can be drawn from this is that the private agency, in this case, is the more honest of the two.
(3) It is quite obvious that both of these agencies are exploiting the philatelist, looking for "a quick buck" as Mr. Rogan puts its. If it comes to that, what country is not??? Eastern European countries are proud of the fact that they issue over 100 colourful stamps annually. The face value of a set is usually under N.Z. $\$ 10.00$, but rarely we do notice a set that is under $\$ 1.00$ face value. A set can cost a philatellst a lot after he buys a complete set, with the high value miniature sheet and also the imperf set and miniature sheet sold well over face value. This would not be so bad, but they follow the unworthy Crown Agents fead and sell only to companies in most cases; in fact registered wholesale companies. You can not buy one set, you must buy a large amount. Bulgaria has a minimum of 30 sets. Tonga sells her stamps in complete sets only to overseas buyers and places a minimum amount of cash that you must spend. They also are infamous for their cancelled to order stamps. A definition of a rare stamp in the philatelist world could be a genuinely postally used Tongan stamp. South America has Bolivia and Central America, Panama; these unworthy countries place commemorative issues on sale at only a few of their post offices, which results in a demand for them. The Middle Eastern countries are wellknown for the high valued sets they issue-who hasn't heard of the Yemen "cats." Khor Fakkan, a village in Sharjah, issues beautiful stamps FOR PHIL-

ATELISTS. Great Britain and Australia are pushing out sets with unnecessary high values this year. As Mr. Fogan said "all mint stamps purchased by collectors is a profit of $100 \%$ for the Postal Authorities". The authorities of nearly every country are making the stamps attractive to attract collectors, and putting out high face values so as to make their profit bigger.

Some will say, "What of N.Z.?" New Zealand, as yet, is not exploiting the philatellst market, except with the continued new papers and types of variety that keep appearing. (Even these are genuine errors in most cases.) In fact, they are trying to drive away collectors judging by the SICKENING health stamps of this and last year. These issues are, in my opinion, "yeuky". They are not nice to look at and I would not disgrace my collection with them. My overseas penfriends have made several comments, none of them in favour of the "Yeuks". Some of them have been returned to me because my penfriends cannot swap or sell them. The 1966 health stamps are in demand, as are all the birds, but the sports are not worth having. I forsee a similar fate for them as has befallen the 1945-54 issues. I can buy these at POSTAGE FACE, which is a loss to the original buyer.

This opens a new line of discussion which I have no answer for. Why is it that an honest "non-exploiting stamp country" like New Zealand is less acceptable to collectors than one such as the Cook Islands, which is obviously out for profit? WHY??
R. H. ALEXANDER.

## -FOR <br> Dear Sir, Tokoroa

Surely Samoan Express and Anne T. Pomm cannot class the Cook Islands Bureau and similar in the same class as the Crown Agents. The C.A. would not have lasted through the centuries without integrity and fair dealing.

Anne T, Pomm (Anti Pomme) must also have a very limited reasoning mind to think U.P.U.. W.H.O., UNESCO are trash. Surely every way of bringing the work of these organisations to world knowledge must be a benefit to mankind.

Sincerely,
STAMP COLLECTOR

Dear Sir,
What a lot of rubbish has been published over the past two or three months by "anti-Crown Agents" writers. How can these people compare unfavourably the activities of the Crown Agents in comparison with Commonwealth countries that have been taken over by private agencies?
To mention just a few examples: What has happened to the formerly vey respectable issues of Grenada, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and Tonga to name just four territories whose stamps used to be distributed by a respectable organisation-the Crown Agents!
A friend in Grenada assures me that the multitude of ridiculous, unnecessary stamps now appearing virtually monthly are practically unobtainable, even at the G.P.O., except at a specia! philatelic window, and even here, for about one day only. The "Associated Statehood" overprints are treated as current definitives by Gibbơns and other catalogue editors, but I can tell you quite categorically that these stamps are in very limited use only-if you wish to buy an ordinary stamp in Grenada it is the unoverprinted 1966 definitive you'll get, and you certainly could not have bought the Olympic Games, Scout Jamboree, Churchill paintings to name just a few of the issues which have recently been inflicted on the people of this tiny island.
Sierra Leone, as we all know has produced, since leaving the Crown Agents, all sorts of provisionals with mixed printing types, missing dots, wrong dates etc., many of which Gibbons don"t and certainly would not catalogue-this of course has also happened with the racketeering Churchill, Airmail and Decimal provisionals of the Cook Islands

Gold coast, since becoming Ghana in 1957 has issued hundreds of stamps and several miniature sheets, many of the latter according to Gibbons "Elizabethan" were never sold at any Ghanaian post offices.

No sir, I am with Neil Rogan all the way, and am sticking to the Crown Agents, of course they only sell to dealers, but ALL the stamps they are responsible for are readily available to all members of the public at every post office in the Colony in which they were issued, and any collector may purchase a $\frac{1}{2 d}$ stamp from any Colonial Post Office he cares to write to; but just try writing to Grenville or Sauteurs (the second largest towns in Grenada) for some of these "Agency stamps" (a) I will be surprised if

CROWN AGENTS-CONT.
you even receive a reply, and (b) if you do, you certainly will not receive any of these so-called commemoratives, because they won't have had a single copy in stock.

I will admit that the C.A. have sullied their copy-book somewhat with a spate of omnibus issues during 1965-1966, e.g. I.T.U., I.C.Y.. Football, W.H.O., U.N.E.S.C.O., etc., these are undesirable stamps and were obviously aimed at collectors, but they were ALL widely used and freely available at even the tiniest sub-post office during their period of currency; I know this for a fact, as I visited all the tiny West Indian islands in 1966 67 , and found out for myself,

We don't see sheets of these Crown Agents stamps all beautifully cancelled with full gum on the back, but I have seen sheets of the Cook Islands Christmas and Gaugin wall paper so treated.

Nigeria has realised her mistake and returned to the more respectable, modest Crown Agents policy, let us hope that for all our sakes, one day Sierra Leone, Ghana, Grenada, Dominica. Trinidad and Tobago, Maldive Islands etc., will do the same.

Finally may I express my utter despair that Niue stamps are to be taken over by an American company who are even going to build an airstrip and provide a plane to ensure that philatelists mail orders for the forthcoming flood of junk can be quickly attended to.

Yours sincerely,
Noel Davenhill.

## POSTMARK CORNER <br> A. F. WATTERS PERFINS ENQUIRY

From Gisborne a Mrs. "CJ" writes that she has a number of New Zealand stamps with perforated numbers on them, and an English stamp with N.Z. on it. The stamps with numbers are from a firm who processes films to slides and this is its check system. The English stamp has been used on mail from the N.Z. High Commission in London to addresses in Great Britain. Here English stamps were used and bear the N.Z. perfin. They were treated in this manner from early this century to approx 1955, You will also find B.N.Z. on English stamps: These were used by the Bank of New Zealand in London up to the 1920's.

## PERFINS HISTORY

 A. F. Watters

A PERFIN.
From time to time stamp collectors come across postage stamps with initials perforated in them. While this deals with New Zealand only, the reasons are the same for all countries. New Zealanders saw these perfins, as they called them, on the stamps of Great Britain and some business firms brought them to the attention of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department. In the Annual Report from the Postmaster General for the year ending 31 March, 1883, there appeared this paragraph:
"To prevent the purtaining of postage stamps by employees in large establishments, it has been decided that the stamps may be perforated with the initials of the firm etc., so as to render the improper sale of such stamps a matter of difficulty. The perforation with initials of the stamps on posteards and newspaper wrappers is also allowed."

Some of the larger businesses soon changed to this system witha peak in the first two decades of the 1900 's, however at this time New Zealand was experimenting with franking machines and meters. These came onto the market in ever increas. ing numbers with the result that the use of prefins soon reduced to a small group of firms. By the time of the Second World War, only a few firms used this security, but today no firms employ this system.

These perfins were approved by the Post Office and I am informed that though this instruction last appeared in the Posi Office Guide of 1948, there is no reason why a firm couldn't use this system today, providing they got the necessary approval. The wording in the P.O. Guide changed very little during those 65 years, though instructions did come out from time to time. As yet I have not heard of any firm perforating Post Office stationery, and should any per-
son know of any, I would be very happy to hear from them

Though British machines are capable of perforating full sheets of 240 stamps at one time, it would appear that mosi machines imported into New Zealand had only the one die To reduce labour, the stamps were torn into strips, pairs, or anyway the employee thought fit, hence you can find stamps with perfins side on, upside down, half on, and some poor stamps had two or more bashes from the die. It is not possible to identify any by the position on the stamp, but rather by the letters.

Perfins can be found on any New Zealand issue since 1883 ts 1935 Pictorials, except for Life Insurance and Official issues. All values for $\frac{1}{2} d$ upwards can be found with perfins, but the $1 d$ is the commonest value.

On no account are New Zealand stamps with numbers perforated on them to be taken as perfins. These are from a firm which develops films and uses this system as a check during the despatch of slides etc., so 1 have been told.

A collector in Christchurch is writing a complete paper on this topic. Remember to keep these perfins, for they are a very interesting sideline to postal history, and they mount up over the years.

During this month and next many readers will be going away for their bolidays and I would like to suggest that you have plenty of pre-addressed and stamped envelopes to post at those out of the way Post Offices. If you put a filler in the covers, this will help you to get a better postmark. Philatelic Mail should be written on the outside of each cover.
Government has just approved the spending of money to convert the old garage in Armagh Street to the Post Office which will replace Armstrongs. This will take approximately 3 months

Money order facilities were opened at Manapouri (Invercargill) 1.6 .68 and St. Arnaud (Nelson) 14.10.68. Opaheke Road opened on the 14th October, 1968. There was a post office at Opaheke from 1910-1937. It was originally called Kunau Siding. This P.O. was a distance from this office.

A very happy Christmas and a good New Year to all Stamp Monthly readers.

## Com

## NOVEMBER 1

## VALUES:

3 cents: Legislative Building in Nassau, seat of House of Assembly. The Bahamian Legislature goes back to 1629 . The present Legislative Building, next to the picturesque main Post Office, was built in 1720.

10 cents: Bahamas Mace and London's Big Ben: The Mace is placed before the Speaker of the House during sessions. The Big Ben is the well known tower over the British Parliament, the mother of the Commonwealth's parliaments.

Colours: Yellow, blue and brown.

12 cents: Local Straw Market: Everyone of the millions of tourists who have recently visited Nassau, knows and admires the colourful hats, pocket books and other artifacts made of straw by skillful hands which are sold throughout Nassau, particularly along Bay Street.

