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The first of the reply cards (see page 4)

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am writing this following the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 26th September. A full report will appear in next June's Newsletter, but I should like to take this opportunity to make one or two points.

First, membership has now passed the 200 mark (about 210, of whom some 70 are from overseas). This represents continued growth with very few losses. Secondly, we have sufficient funds to operate the Society, owing in no small part to the efforts of our Auction Organiser, who continues to do a magnificent job. In fact all the officers of the Society have played, and continue to play, a key role in maintaining & developing Society activities. On behalf of the membership I should like to express a formal vote of thanks to them for all the work they do.

Alan Huggins

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# Editorial

The front cover of this issue shows the first of its kind. It is the first reply card to be issued, Germany was the pioneer country for this type of postal stationery, and this year is the 125th anniversary of that first issue. The idea of two cards as a joined pair, one for the sender to use and the other for the reply, was simple - as good ideas usually are!

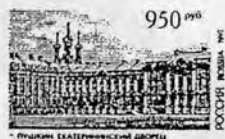
This year is also a 75th anniversary: of the publication of Victor Marsh's "Great Britain: Abnormal Embossed Postage Stamps of KEVII & KGV". This little book tells a strange story, much to do with postal stationery. It is a scarce booklet, having been limited to 100 copies. Now our Society has published an anniversary edition, in much

clearer print, to which I have added an Introduction, Editor's Notes and two extra illustrations. If you would like a copy, just send £1.70p (£2 if you live outside the U.K.) either direct to me or to the Treasurer when you pay your 1999 subscription.

Peter van Gelder

### PART OF THE RUSSIAN FLOOD

Russia has recently been issuing a steady stream of PSEs. One of these is illustrated below, and another on the next page, where there is a brief commentary on both.



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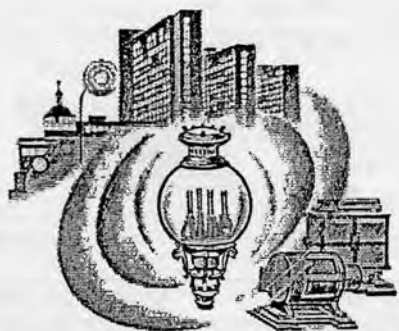
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The first PSE shown here was issued on 6.6.97 to mark the international congress "Post Troika - 97" held in St Petersburg to cover "the problem of postal communication development in Russia". I suspect they are not alone in having that sort of problem! The second PSE shown here was issued on 14.8.97 for the 150th birth anniversary of P.N. Yablochkov, who "laid down the beginning of the first system of electric lighting". All right - now let's be hearing from you Joseph Swan and Thomas Edison! (thanks go to Duff Malkin for data on these 2 PSEs.)



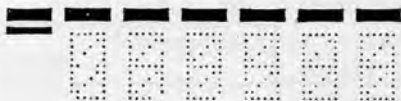
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## BRIEF NEWS & NOTES

The Society has again booked a stand at MIDPEX. This will provide the gathering point for our members next Summer. It takes place on Saturday 3rd July at the usual Coventry venue.

Looking still further ahead, the Secretary has booked us a room for a two-hour meeting at STAMP SHOW 2000 at Earls Court, London in May 2000. It is hoped this will enable some of our overseas members to attend a Society meeting - details will follow.

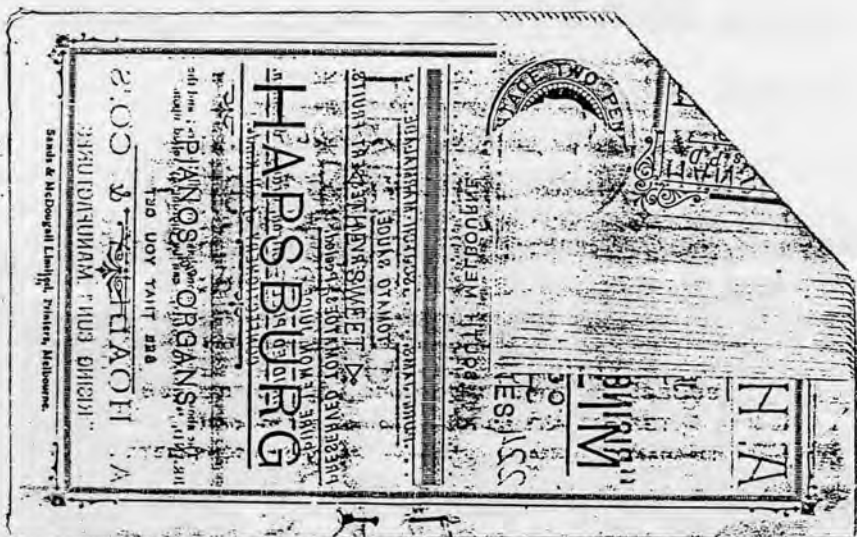
Congratulations are due to Paul Jensen, one of our Scandinavian members, for receiving the King's Gold Medal for his services to philately in Norway & internationally.

Your Editor wants to thank the several members who have sent letters, queries, etc. that have not been fitted into this issue of "P.S.". Be assured that many of these items will show up in the next (February) journal.

## SEPTEMBER 1999 AUCTION

Tony Chilton, having more or less cleared the accumulated backlog of lots, is once again able to invite members to send lots to him for probable inclusion in next September's auction. Lots should reach him as soon as possible & not later than 17th April next. Please accompany your lots with a list (typed or in block capitals) clearly describing each lot; if possible include H&G or other catalogue numbers. State your reserves, if any, but please keep them reasonably LOW. Vendors are charged 10% commission on the hammer price of any lot sold.

VICTORIA - Envelopes with a crescent cut away at the front. Each envelope contained a booklet full of adverts. During production the booklet was folded & placed in the envelope so that small sections of the top part of the stamp were imprinted through the crescent on to the booklet's pages (see illustration). These envelopes/booklets exist with one penny and with two pence imprints. They were sold at half price.





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& INVIGORATING  
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TO BE OBTAINED EVERYWHERE.  
Manufactured by JOHN GOSWELL & CO. London.

Right - French advertising card of 1873

Below - G.B. advertising p.s. sheet (the penny  
"pink" stamp is of a dull brownish colour)

Overleaf - Envelope from Victoria with crescent cut  
away from stamp; & booklet of adverts  
(both reduced)



**GUARDIAN FIRE & LIFE  
ASSURANCE COMPANY,  
11, LOMBARD ST. E.C.**



**BEAUCHAMP & CO<sup>S</sup>  
CHAMPAGNE.  
61, MARK LANE.**

**"CHOK MARAFET" CURE**  
PERFECT PAIN DESTROYER  
AND  
HEALER OF MARVELLOUS RAPIDITY  
DISCOVERED BY DR. J. MORTON. 1877.  
**THE ONLY PERFECT CURE FOR  
DIPHTHERIA AND ASTHMA  
IN THE WORLD.**  
*For remarkable cures of BRONCHITIS, SORES, BURNS,  
SPRAINS, &c. &c. &c. SEE TREATISE & 10 YEARS  
TESTIMONIALS, Post free from*  
**T. B. MORTON & CO**  
23, 24, & 25, BILLITER ST. LONDON. E.C.

**CROSSE  
AND  
BLACKWELL  
SOHO SQUARE, W.**

*L'adresse seule doit être mise de ce côté de la carte.  
L'autre côté est réservé à la correspondance.*

**CARTE POSTALE**

destinée à circuler à découvert en France et en Algérie,  
dans l