Colours: Red, blue, red and yellow.

15 cents: Local Horse Drawn Surrey: No trip to Nassau is complete without a ride in one of the gaily painted Surreys drawn by horses often sporting a gay straw hat.

Colours: Green, red, brown and light yellow.

Printer: Format International Security Printers Ltd. of London Process: Lithography.

These four attractive stamps lithographed in multicolour, are being issued by the Bahamas on November 1 st to commemorate the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference being held at Nassau between November 1 and 8.

It is the 14th Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, which was founded in 1911 as the Empire Parliamentary Association and changed its name to the present version in 1948-49.

The main objects of the CPA are to promote understanding and respect for Parliamentary institutions, the rule of law and human rights of the individual, whatever his or her race, religion or culture. The present Constitution of the Association was drawn up at the first General Meeting in Wellington, New

Zealand, in 1950 was revised 7 years later and further amended in 1967.

The CPA has 87 branches, and a member of any legislature where a branch has been formed may become a member of the Association, but if he ceases to belong to the legislature, he can apply for Associate status. The Conference at the Bahamas is being attended by 158 Ministers and Members of Parliaments throughout the Commonwealth and it is fully anticipated that some frank speaking will mark the debates.

The Chairman is the Hon. Lynden O. Pindling. MHS, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahama Islands, and the Minister for Tourism and Development. With matters such as Vietnam, Rhodesia, and race relations on the agenda, he will have no easy task.

There will be special interest in the discussions about race relations, because, as the Commonwealth is a multi-racial society, the debate between delegates who share a common parliamentary background is expected to make a notable contribution to what has become an almost worldwide problem. As there are nations in the Commonwealth which are struggling against underdevelopment and over-population, the matter of economic growth also will come up for discussion in two sessions. as will the future of parliamentary government.

In addition to the full members, the Conference is being attended by representatives of associated groups: from the United States Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Republican Iowa, and Senator Thomas J McIntyre Democrat, New Hempshire; and from the Republic of Ireland Dr. Sean F. Lemass, TD and Mrs. Eileen Desmond, TD Other interests will be represented by Mr. T. W. Aston, for the Commonwealth Secretariat, and Mr. Michael Lawrence, for the Clerk of the House of Commons

The first Conference since World War II was held in London in 1948, and since then Conferences have taken place in Wellington (1950), Ottawa (1952) Nairobi (1954), New Delhi (1957), Canberra (1959), Loridon (1961). Since that date there has been
an annual Conference, the venues being Lagos, Kuala Lumpur, Kingston, Wellington, Ottawa and Kampala. Next year Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, has been chosen and then follow Pakistan (1970), Commonwealth of Australia (1971), Zambia (1972) the United Kingdom (1973), and Ceylon (1974).

## United Nations



The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a 6 c and 13 c stamp to commemorate the International year for Human Rights on 22nd November, 1968.

The stamps feature an identical design including the flame which has been adopted as the symbol of Human Rights encircled at the base by the wreath of the United Nations. The colours of the 6 c stamp are blue and gold and the 13c stamp red and gold.

Designed by Robert Perrot (France), the stamps were printed by photogravure by Harrison and Sons Lid., London.

The selling price in New Zealand currency is 5 c and 12 c respectively and the stamps will be on sale at the Philatelic Bureau, General Post Office, Wellington.

These stamps are not valid for postage in New Zealand.

The United Nations Postal Administration's souvenir folder for 1968 will also be placed on sale on 22nd November 1968.

The folders, available for purchase at $\$ 1.78$ each from the Philatelic Bureau, General Post Office, Wellington, contain a mint specimen of each stamp issued during 1968.

The front cover shows a reproduction of the International Year for Human Rights stamp and the interior of the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The reverse side of the folder shows a montage of United Nations definitive and airmail stamps.

## LAST SECTION, PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA SEA SHELLS

To man, some objects -are prized more than others. In our final group of five shells which complete our new definitive stamp isue, there exist two striking examples of shells valued by man for different reasonsthe OVULA ovum or egg cowry, and the CONUS gloriamaris or Glory of the Sea cone.

To the Papuan and New Guinean, whether he lives on the coast or inland, the egg cowry has for centuries not only been a form of barter, but a source of decoration and personal adornment. On the other hand, the unique Glory of the Sea cone, because of its rarity and beauty, is desired by conchologists the world over, but possessed by very few. This rare shell is indeed a marine masterpiece and, as such, its aura will never diminish.

Here again, Paul Jones has provided us with further examples of his rare artistry and skill.

The third and final group of our new definitive issue featuring the shells of Papua and New Guinea will be issued on 29th January, 1969. They will be in denominations of $1 \mathrm{c}, 4 \mathrm{c}, 7 \mathrm{c}, 12 \mathrm{c}$ and $\$ 2.00$.

This group follows the first and second groups of five shell stamps each issued in August and October 1968, and features gastropods.

The stamps are being printed in three and four colour photogravure by Helio Courvoisier S.A. of Switzerland.

For their generous assistance, grateful acknowledgement is made to Mr, W. G. Buick, Librarian, University of Papua and New Guinea, Port Moresby and Mr . Lance Moore, Marine Specimens, Sydney.

## EGG COWRY

The shell depicted on the 10 stamp is the OVULA ovum or egg cowry and was so named by Linne in 1758.

The egg cowry is perhaps the most popular of all shells in Papua and New Guinea. It is traded into the highlands far from the coast and everywhere it is used to decorate houses. graves, canoes and as a personal
ornament. One chief's house in the Trobriand Islands has no lesa than 350 of these glistening white shells decorating it in beautiful designs.

The interior of the shell, which grows to about three and a half inches, is a rich coffee brown. The animal which envelopes the shell is jet black and lives on coral reefs.

The 4 c stamp depicts the CONUS litoglyphus, or IIthograph cone.

This shell, named by Hwass (in) Brugiere in 1792, is not as common as the marble cone included in this series, but it is just as widespread. It is highly polished, though in life it is covered with an opaque smooth brown skin. The base colour is a golden tan on which there are two bands of irregularly shaped pure white markings. The shell grows to about two and a half inches.

The shell portrayed on the 7c stamp is called MITRA mitra, or Orange Spotted Mitre.

In each genus of shells, one species is selected as the type species which helps to define the genus. This species is the type of the large genus Mitra.

Named by Linne in 1758 , MITRA, mitra is a common species which cannot be confused with any other. It grows to six inches and is white with well marked orange-reddish spots arranged in spirals around the shell.

The shell portrayed on the 12 C stamp is PHALIUM areola or Draught Board Helmet Shell. It was named by Linne in 1758.

Some of the helmet shells grow to a very large size. This is one of the smaller and more common species. It lives in shallow water in sand where it preys on other shells. In colour it is bluish grey with five rows of large brown rectangular markings.

## GLORY OF THE SEA

The shell portrayed on the $\$ 2.00$ stamp is the famed CONUS gloriamaris.

This fabulous shell, also known as the Glory of the Sea, is without doubt the most sought after
shell in the world. Its rarity and beauty, together with what can only be described as its glamour, have made it a costly specimen inciting, in some, a cupidity seldom equalled in the history of conchology. Hugh Cuming, perhaps the most famous of the 19th century collectors, on finding two live specimens under a rock at Janca, Bokol Islands, Philippines in 1837, said "I nearly fainted with delight".

CONUS gloriamaris is a shell of legend. It was for a time thought to be extinct. The owner of one specimen is said to have purchased another and then destroyed it so that his own would remain, as he thought, unique. Its history has been a dramatic one. One specimen has been stolen; another was pounded to fragments by children with a hammer; whilst it is the central theme of a Victorian novel by Fanny Steele.

The earliest record of the shell Is in a sale catalogue of 1757 , but it was not formally named until Chemmitz did so in 1777. For many years only a handful of specimens were known to exist. However, in the last decade or so, a number have come to hand, so that today about 70 specimens have been recorded, ranging from the Philippines Indonesia, the Caroline Islands, the Solomon Islands and New Guinea where they have been found in the Morobe, New Britain and Bougainville Districts.

The largest known specimen of the CONUS gloriamaris ( 142 mm ) came from Sio Village, near Finschhafen in 1965 and is now in California. The second largest specimen from Teop Island, also in New Guinea, was sold In 1962 for $\$ \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S} .2,000$, With the increase in numbers, the price is now falling and a good specimen would today probably bring no more than $\$ 100$ per inch

CONUS gloriamaris is a slender cone shaped shell with a long spire and a fine golden reticulate colour pattern. In the words of $P$. Dance it is "an object of surpassing loveliness and elegance one of Nature's masterpieces".

Like other species of the cone family, the living animal is venomous and should be handled with great caution.

## HAVE YOU SEEN THESE?



GAP IN FRAME LINES TOP STAMP-LEFT.

This variety owned by MR. R. COLES, Inglewood, looks as if a piece of confetti adhered to the paper as the frame was printed.


Imperf. 8d Telegraphs. One of the many fine items in the AMEER of BAHAWALPUR'S collection for sale in Stanley Gibbons next auction. See centrepiece for further items.

## REVIEW

"WHAT STAMP IS THAT?" Revised and enlarged edition, published by Review Publications Pty. Ltd., Sterling Street, Dubbo, N.S.W., Australia, Price 35c (Aust.)

This very popular guide to the identification and clarification of postage stamps of the world has now appeared in a revised and enlarged edition which has a complete listing of overprints to be found on foreign postage stamps, with details of the country of origin and meaning (in English) of the overprint. This time there is a separate detailed listing of puzzling inscriptions to be found on foreign stamps, again with the meaning in English and country of origin set out. Another feature of the new edition is a detailed list of currencies of the world, with basic and sub units set out. Also included are illustrations of Numerals in five different languages (Chinese, Ethiopian, Persian, Roman and Thai).

This booklet has now established itself as the leading guide available especially suitable for beginners, and even experienced collectors find it a handy reference.

## AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION CAPTAIN COOK DESIGN

Thousands of children from all parts of the world recently produced designs for a proposed set of stamps to be issued by Australia in 1970 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the discovery of the East Coast of Australia by Captain Cook.

The design competition, which was organised by "Stamp News", attracted entries from all corners of Australia and from New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, United States, Canada, England and Africa and the Continent.

All entries of outstanding merit in the competition will be submitted to the Philatelic Advisory Committee of the P.M.G.'s Department for study by them as to their suitability for adaptation as designs for the stamps series to be issued by the Post Office in 1970. The winning
entries also will be displayed $a^{4}$ ANPEX 1970, a National Stamp Exhibtion to be held in Australia Square, Sydney, from April 27 to May 2, 1970, as part of the 200th Anniversary celebrations.

The competition was won by a talented 15-year-old Tasmanian boy, David W. G. Allen of Sandy Bay, who was awarded a collection of 10,750 different stamps from all parts of the world.

David Allen's quite outstanding entry was a striking portrait of Captain Cook executed in oils It was only the third occasion that David had used oils and it took him approximately six weeks to complete the work. David told "Stamp News" that he does not come from an artistic family but has always been interested in art-even though he is nol studying it at present as he is doing a science course at Hutchins School. He had his first success in art as a Grade

1 student when he won a Book Week colouring competition. Since then he has won a number of poster and art competitions.


The winning entry in the "Stamp News" design competition a portrait of Captain Cook executed in oils by 15 -year-old David W. G. Allan of Sandy Bay Tasmania. For the entry he won a collection of 10,750 different postage stamps from all parts of the world-with a catalogue value in excess of $\$ 500$.

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# Gilbert and Ellice Islands 

## 25th ANNIVERŞARY OF THE BATTLE OF TARAWA

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This year sees the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Tarawa, seventy-six hours of bitter warfare for a small Islet only $2 \frac{1}{6}$ miles by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, called Betio, part of the Tarawa Atoll. In this short space of time the United States Marine Corps lost 990 officers and men and over 2,300 were wounded, whilst the number of Japanese killed was some 4,700 . More than 3,000 tons of bombs and other explosives were dropped on this strip of coral before the U.S. forces commenced landing. According to Major General Julian Sith, this was the first time that American forces had attacked a defended atoll, and the lesson learned from this form of warfare was to prove of great use later in the Pacific area.

## DENUDED

The pounding given to the island by the U.S. Airforce and Navy had denuded the island of trees and cover and only the blockhouses and pillboxes remained, but the greatest barrier to the landings was the area of exposed reef between the beaches and the deep water. This stretch of coral sand and rock varied from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, at lowtide covered by only inches of water, or not covered at all, and at high tide the depth could be up to 5 or 6 feet over the area of the landings. A new type of amphibious vehicle was used to get troops ashore, the Second Corp Marines had only 125 of these craft and of these 82 were lost to enemy action and 8 to mechanical failure, but those that were left carried the first wave in and managed to get a toehold on two sectors of the Betio beach. The Amtracs and the Higgins boats followed on in waves, but it was a long trek from the transports to the beach -some ten miles from ship to blazing shore. The cruisers and battleships of the U.S. fleet kept up a continuous barrage to cover the landings, and according to an "on the spot" war correspondent. the little island seemed to erupt each time a salvo landed. A particularly low tide meant that the Higgins boats were unable to get in close and this meant
that what were left of the Amtracs would have to do the transporting or there was a wade of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile under withering Japanese fire. Great credit is given to a single platoon of Engineers, who by the use of flamethrowers, dynamite and accurate sniping cleared a way for the wading troops to get ashore. After the U.S. troops had landed, it was no longer possible to give support from the ships' guns, and this lull from the bombardment gave the Japanese some respite This "lease of life" led to the Japanese being able to pin the early arrivals behind a sea wall of coconut logs just twenty feet from the water, and caused many casualties before the position was overcome.
Three days of murderous fighting, so many casualties for such a small gain, but the lessons learned were to prove invaluable in overcoming the enemy in the Pacific.

## OVERGROWN

To see Tarawa now, once more overgrown with coconut, breadfruit and pandanus trees, one capnot envisage that so much destruction was carried out just 25 years ago. There are still reminders of those days-huge naval guns point out to sea with the manner in which they were silenced as mute evidence of the accuracy of the attacking forces remains of Amtracs, tanks, landing craft and aircraft still strew the beaches-silent memorials to those who did not return.

## COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

To commemorate the successful attacks on Japanese fortifications in November 1943 by allied forces the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony will release a set of four stamps, illustrated overleaf-a pictorial sequence covering the battle of Tarawa. The stamps have been printed in multi-colour, using the photogravure process, by Thomas De La Rue \& Co. Ltd., in sheets of 50 on C.A. Block watermarked paper.

The 3 cent duty features a chart of Tarawa atoll with Betio islet, the location of the main battle. The Islet, formerly covered with a dense coconut plantation, was cleared by bombing and naval gunfire.

The 10 cent is a representation of the United States Maries wading ashore, from landing craft, towards Betio under withering gunfire with shells bursting around them and a pall of smoke arising from Betio in fiames in the background. The maries had to land in the face of stiff enemy opposition despite the intense bombardment beforehand from United States naval guns which enveloped the island in flames.

The 15 cent stamp depicts the battie scenes on Betio itself.

The 35 cent denomination depicts the raising of the Union Flag and the Star Spangled Banner simultaneously on adjacent palm trees. (The British Commonwealth was represented by Colonel V. FoxStrangway, C.B.E., the Resident Commissioner of the Colony who landed with the third wave).

Issue date, 21-11-68. Designer, V. Whiteley. Printer, Thomas De La Rue \& Co. Ltd. Process Photogravure. Watermark, C. A. Block.

## "V FOR VARIETY"

"V FOR VARIETY" by J. W. Pender is the name of a completely new type of stamp catalogue-the first of its kind to be published in Australia.

The book is a priced and illustrated catalogue of all the major flaws, errors and varieties to be found on the stamps of the Commonwealth of Australia.

It starts with the Kangaroo and George V issues of 1914 and covers the whole field of definitive and commemorative stamps right up to 1968 .

Every stamp is listed separately with basic numbers tied to the numbers in The Australasian Stamp Catalogue. The flaws, errors and varieties are divided into several distinct groupings, each with a different code. The flaws and varieties to be found on each stamp are listed in detail and, where they are known, their sheet locations are given. Each flaw, error or variety is priced individually both mint and used.
"V for Variety" is edited by Mr. J. W. Pender, a keen Commonwealth specialist of many years standing. The book is published by Review Publications Pty. Ltd. of Sterling Street, Dubbo, N.S.W., Australia and retails for a modest $\$ 1$.

## PACIFIC ISLANDS COMING ISSUES

British Solomon Island: End of Inaugural Year of the University of the South Pacific, 1969,

Fiji: 9th Dec., 1968, 20th Anniversary of W.H.O. 13th Jan. 1969, Decimal Currency. 1969, Inauguration of the South Pacific University at Laucala Bay, Suva.

Gilbert and Elifice Islands: Nov. 21st: 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Tarawa. 1969: University of the South Pacific.
Nauru: 31st Jan., 1969: New 15c depicting Republic's, Flag.
New Hebridies: 1969: Timber.
Papua and New Guinea: January 22nd, 1969: Shell definitive series. 9th April, 1969: Heritage, Folklore. 25th June, 1969: South Pacific Games.

Pitcarin Islands: 1968, 25th November: 20th Anniversary of W.H.O. 2c and 20c. 1969, 17th September: new definitives.
Western Samoa: 1969: 7th Anniversary of Independence, (flowers). New definltives: \$2, \$4. Robert Lolus Stevenson.

## WESTERN SAMOA

The Minister of Post Office and Radio, Hon Fa'alava'au Galu. has announced that the revenue from First Day sales of the 21st Anniversary of South Pacific Commission stamp issues amounted to $\$ 10,855.55$, being sales by Crown Agents, London, $\$ 8,489.55$ by New Zealand Post Office $\$ 374.97$; and Apia Sales $\$ 1,991.32$. Production cost was approximately $\$ 4,000.00$.

THE MAIL COACH

## NEW STAMP FOR REPUBLIC OF NAURU

The flag of the Republic of Nauru will be shown on a new stamp to be issued on 31st January, 1969.

His Excellency, President DeRoburt has announced that the stamp's denomination will be 15c, the air mall rate to Australia, to which much of Nauru's mall is directed.

The Government of the Republic of Nauru plans to replace the existing overprinted stamps with new designs, issued over a period, and the new "Flag" stamp is the first of the replacements.

Although not a commemorative ${ }_{\text {t }}$ it is being issued on the first anniversary of Independence to mark the completion of a year of endeavour and as a reminder of the high ideals and obligations of nationhood.

## FIJI-NEW DECIMAL DEFINITIVES-1969

On 13th January, 1969, Fiji is changing over to decimal currency and the present set of definitive stamps will be replaced by 17 stamps of the same design with the values in dollars and cents.

Description of the stamps are as follows:

1 cent: Passion fruit flower.
2 cents: Sea shell-Nautilus Pompilius.

3 cents: White heron-Belo.
4 cents: Hawk moth.
5 cents: Reef Angel fish.
6 cents: Fijian Bures (Native houses).

8 cents: Bamboo raft-Bilibili
9 cents: Tiger moth.
10 cents: Black Marlin fish.
15 cents: "Sun Birds".
20 cents: Black and white sea snake-"Dadakulaci".

25 cents: Takia (Fijian Outrigger canoe).

30 cents: Sea shell-Golden cowrie.

40 cents: Goldmining and ore body of native gold.

50 cents: Bamboo OrchidsArundina bambusifolia.
\$1.00: Tabua (Ceremonial whale's tooth).
\$2.00; Fiji Coat of Arms and Annigoni portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Date of Issue: 13th January, 1969. Artwork: Victor Whiteley. Process; Photogravure. Printer: Thomas De La Rue \& Co., London. Watermark: Block CA.

## FIJI'S CHANGEOVER TO DOLLARS AND CENTS

Fiji will be "reverting" to decimal currency on the 13th January, 1969.

This is not the first time Fiji has had dollars and cents for currency.

When King Cakobau's Government came into power in 1871 it was a common thing, at that time, to have dollars and cents as well as shillings and pence in circulation and Fiji Stamps deploting the "CR" (Cakobau Rex) monogram issued during that year were printed in pence and later overprinted with the appropriate value in cents. These stamps continued to be used until Cession Day on 10th Oetober, 1874.

## FIJI <br> WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION 20th ANNIVERSARY

A set of three stamps, 3d, 9d and $3 /-$, is expected to be released on 9th December, 1968, to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the World Health Organisation.

3d value depicts the W.H.O. symbol and faces of nursing staff representative of the various ethnic groups in the Colony against a background of a map of Fiji.

9d value shows the Medical Department ship "Vuniwai" in the background with the ship's dinghy in the foreground, with medical staff loading a stretcher case in a bay of one of the outlyling islands of the Group-symbolising island medical services (which includse mercy missions tuberculosis campaign, and maternal and child welfare services)

3/- value depicts outdoor life as seen in a setting of a coastal bay on the main island-symbolising the value of recreation to health.

Proposed date of release: 9th December, 1968. Designer: Victor Whiteley. Process: Delacryl. Printer: Thomas De La Rue London. Number of stamps per sheet: 60. Watermark: Block CA Number of stamps for release in Fiji: 3d, 300,000; 9d, 150,000; $3 /-150,000$.

## SOUTH PACIFIC W.H.O. OFFICE

The South Pacific Office of the World Health Organisation is situated in Suva and governs a large area which includes, besides Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa, the British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Papua-New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand and the French Territories in the South Pacific.

The Organisation has doctors, nurses and other staff working in the area under their control and their activities cover various health fields such as malaria, tuberculosis and filariasis control nursing education, maternal and child health services, laboratory services, water supply and sewarage installation.

By participating in this issue it is felt that Fiji is playing a small part through the media of postage stamps in the war against disease and sickness.

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Groves' residence, Hamilton.
ROYAL MEETING



## MONTSERRAT <br> CHRISTMAS



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## Releases

## 1st November, 1968

Gibraltar. Christmas 1968, 4d and 9d.

Lesotho. Rock Paintings. 3, 31, $5,10,15,20$ and 25 cents.

St. Vincent. International Human Rights Year. 3 and 35 cents.

Tristan da Cunha. 30th Anniversary of Tristan as a Dependency of St. Helena. 6d, 9d, 1/6 and $2 / 6$.
4th November, 1968
St. Helena. Definitive. $\frac{1 d}{}$ 1d, $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}, ~ 2 \mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{~d}, 4 \mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{~d}, 10 \mathrm{~d}, 1 /-$, $1 / 6,2 / 6,5 /-, 10 /-, 11$.
6th November, 1968
Malawi. Christmas, 1968. 4d, $1 / 6$ and $3 /-$.
11th November, 1968
Botswana. Christmas 1968. 1, 2, 5 and 25 cents.

Guyana. Christmas 1968. 6, 25, 30 and 40 cents.

## 13th November, 1968

Malawi. Definitive. 1d, 2d, 3d, $4 \mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{~d}, 9 \mathrm{~d}, 1 /-1 / 6,2 /-3 /-5 /-$, $10 /-$ £1, £2.
18th November, 1968.
Cayman Islands. Christmas 1968. $4 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{~d}, 1 / 3$ and $2 /-$. 20th November, 1968

Hong Kong. International Human Rights Year. 10 and 50 cents.
27th November, 1968
St. Kitts. Christmas 1968. 12, 25,40 and 50 cents.

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Definitive Issues
Abu Dhabl: 1969. Barbados: 1969. Barbados: New $\$ 5.00$ value, 6th January, 1969. Bermuda: Decimal Currency, 1969. British Virgin Islands: 1969, Cayman Islands: 1st February, 1969. Ceylon: 1969. Mauritius: 12th March, 1969, St. KItts: 1969. St. Lucla: 1969. St. Vincent: 1969. Singapore: 1st/29th December, 1968. Swaziland: April, 1969. Uganda: 9th October, 1969. Western Samoa: New definitive values \$2, \$4, 1969.

## Commemorative Issues

Antigua: Centenary of Phosphate Industry on Redonda, 1969. Tercentenary of Parliamentary Government, 3rd February; 1969. 1st Anniversary of Carifta, May, 1969. Ascension Island: Royal Naval Crests, 1969. Barbados: 1st Anniversary of Carifta, May,
1969. Horse Racing, March, 1969. Bermuda: 50th Anniversary of Girl Guides, 1969. Botswana: Important Crops, April, 1969. British Antarctic Territory: 25th Anniversary of Continuous Scientific work by the British Antarctic Survey, 6th February, 1969. British Honduras: Orchids, 1st March, 1969. Hardwoods, 1st June, 1969. British Indian Ocean Territory. Mountain Atolls, April, 1969. British Virgin Islands: National Development, 1968. Tourism, 1969. Extension of Beef Island Airport, December, 1968. Brunei: Opening of Dewan Majlis and Lapau Di-Raja, 1968. International Human Rights, December, 1968. Installation of Pengiran Shah Bander as "Y.T.M. Seri Paduka Duli Pengiran DiGadong Sahibol Mal", May, 1969. Ceylon: Centenary of the Archaeological Department, December, 1968. Golden Jubilee of the All Ceylon Buddhist Congress. December, 1968. International Human Rights Year, 1968. WESAK stamp 1969, April, 1969. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O., April, 1969. East Africa: 50th Anniversary of I.L.O., 14th April, 1969. Water Transport, 20th January, 1969. Falkland Islands: Centenary of the Diocese of the Falkland Islands, 1969. 21st Anniversary of the Falklands Islands Government Air Service, 8th April, 1969. The Gambla: Centenary of the first two stamps issued by The Gambia 1869, January, 1969. Aeronautical (historical), 1969. Guyana: 50th Anniversary of I.L.O., 1969. 3rd Caribbean Jamboree and Diamond Jubilee of Scouting in Guyana, 1969. Easter, March, 1969. Arts and Culture week, 1969. Hong Kong: Lunar New Year, 1969. Jamalca: International Human Rights Year, 3rd December, 1968. 50th Anniversary of the I.L.O., 1969. Tourism, 1968. Lesotho: Centenary of Maseru, 1969. Culture and Natural Resources, 1969. Malawi: Masks, April, 1969. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O., January, 1969. Mauritius: Bi-centenary of the visit of Bernardin de St Pierre to Mauritius, 1st December, 1968. Montserrat: International Human Rights, 2nd December, 1968 . Development Projects, June, 1969. Christmas 1968, 15th December, 1968. Tourism, February, 1969. Muscat and Oman: Oil, 1968. Nigeria: Timber, 1969. Martin Luther King, 1968. St. Helena: Dress Uniforms, 1969.

Mail Communications, 1969. St. Kitts: Fish, 25th February, 1969, St. Lucia: Birds Issue, 10 th January, 1969. Views of Old St. Lucia. Easter, March, 1969. "Carifta", May, 1969. St. Vincent: Statehood, 1968, Carnival, 1969. Seychelles: 200th Anniversary of the landing of Praslin Island, 1968. Tristan da Cunha: Ships, 1969. Soclety for the Propogation of the Gospel, 1969. People's Republic of Southern Yemen: Martyr Day, 1969, 11th February 1969. Archaeology in Southern Yemen, 28th December, 1968. Zambia: Natural Resources and Tourism, 5th February, 1969, 50th Anniversary of I.L.O., 18th June, 1969.

## Republic of Botswana <br> CHRISTMAS 1968

Botswana are issuing a four value commemorative, $1 \mathrm{c} 2 \mathrm{c}, 5 \mathrm{c}$ and 25 c with a common design to each value, the border colour changing in each instance.

The design gives good representation of Christian unity throughout the world.

With the star of Bethlehem as their guiding light, Mary, Joseph and the New Born find refuge. Let us hope that this Christmas there will be "room at the inn" for everyone and that "peace on earth and goodwill to all men" reigns.

Release date, 11th November, 1968. Designer, Mrs. M. E. Townsend of Gaberones, adapted for Printing by John E. Cooter. Printer, Enschede. Process, Lithographic.

## Montserrat

CHRISTMAS PAINTING ISSUE
For Christmas, Montserratthe beautiful "Emerald Isle" of the Caribbeans-issues four commemorative stamps featuring famous religious painting.

5c and 25c: "The Two Trinities", by Bartolome Esteban Murillo (born Seville, Spain, 1617, died 1682). This famous painting is found in the National Gallery of London.

15 c and 50 c : "The Adoration of the Kings" by Sandro Botticelli (born Florence, Italy, 1444, died 1510). Italy's most famous Renaissance painter, Boticelli painted this painting in 1470 ; it is found in the National Gallery of London.

COLOURS: Paintings in full colour: Borde colours: 5c Red, 15c Dark Green, 25c Purple, 50c Brown.

## DETAILS OF NEW AND FORTHCOMING ISSUES

## Gibraltar CHRISTMAS 1968

Christmas issues of commemorative stamps are increasing each year as they find more and more popularity amongst collectors.

On 1st November, Gibraltar will release its second Christmas issue and, like the previous issue, the theme is in keeping with this great Christian festival. Yet, whilst the theme is traditional, the representation has been made by the designer, Mr. F. Ryman, in a pleasantly contemporary style.
The set comprises two values, 4d and 9 d ., both in the vertical format in a size $2.00 \mathrm{in} \times 0.77 \mathrm{in}$, perforation to perforation and in sheets of 60 set. The 4 d value shows a small shepherd boy kneeling in prayer beneath the Star of the Nativity, watched by a lamb. The 9 d value depicts Mary with the Holy Child cradled in her arms, again with a lamb in attendance. The caption "Christmas 1968" appears on the top of both stamps, balanced in design by the name of the territory at the bottom. At the top right the Queen's head and crown is silhouetted in white.

Release date, 1st November, 1968. Designer, F. Ryman. Printer, Harrison \& Sons Ltd. Process Photogravure.

## Guyana inauguration of ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS LINK WITH TRINIDAD BY TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER SYSTEM

On August 11th, 1967, Cable \& Wireless (West Indies) Ltd., announced that a contract of some $£ 250,000$, sterling had been awarded to The Marconi Company Ltd., to improve communications between Guyana and Trinidad. The project provides for the installation of a ropospheric scatter system between the two territories. The system will replace the present H.F. radio telephone service, and, for Guyana, will provide high quality telephone and telex services with Trinidad, the West Indies, U.S.A.. Britain, the Commonwealth and Europe.

The tropospheric system will be equipped initially for 32 voice circuits with provision for expansion of all services. It entails the erection of two sixty feet diameter
dish aerials on sites at Thomas Lands, Guyana (which will have to be elevated some 30 feet to clear the highway along the shore) and Morne Blen, Trinidad, some 350 miles away.

Guyana released a set of stamps on 11th November, 1968, to commemorate the inauguration of the establishment of this new communication link. The stamps will have a double appeal to collectors for incorporated into the telecommunications design, is a Christmas message-"Guyana sends. Christmas greetings to the world."

Release date, 11th November, 1968. Designer, G. L. Vasarhelyi (from Original Cable \& Wireless Material). Printer, Thomas De La Rue \& Co. Ltd. Process Delacryl. Watermark, Lotus Blossom. Bud.

## GRENADA

First Group of New Definitives In October, Grenada-the Spice Island of the Caribbeanswill issue the first new Definitive issue since attaining Associated Statehood with Great Britain. The first part will appear in October, and will reflect the Island's immensely rich Fauna and Flora.

A great deal of research went into the designs of this colourful set. The artwork is entirely based on locally gathered scientific facts. Each stamp shows a Dorothy Wilder portratt of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as well as an outline of "Conception", Colombus' flagship which has appeared on Grenada's stamps since 1898 when the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Grenada was celebrated during the reign of Edward VII. "La Conception" also appears in Grenada's Coat of Arms.

1c (green and red, against beige background) Hibiscus. All types and varieties of this popular flower are found in Grenada. They bloom all year.

2c (yellow, orange and greenagainst violet background) Strelitzia Reginae also known as Bird of Paradise Flower or Ginger Lily. Tail stalks look like hte neck of a bird topped by a head with a long beak and crest. Blooms April-September.

6 c (silver, magenta, yellow and blue-against green background) Istiophorus Americanus, or Sailfish, is locally known as Mamman Balahoo. Has high wide dorsal fin and small scales embedded
in the skin. A popular game fish abtracting fishermen from far and near; often appears in schools chasing other fish.

12c (brown and yellowagainst carmine background Testudo Denticulata or Turtle. Many species of Turtles are found in Grenada, and most of them are considered a delicacy to visiting gourmets.

15c (brown and yellow-against green background) Boa Enadris or Tree Boa; locally known as Sarpint. Yellowish-brown above. while belly is yellow. This snake has a very thin neck. It sometimes reaches a length of 6 feet.

50c (red, yellow, grey-against blue background) Cercopithecus Mona or Mona Monkey. This is one of the most attractive African monkeys, now naturalised in In Grenada in small numbers in the forests of the Grand Etang. It may have reached Grenada together with slaves transported from West Africa.
$\$ 1$ (magenta and yellowagainst light brown background) Coereba Flaveola or Bananaquit; locally known as Black See-see Measuring about $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches, it is practically black all over, a slightly greenish yellow wash on breast and upper tail coverts. Its call is: see-ee-ee-ee-swees-tee, Most numerous in settled districts of Grenada.
\$3 (black, blue and red against yellow background) Fregata Mag. nificens or American FrigatebirdAbout 40 inches; black all over with white chest. Deeply forked tail. Never seems to come to rest. Can be seen from seashore and rests mostly in Grenada's Northern islets.

Grenada recently became the first British Commonwealth nation with a Lady Governor, Her Excellency, Dr. Hilda Bynoe, Is a native of Grenada and was recently sworn in as Grenada's first native-born Governor. This historic step was achieved by Grenada's Premier, the Hon Eric Gairy. A stamp will be issued during coming months to honour the new Governor.

## dOMINICA TOURIST ISSUE

Dominica has in preparation a Tourist Issue consisting of four values in two designs fo reach value: 10c. National Costumes, 10c Fruit Picking. 12c Fort Young Hotel, 12c Parrots, 24c Native Danciing, 24 c Steel Band, 48c Skin Diving, 48c Marine Life.

# Ascension Island FISH ISSUE 

In October, Ascension Island released the first of a series of fish issues, which will probably depict a total of twelve local fish over three years, each issue being comprised of four stamps. By virtue of its tropical position (latitude $8^{\circ}$ S) the coastal water of the Island abound with a great variety of fish, and the issues should prove of special interest to thematic philatelists.
The 4 d value of the first isstue depicts the local variety of "BlackFish" (Melichthys bunira), a name generally applied to various dark coloured fishes,

The 8 d value shows the "Leatherjacket" or "Leather-jack" fish (Obsekia Scripta). The illustration is of the local variety for the name "Leatherjacket" is generally applied to certain bony fishes with tough skins.

The "Tunny (or Tuna) Fish" illustrated on the $1 / 9 \mathrm{~d}$ denomination is also the local variety - the "Yellowfin Tunny" (Germo Albacora.) Tuna fish, which vary in size from 2-10.feet are a most valuable food fish and have a liking for warm sea areas, although the most remarkable think about Tuna fish is their ability to keep their body temperature above that of the surrounding water. The Atlantic Tunas are believed to migrate extensively in schools and spawn in the region of the Mediterranean.

The "Mako Shark" (Isurus Oxyrinchus) represented on the $2 / 3 \mathrm{~d}$ value is the common shark of the area. the variety flourishes in tropical and temperate regions of the Atlantic, and averages around 12 feet in length when fully grown.

Release date, 23rd October, 1968. Designer, M. C. Farrar-Bell. Printer, Thomas De La Rue \& Co. Ltd. Process Delacryl. Watermark, C. A. B'ock.

## Hong Kong <br> INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS YEAR

On 20th November, Hong Kong issue a special set of postage stamps to commemorate this theme. There are two values in the set ( 10 and 50 cents) with a common design, varying only in background colour.

The main feature is a symbolic "Lamp of Life". Within its eternal flame the U.N. symbol for Human Rights Year is incorporated to signify the hope for the continuance of this ideal.

The design also embodies the territorial name, the appropriate value and the caption for Human Rights Year both in English and Chinese characters.

In designing these stamps Mr. R. Granger-Barrett has expressed the desire of all mankind to preserve the principles incorporated in the United Nations Universay Declaration of Human Rights, first to proclaimed by the General 'Assembly on December 10th, 1948.

Release date, 20 th November, 1968. Designer, R. Granger-Barrett. Printer Bradbury Wilkinson \& Co. Ltd. Process, Lithography. Watermark, C.A. Block.

## St. Vincent <br> INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

In this year laid down by the United Nations as specially devoted to the cause for International Human Rights, St. Vincent are issuing a set of postage stamps to mark the occasion. The two value set of stamps was designed by $\mathbf{V}$. Whiteley and printed by Enschede En Zonen in the photogravure process on unwatermarked paper.

The 3 cents value depicts an orator speaking to a milling demonstrating crowd calling for freedom of assembly and speech. The scales of justice are the main feature of the 35 cents value, this symbolising equality of race, creed and religion.

This year of Human Rights it is hoped will act as a reminder to all nations of the decrees set out in the United Nations charter which was passed on the 10th December, 1948. The nations of the world thus pedged themselves to strive for the freedoms and human right which furtherance of the fundamental had been outlined by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his message to the congress of the United States in January, 1941,

Release date, 1st November, 1968. Designer, V. Whiteley. Printer Enschede en Zonen. Process Photogravure.

## BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

## Rev. Martin Luther King

On the 15th October the British Virgin Islands issued a set of stamps to commemorate the tragic death of Rev. Martin Luther King. The designs, by V. Whiteley, appropriately capture the message of nonviolence that he preached in his leadership of the Civil Right Movement in America. His leadership was never disputed by the majority of Negroes and although many urged violence as a means to fur-
ther their cause he never once saw this as the solution . . "If every Negro in the United States turns to violence, I will choose to be that one lone voice preaching that this is the wrong way,"

The intense conviction that this man held in Christian love as the means of reconciliation between the multi-racial American society was one he held till his brutal murder in Memphis, Tennessee, 4th April, 1968. Like so many men of deep conviction he was prepared to lay down his life for what he believed to be right. Many tributes have been paid to this great man, but none possibly more fitting that the epitaph on a wreath from a group of Negro students which simply read-"I had a dream."

## Lesotho ROCK PAINTINGS

Lesotho contains a great wealth of rock paintings. Along its sandstone cliffs several thousand paintings have already been found and many more are still waiting to be discovered.

The paintings, ranging in size from 1 to 150 cm (tin to 5 ft .) mainly depict people and their activities, while animals, especially elands, are also fairly common. They show the culture, material possessions and interests of a hunting people and, although the age of the paintings (and consequently the identity of the artists have not yet been established beyond doubt, it seems certain that at least the latest paintings, which are some 150 years old, have been executed by Bushmen, the former inhabitants of Lesotho.

The rock paintings show a great variety of styles and techniques, including large polychrome animals depicted in static, rigid attitudes with great attention to accurate detail; life-like, naturalistic persons and animals, shaded polychromes often complex foreshortenings; as well as highiy stylised, monochrome animals and human beings, expressing above all movement and action.|

Lesotho's rock paintings, seriously threatened by weathering of the rock surface, as well as by vandalism and ill-informed tourists, are in urgent need of protection. It is hoped that the issue of this series of postage stamps, coinciding with the provision of protection and opening to the general public of Lesotho's richest and most important site Ha Khotso near the Mountain Road in the Maseru district, will create interest in and promote the protection of these most valuable remnants of a vanished culture.

# TRINIDAD 

Olympics Issue

Date: October. Values: 5c (Cyclist), 15c (Weight Lifter), 25c (Relay Race), 35c (Runners), $\$ 1.20$ (Map of Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, with both countries flags and parts of the USA.)

Each stamp features the Five Olympic Rings and the outline of the map of Trinidad and Tabago.

Designer: L. G. Vasarhelyi.
". . . The Trinidad and Tobago Olymipe Associations makes the the following comments:

Trinidad and Tobago received affiliation to the International Olympic Committee in the year 1948 and took part in its first Olympics in the same year in London. At that time there were only five Sporting Associations affiliated to the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Association twenty years later we have thirteen affiliates. Since taking part in our first Olympies, we have kept up an unbroken record of participation, with the exception of the Rome Olympies when we were part of the West Indies Our smallest team was four in number of Helsinki in 1952 . while the largest was in Tokyo 1964, with a total of twenty-one. So far Trinidad and Tobago have competed in the sports of athletics, Cycling, Weightlifting and Yachting at Olympic Games and have won two silver medals and four bonze medals.

In London in 1948 Trinidad had a team of seven members comprising of five competitors and two officials, the breakdown being three athletes, one cyclist, and one weightlifter. Rodney Wilkes weightllfter, won a silver medal in the featherweight division.

In Helsinki in 1952 Trinidad had a team of four members comprising two weightlifters and two officials, both Rodney Wilkes and Lennox Kilgour won branze medals in the featherweight and middle heavyweight classes respectively.

In Melbourne in 1959 Trinidad had a team of eight members comprising of six competitors and two officials, there were two weightlifters, one cyclist, three athletes. No medals were won at these games, best performances being a fourth place by Michael Agostini in the 200 metres, and a fourth place by Rodney Wilkes in the featherweight class in weightlifting.

In Tokyo in 1964 Trinidad had a team of twenty-one members comprising of thirteen competitors and eight officials, there were two weightlifters, three cyclists and six athletes. Wendel Mottley won a silver medal in the 400 metres, Edwin Roberts won a bronze medal in the 200 metres, while the team of Edwin Roberts, Edwin Skinner, Wendel Mottley and Kent Bernard won a bronze medal in the $4 \times 400$ metres relay race.

## CANADA HONOURS GUERNSEY'S SIR ISAAC BROCK

A commemorative stamp was issued September 12th in Canada for 200th anniversary of the birth in Guernsey of Major General Sir Isaac Brock K.M., who defeated the American army in 1812 , shortly before his death in battle. The following is his Baptism Certificate from the Town Church Register in Guernsey, English Channel Islands, in 1769 (translated from the original French):
"Son of Mr. John Brock and of Dame Elizabeth de Lisle, his wife, born 6th of October, 1769 and baptized 13th of the said month, has had God-parents: Daniel De Lisle Esq., his Grandfather (who being indisposed was represented by M. Peter De Lisle, His Son) and Ferdinand Brock, Bother of the child; and as God-mother Dame Rebecca De Lisle, his grandmother."

Guernsey will honour this famous Guernseyman's memory on stamps after Guernsey's first stamps will begin to appear in late 1969.

## PIRATES AND BUCCANERS

-a NEW topic! The romantic and adventurous stories of the colourful Pirates of the Caribbeans have held many generations spellbound. Now these famous figures of the past are coming back to life-on stamps. GRENADA -will be first to issue a set of stamps showing such well known figures as Blackbeard. Jean Lafitte, Ann Bonney and Mary Read, against the background of authentic harbour scenes from Grenada, and their contemporary ships. It is likely that several other countries will join the "bandwagon" of Grenada and feature famous Pirates Buccaneers and Blockade Runners out of the area's history.

## DOMINICA

## NATIONAL DAY ISSUE NOVEMBER 1

## VALUES:

1 cent-Seashore at Rosalie.
2 cents-Queen Elizabeth.
3 cents-Sailing Canoe.
14 cents-Traditional Costume. \$1.20-Coats of Arms. OVERPRINT: NATIONAL DAY 3 NOVEMBER, 1968.

November 3d marks the day when Christopher Columbus discovered Dominica-called "Dies Dominica (The Lord's Day) because the day fell on Sunday. Known for its 365 rivers, Dominica has rich resources in timber, bananas, cocoa, precious oils etc. Tourism is growing at a rapid rate because of the breathtaking beauty.

## JERSEY

FLASH: JERSEY'S first Definitive stamps will feature a new portralt of Her Majesty the Queen. The Queen has nominated Mr. Cecil Beaton as the photographer for whom she whll sit for a special portait for the JERSEY stamps which will appear in October, 1969. At least one of the Definitives will feature a full-length or three-quarter length Royal portait, while the others will show local scenes, a map and the Coat-of-Arms. The English Channel Island of JERSEY is taking over its own postal service, as previously announced

A statement was made by the President of the Committee for Postal Administration to the States Assembly, Jersey, on October 1st, concerning the forthcoming "independent" definitives.
"As the Assembly is aware," the President said "it has always been the intention of the Postal Committee that, subject to the necessary permission being forthcoming the Jersey stamps to be issued after the take-over by the States of the postal services should include a reproduction of the head of Her Majesty the Queen. The Committee has also had in mind that at least one of the definitive series of stamps should be either a full length or three-quarter length photograph of Her Majesty.
"The Committee is, therefore, very happy to inform the Assembly that, following a request which it submitted through the Lt.-Governor, Her Majest has consented to sit for a special photograph for use by the States of Jersey on their postage stamps.

## Colour and Shade Differences

The differences in colour of one stamp from another otherwise identical stamp, can be both exciting and perplexing. There is probably no other hobby in which the collector has to contend with such a multiplicity of colours and shades than those found in the fascinating field of philately. Generally, the recognised colour or shade of stamps is nominated in catalogues, but even publications of this nature differ one from another in relation to their colour listings. In fact, there is no catalogue available which can be accepted as a definite standard reference. The colour of any stamp shown in catalogues is purely dependent upon the colour determination of the stamr experts preparing the particular manual. Granted, reliable and long established firms like Stanley Gibbons or Campbell Patersons, for instance, have reached colour identifications listed, only through thorough examination and a good deal of serious consideration, the result of which may be accepted for all practical purposes as being correct. However, certain colours of the spectrum, such as the reds and blues, are very prone to shading changes, making definite colour determination. in some cases particularly difficult, especially where early issues are concerned

Again, identification is very much an individual assessment based exclusively upon the capability of one's eyesight, in which area a large degree of variance lies. As is commonly known, a number of different shades in colour are produced through the amount of ink pressed on to the stamp paper during the process of printing, or in the reprinting of issues from time to time.

Colour differences through oxidisation can occur with age where chemical reaction of ink dyes over a long period can change the original colour shade Furthermore, excessive exposure to sunlight or sources of strong light also cause colour fading and subsequent shade alteration A stamp which has undergone colour change through aging, exposure, chemical reaction, and so on, whether accidentally or not, is known as a "changeling".

In the very early or classical period of philately, postage stamps were produced in one
colour only. Later, they appeared in bi-coloured form, where the central portion or main design was printed in one particular colour with the frame or inscription depicted in another. Nowadays, however, with the introduction of modern techniques like photogravure and delacry] methods of printing, a profusion of different colours and shadings has resulted in the production of some beautiful multi-coloured stamps, must to the delight of the public and the philatelist.

In an endeavour to preserve a stamp's original colour, some caution should be taken when removing them from paper. Prolonged or over soaking, whilst serving to separate stamps from paper, can also result in the dissolvability of some of the printed surface inks, or cause certain types of fugitive ink to run, with consequent change to colour tints. The stamp, of course, is spoilt and rendered useless for inclusion in any reputable collection, Care should be exercised.
therefore, to ensure that the stamp being removed is dampened or wetted only enough to allow its safe removal.

Many stamp issues have undergone repeated printings, with resultant differences of colour shadings. As the human eye is not sufficiently capable of distinguishing the finer shadings in colour, some very good guides have been produced to assist in their clarification. For example one of these, the Stanley Gibbons Colour Guide, provides an excellent range of 100 different discriminate colours, which enable the collector to more definitely identify any particular colour by name. Naturally, a colour guide should be used in conjunction with its associated catalogue to be of any practical use, and is, perhaps more suited for the serious stamp collector.

It is always good practice to identify the colour of stamps in daylight, as artificial light at night, can give altogether different shadings to the eye, with a misleading result.
G. LAWSON

## FIFTY YEARS OF CZECH STAMPS

Among several outstanding Czechoslovak stamps are the well known early Austrian stamps used in Bohemia and Moravia, as well as the Hungarian stamps used in Slovakia, which, after having been withdrawn, were overprinted "POSTA CESKOSLOVENSKA 1919", this overprint has seven different varieties. These stamps were sold as from 12th December, 1919, for the nominal value of the original stamp, plus a $50 \%$ surcharge; they only remained valid until the end of 1919, and therefore had a very limited period of use

This series includes several famous and rare items very interesting from a philatelic point of view. All stamps, even those previously withdrawn, were overprinted and proclaimed normal postage stamps. Not only were whole sheets overprinted, but also small groups and even individual stamps. The result was a vast number of very interesting deviations, overprint imperfections and collectors oddities Among these "POSTA CESKOSLOVENSKA 1919" are several rare stamps which are rarely seen even at the largest stamp auctions because they are very few, the total is estimated to be approximately two dozen specimens of each.

Some of the early Postage due stamps are among the rarest. and the most highly prized is the error on the 1927 stamp called the Postage due Stamp Surcharge 50 on 50 . Here is its history. The Czechoslovak Post was very economically minded and even used stamps withdrawn from circulation, thus postagedue stamps were made by overprinting normal postage stamps with the word "DOPLATIT" (postage due) plus the new denomination number. The "CzechosIovakia Breaking Chains to Freedom" stamps were thus overprinted. The 20 h red stamp was changed to a 50 h . postage due stamp. However, a sheet of 50 h . stamps, also red, found its way among the 20 h . stamps by mistake; thus resulting in a 50 h stamp being provided with a 50 h overprint.

It was only a year later that this was discovered and it was ascertained that only one sheet of 100 stamps was delivered in January, 1928, to a Prague post Office where it was used.

On looking this stamp up in the Czechoslovak specialist catalogue, no price is quoted for this stamp.

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## GREAT BRITAIN NEWS

## CHANGE OF COLOUR OF 4d STAMP

The colour of the 4 d stamp is to be changed from sepla-brown to the red of the present 8 d . This was announced in Parliament by the Post-master General, the Rit. Hon. John Stonehouse, M.P. The change is being made because of eye strain caused by the present colour in large sorting offices handling big quantities of mail.

The first issues of the 4d stamp in its new colour will be made early in January.

At the same time, the 8 d stamp will be issued in a new contrasting colour which has yet to be decided.

## THE 1968 CHRISTMAS STAMPS Some Hisforical Notes on Toys

## Dolls' Houses

Single open-sided rooms stocked with minlature pewter utensils, called "Nuremberg kitchens", were first made in the 16th century, as portable object lessons in how to become a good housewife. In the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, are costly inlaid cabinets filled with miniature silver furniture. Around 1700, this idea was adapted by the English into "Baby Houses", and some like that at Uppark, were made by the estate carpenter in imitation of the great house itself with inside staircases, opening front and "practical" locks.

## Dolls

The British Museum has ancient Egyptian "paddle" dolls with bead hair from tombs of 2000 BC , jointed Greek terracotta figurines from 400 BC , and the rag doll of a Roman child of 300 BC. As early as the 14th century, dolls called "mannequins" were sent round Europe dressed to show and sell the latest Paris fashions. Manufactured dolls began with slmple wooden "Dutch" peg dolls-Queen Victoria had over a hundred dressed by herself when twelve years old, and now in the London Museum.

## Rocking horses

Hobby horses are very old, but the rocking horse is surprisingly modern. The London Museum has a primitive form of 1650, crudely made from two wide boards nailed together and profled into a curved base, By the end of the 18 th century
completely modelled horses were being made, on a pair of curved cradle bars. By the late 19th century, the horizontal bar version with "swing irons" was invented: safer, with a more realistic heave and jerk to tits ride.

## House of cards

One of the earliest constructional toys is Meccano, invented in 1901 by Frank Hornby of the model railway firm who handmade for his two boys, a multipart, do-it-yourself kit. The earliest kit was adapted by children from an adult game: in the National Gallery is Chardin's portrait of a boy in a tricorne hat balancing playing eards on a green baize table. Plain building blocks, called "French blocks", were popular by the early 18th century. In the 1950 's. Charles Eames first made real use of plastic slotted cards with photographic images.

## Model trains

Wheeled toys date back to Greek terracotta chariots drawn by horses of 1200 BC , and a wooden horse with wheels from an Egyptian tomb of 500 BC all in the British Museum. The first clockwork train sets were made in the 1860's. of lead and tinplate, without rails, and mostly German. Later track, bridges stations, and animals were included. The 1900's saw the rise of the fabulous Bassett-Lowke engines-a world supremacy in reallsm of working detail.

Reprinted from the U.K. Philatelle Bulletin.

## A Stamp for the International Labour Organisation <br> Anniversary

A postage stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the International Labour Organisation is to be issued by the Post Office next April.

The Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. John Stonehouse, MP, has decided to include a stamp to mark this event in the "Anniversaries" series of commemorative stamps.

The subjects of the other four anniversarjes to be commemorated in this series were announced on August 5. Details of their designs and values will be announced later.

The International Labour Organisation was founded in 1919. In 1946 it became the first spec-
falised agency associated with with the United Nations. Its published aims are "to advance the cause of social justice and, in so doing, to contribute to the establishment of universal and lasting peace". It is an intergovernmental agency, but employers and workers, as well as governments take part in its work. There are more than 100 member countries and Britain is one of the founder members.

## PHOTOGRAVURE PRINTING FOR POSTAGE DUE LABELS

The new 8d postage due labels, introduced last month, are being printed by photogravure on coated unwatermarked paper with polyvinyl alcohol gum,

The 2 d and 4 d label are also to be printed photogravure. The 2d labels in this form will be available this month and the 4 d labels in April next year.

Other postage due labels are being printed on coated unwatermarked paper with PVA gum. The 3 d and 6 d labels in this form became available in September, the $1 s$ will be available next month and the 5 d in January or Februay next year.

Ultimately the GPO intends to use the photogravure printing method for all postage due labels.

## AIRSHIPS AND ANGELS

Two illustrated Christmas Air Letter Forms-one showing a stylised airship, the other an angelwill be on sale at all post offices from November 1 to December 24.

They will be the same size as the new Air Letter Forms introduced last July, and like them, will be pre-folded, with three flaps to enable them to be sealed on all sides.

The price will be 10 d including 9 d postage-the same as in previous years.

It is the fourth year running the Post Office has issued pictorial Christmas Air Letter Forms.

The airship design - with Father Christmas a passenger - is by Geoffrey. Trenaman, who also designed the printed stamp showing three Christmas trees on a red background.

The second form is designed by Peter Gauld. It shows an angel, and, on the front of the form, a choir boy, while the stamp has a Star of Bethlehem on a blue background.

Both Mr. Trenaman and Mr. Gaul have previously designed stamps for the Post Office.

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S.G.8.

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S.G.8c. 1902 Id carmine, variety no stop after 'Peni' and spaced ' $U$ ' and ' $E$ ' on same stamp, in pair with normal, mint.
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## SOCIETY NOTES AND NEWS

## timaru philatelic society

The November meting was held on 12th November, and the main feature of this was the annual competition.

Fifteen entries competed for the 4 trophies, and the judge, Mr. R. A. Holdgate, commented on the high standard of all the entries. He stressed the need for research-just copying the details in the catalogue was not sufficient. Mr. Holdgate mentioned that many of the stamps exhibited were of very high value -one treasure in particular being the G.B. 1929 £1 Postal Union Congress!

The principal trophy, the Fraser Cup, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, (commonly known as "us") for an entry of Great Britain.

Among the varied other entries were included excellent displays of Pitcairn Island, Czechoslovakia, Norfolk Island, China and Ships.

The Society's copies of last year's S.G. Catalogues were sold by auction; as the 1969 ones have now been obtained. The rest of the evening was occupied by an auction.

The December meeting will be an end-of-year Party.
B. R. HENDERSON.

## AUCKLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The talk and display on the 15 th October was given by our very capable treasurer Mr. S. A. Wood, showing the second volume of his side line collection Belgium Charaties, with 60 or 70 stamps in each volume.

The collection is complete except for two privilege sets not listed in the catalogue. Several of the Souvenir miniature sheets are too large to mount in an album. The issues are for raising funds, Charity T.B. funds, Buildings, Prisoner of War, etc.

Most of the stamps are engraved, then photogravure, recessed and engraved and photogravure as the photogravure printing does not lend itself to the best printing effect.

Beginners can use Mr. Wood's work annatation and mounting as their guide, his display is of the highest order, colour, balance, just perfect.

November 5th, Guy Fawkes night was well attended and our Auction for Club or Building Funds realised $\$ 28.50$.
N. A. WILLIAMS

## wellington philatelic SOCIETY (INC.)

The main feature at the October manthly meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society was a talk and display by Mr. J. M. A. Gregson on the subject of the "Postal History of Barbados" Prior to coming to New Zealand Mr. Gregson was stationed in the West Indies. Unlike other West Indian Islands, Barbados was not discovered by Columbus in the 15th Century. Barbados is 21 miles long, 166 square miles in area, coralline and relatively flat. It was founded in 1625 and the people look with pride on their long association with Great Britain. The land is fertile. Sugar cane is the main crop. Bridgetown, the capital, is the only harbour; there is also a modern airport.

The material displayed by Mr. Gregson was most comprehensive and extremely well set out. There were pre-adhesive covers (one from 1822, another dated 1835). including early packet posts. The various cancellations or marks on these and later covers were most interesting. There were Paid Marks, Cancelling Marks, Duplex Marks etc., G.P,O. Postmarks. Parish Postmarks, Official paid Marks and registration postmarks.

An ifem which caused a few smiles was a cover addressed to a "Miss X," Maternity Hospital Wellington Quay. Also another which reminded us of the austerity measures in N.Z., was an Official envelope bearing a printed slogan "ECONOMY RE-USE OF ENVELOPES." The President, Mr, M. C. Stanley, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Gregson, which was passed with acclamation.
M. G. WING

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## ROTORUA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

We were again fortunate enough to have Mr. E. Roe as our speaker on the 8th October, when he gave a talk and display on the isues of King George $\mathbf{V}$ covering from 1915-1922. The highest value in the issue was 1/-, but as reference to Gibbons catalogue will show, the variety was considerable in colours perfs, and papers, and watermarks. The first issue was recess printed and although there are expensive items, a very reasonable collection, even at this date can be obtained at a moderate cost. Turning to the second issue, which were surface printed the speaker said this was a "tough lot" and in the opinion of many philatelists, was more baffling than the 1d Universal owing to the number of different papers used. The actual display was of high standing and again proved how patience is a virtue that collectors must possess if they wish to obtain a fair proportion of the varying items listed. The display stressed how pleasing a collection can be from stamps following the traditiona? pattern in being in the early 1900's. If any readers are interested, I would suggest that they refer to the catalogue mentioned above, from which a ful! picture of the series may be ob: tained.

## W. W. VINSON.

## TARANAKI SOCIETY

Fifty-three members attended the November meeting at our new meeting venue, The National Party Rooms in Powderham Street.

Speaker for the evening was Mr. Robin Startup of Masterton who gave an interesting talk arousing interest in early Taranaki Postal History. At present there are still many gaps in a full knowledge of early Taranaki postal history however Mr. Startup treated us to some fine highlights, problems and encounters in early Taranaki.

On the 11 th November a small group of Society members vîsited Masterprint Press Ltd. Members were shown the various sections of this printing firm.

With the increasing interest in the Junior Club a special Christmas party will be held for the Children as well as their normal December meeting. Attendances have been steadily rising and the seniors have been very helpful with donations of suitable material.
I. R. RUTHBRFORD,

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## CHRISTCHURCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Mr. F. Jackson (President) displayed the stamps of New Hebrides, New Guinea and Papua at our October meeting.

New Hebrides commenced with the British and French locals issued in 1897 and 1903 respectively. These were followed by the stamps of Fiji and New Caledonia overprinted for New Hebrides and followed through to the issues of 1966 .

New Guinea commenced with the stamps of Germany overprinted, followed by the German Colonial Yacht type. A one penny Australian kangaroo type perforated OS used during the military occupation by Australian troops was shown and this was followed by Australian stamps overprinted N.W. Pacific Islands. The issues of New Guinea under Australian administration were displayed, including the £2 and £5 air mail.

Papua commenced with the stamps of Queensland used in British New Guinea as Papua was then called, followed by the first issue.

The display was completed by a page of stamps overprinted STAMP DUTY either officially authorised for postal use or accepted for postal purposes.

MRS. I. M. HUNT

## THIS AND THAT

## . . . from WELLINGTON

One or two new faces have appeared at the Philatelic Bureau in Courtenay Place-Some choice items have been offered at recent local stamp auctions. The feature of a recent Thursday evening auction in Petone was the $\$ 50,00$ paid for a mint block of four (unhinged) of the 1960 Norfolk Island $2 / 8$ Introduction of Local Government. At the same sale there was keen bldding for the 1961 Papua and New Guinea Legislative Council set 5 d and $2 / 3$ in blocks of four. First Day Covers, especially N.Z. Healths, fetch very little. As many as fifty selling for very little over a dollar the lot. More stamp tweezers and imported hinges are about at present, but in insufficlent quantity to meet demands. The new Wellington-based Tiki Stamp Service have brought out their flrst sales list. This is well prepared and the prices seem competitive. I asked at a local post office for two $7 \frac{1}{3}$ cent
stamps and the clerk behind the counter fished out a sheet from the back of the drawer remarking to me that these were the first two that he had sold since they came out. Naturally the sheet was from the first printing with faulty perforating (missing perf.), Bought a pair at the Philatelic Bureau later the same day and these proved to be from the new printing with regular perforations, although I believe that the watermark is a new variety

After the recent commemorative Christmas and Health issues we seem to have struck a blank patch. This makes one wonder whether the timing of New Zealand's new issues is as good as it should be.
M. G. WING

## ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY WELLINGTON

On Saturday, 16th November philatelists from many parts of New Zealand were welcomed by Mr. M. Stanley to the meeting organised for the Royal Society's 80th Birthday, Mr. S. R. Dacre spoke on what he hoped to achieve during his term as president of the Federation. Mr. Herbison followed this with a short talk on what had been done during his term and he wished Mr. Dacre every success.

Following this, Mr. Val McFarlane, a newly appointed Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, spoke on his recently formed collection of 1935 Pictorials. In the short time he has been collecting this section of New Zealand philately he has covered this subject extensively. He showed many flaws both in positional blocks and singles, and many of these were on various papers. After this Mr. Dacre presented Mr. R. Startup with the Fellow of the Royal Philatelic. Society of New Zealand for his excellen $t$ work in Postal History, and his many books he has written on this subject. Mr. Startup then spoke on Postal History generally, but did not cover any single aspect. He explained the many problems he had come up against in trying to fill the gaps during the earlier days of N.Z.

Mr. Brodie gave an interesting talk on Revenue Stamps from many parts of the world. One interesting item was a stamp at least $12^{\prime \prime}$ square which was issued in one of the Law Courts of an Indian State.

During the afternoon tea break the many displays around the room were viewed , and also the material which the Royal Society had placed in display cases These included medals won by various members, certificates and old minute books.

Mr. Val McFarlane conductec a brisk auction, and the meeting closed at 6 -p.m.

It was very pleasing to see Mrs. R. J. G. Collins attending and hope she thoroughly enjoyed herself.

MARGARET LEA

## AMBURY SHIELD 1968 HAMILTON

On Saturday, 2nd November, Wellesley Society were host for the 100-150 people who attended this very popular event.

At 1.30 the doors opened and the entries were on display. This was also a good chance to renew old acquaintances, and make new friends. 2 p.m. came and a hearty welcome was extended to us all by Miss E. S Mullett, President of the Wellesley Society. Mr. Ambury then presented the Shield to Gisborne and Hamilton as joint winners He followed this by remarks on the entries. He pointed out that some of the material was not in perfect condition, and he also felt that some of the entries had been placed in the wrong classes.

During the afternoon tea break, sheets from the extensive collection of Malta, by Mr. J Martin, were viewed, An auction followed.

Mr. P. Perfect then spoke on "Art on European Stamps". Mr Perfect showed remarkable knowledge, and he was able to describe each stamp fully. He displayed very attractive miniature sheet sets, many being the replica of original ant works.

After dinner, Mr. G. J. Elliot spoke on his display of Full Face Queens. This collection war awarded a bronze-silver medal at Prague International Exhibition in July this year. Mr. Ellot ${ }^{\text {t }}$ had many interesting covers and various items, along with die proofs. Mr. Ellott also displayed his collection of Marine Post Offices, and these were most interesting. Supper followed, and an auction closed the evening.

Mr . Tom Groves provided an enjoyable Sunday morning tea which was appreciated by the many visitors, as another opportunity to renew acquaintances.

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## COOK ISLANDS

On Monday, 2 December, 1968, the Post Offices of the Cook Islands will place on sale five postage stamps, faithfully reproducing five great Renaissance paintings in multicoloured photogravure, for use on the mails during the holiday season.
The five stamps are in the following denominations: $1 \mathrm{c}, 4 \mathrm{c}$, $10 \mathrm{c}, 20 \mathrm{c}$ and 30 c .

The stamps for the new Christmas season are again printed in small sheets of six stamps each for the convenience of Post Office patrons, and the sheet margins are again most decorative reproducing a magnificent medieval illuminated manuscript page, appropriate to the season, with the stamps in the centre. The painting reproduced on each denomination is identifled in the bottom sheet margin.

Special attractive stamps for use on the Christmas malls have become traditional in the Cook Islands. This year, for the convenience of Post Offlice patrons wishing one of each stamp, a perforated souvenir sheet containing all five stamps will be also released. A portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II Head of State of the Cook Islands, will also appear on the souvenir sheet.

Unless the supplies are exhausted earlier the stamps will be withdrawn from sale at the Post Office on 31 January, 1969

Designs: Five great Renaissance religious paintings.

1c-Virgin and Child with Saint Joseph, by Titan (1477. 1576),

4c-The Holy Family of the Lamb, by Raphael (1483-1520).

10c-The Madonna of the Rosary, by Murillo (1617-1682.

20c-Adoration of the Magl, by Memling (1433-1494).
30c-Adoration of the Magi, by Ghirlandajo (1449-1494).

Size of Stamps: 31 mm x 44 mm . Colours: all stamps are in five colours. Sheet Size: six stamps ( $125 \times 178 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Printing Process: photogravure. Paper: special security paper with fluorescent coat-of-arms.

Souvenir Sheet: containing all five stamps, plus portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II,

Sheet Margins: vividly reproduce a magnificent illuminated manuscript of the fifteenth century, taken from a Codex which belonged to Ferdinand the Catholic, now in the collection of the Library of the Royal Palace in Madrid.

## COOK ISLANDS-NEW PAPERS

The $\$ 4.00$ definitive denomination has been sold out at the Post Offices. The Bureau has a small supply remaining in sets with the $\$ 6.00$.

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## BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS 1969 PROGRAMME

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The design is common to all three denominations, the only variation being in the background colours. Technical details of the issue are as follows:-

Design: Crown Agents. Printer: Enschede en Zonen. Process: Photogravure. Watermark: C.A Block. Values: 3c, 12c and 35c. First day of Issue: 10th February, 1969.

South Pacific Games. An issue of four stamps depicting events in which the Solomon Islands will participate will be released on 13.8.69.

Christmas Issue 1969. Consideration is now being given to the Issue of a Christmas stamp in 1969. If issued, this will be the first stamp ever issued by the Solomon Islands to commemorate Christmas. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Quatercentenary Issue. Collectors are reminded that this issue will be withdrawn on 31.12.68 Small stocks of all denominations are still available from the Philatelic Section.

THANK GOODNESS:
Recently the Cook Islands Philatelic Bureau has been using a special handstamp on their mail. It reads-THIRD ANNIVERSARY SELF GOVERNMENT AUGUST 1968. One Philatelist. on seeing this, commented "I'm thankful that the handstamp is only on the envelope and not overprinting some stamps!"
B. R. HENDERSON

## NEW ZEALAND NEWS

3c Government Life Insurance Overprint
Campbell Paterson's Newsletter reports two fine used copies being found with inverted watermark.

## Philatelic Sales Section, Christchurch

Sales for the first three months were $\$ 9529$. The most popular stamp was the 28c Fox Glacier.

## LATE NEWS

New Zealand Capt. Cook Issue, October 9th
The Post Office will be issuing a special first day cover and postmark.

## PICTORIAL SLOGANS

These are now being prepared for use throughout New Zealand.

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# JUNIOR PAGE - MOUNT EGMONT 

## MOUNT EGMONT ON STAMPS

Mount Cook in the South Island and Mount Egmont in the North Island seem to be having a race on our postage stamps, each having appeared four times. But with a new 25 cents stamp on 10th of this month, Egmont will again be ahead in this race.

Let's have a look first at Mt. Cook, named after Captain James Cook of the Royal Navy, who visited New Zealand first in 1769. There are two views on the 1898 Pictorials, the $\frac{1}{2} d$ showing the rugged sharpness of the peak the 5/- a more pleasing view of the mountain. The $2 \frac{1}{2} d$ of the 1935 series is somewhat overwhelmed by the flower border but in all a pleasing stamp. Cook and Tasman appear side by side on the $\frac{1 d}{} \mathrm{~d}$ Peace-as a background to Lake Matheson.

The first stamp of Egmont was the "Penny Universal" of 1901-Egmont rising as it were in all glory from the depths of the ocean. Collectors should note the difference in the "Universal" of 1901 and the amended design of 1907. In the former the lines on the globe are perpendicular, whereas in the second they are diagonal. The second Egmont stamp is the "Penny Dominion" of 1909. The view of Egmont on the $3 /-1935$ issue is magnificent -viewed from the inland side with its rich mantle of winter's snow and the homely touch of the cabbage trees. A few days later there appeared the second airmail series-1d, 3d, 6d-with a view of the airport at Bell Block, showing Egmont in the distance. That makes 4 distinct designs, but if we include the airs as separate stamps, then Egmont leads Cook by two. Probably, almost certainly, in the total number of stamps sold over the 60 odd years, Egmont would be easily the leader. But allowing Cook and Egmont four each the latter will forge ahead again on the 10th of this month with the new Dairy products stamps

Mount Egmont has had several names. PUKE-HAUPAPA, which may be translated as ICE HILL was probably its earliest. It later acquired the name PUKE-ONAKI, which refers to its graceful slopes. It received its name of TARANAKI after Rua-Taranaki, who is said to have been

the first man to climb to thê summit, 8260 feet above sea-level and after whom the Taranaki Tribe takes its name. The claim that Rua-Taranaki was the first to ascend the peak may be disputed. When in 1847, the Omata Block was purchased by the Government, two tribes lay claim to the mountain-Atiawa and Taranaki. In its claim, Taranaki referred to TAHURANGI, a descendent of Hatauira of the Kurhaupo canoe, who, they said was the first to climb the peak When he reached the top he lit a fire to show that he claimed possession for his tribe. Today when the whisps of smoke-like cloud are seen clinging to the summit the Maori who knows his family story will exclaim Te Ahi TAHURANGI-the fire of Tahurangi.

Tasman passed along the west coast of the North Island in cloudy and stormy weather and did not have the joy of beholding the glories of this graceful mountain of Taranaki.

Cook named it Egmont in January, 1770, after John Perceval 2nd Earl of Egmont, First Lord of the Admiralty from 1763 until his death in 1770, as he did also the Cape which still bears this name of Egmont.

A month after Cook, the ill fated Marion du Fresne sighted the peak and not being aware of Cook's arrival, named it for his ship, Le Pic Mascarin:

The first European to climb to the summit was the German naturalist, Dr. Ernst Dieffenbach 23 December, 1839. He was accompanied by a Maori guide and his slave who, however, did not complete the ascent and only Dieffenbach and James (Worser) Hebberley reached the summit. On the 100th anniversary of this ascent a memorial tablet was unvelled in the crater which
ceremony was broadeast live from the site. Dieffenbach Cliffs and Hebberley Ridge commemorate the exploits of these early pakeha climbers.

FANTHAM'S PEAK (Maori name Panitahi) 6438 feet, the secondary volcanic cone, seen on the 3/-stamp, was named for Miss Fanny Fantham (Mrs. F. Bayley) who in 1887 was the first woman to reach this point.

The Egmont National Park of 83,000 acres was the second to be estahlished in New Zealand in 1900. Its rich mountain forest is the life blood of the dairy lands of Taranaki and it is appropriate that a view of this sacred mountain of Taranaki should appear on this new Dairy Industry postage stamp.
SIMON SAM may be heard from 2 ZP and 2 ZH (Radio Taranaki) SUNDAY 15 th and 29th DECEMBER.

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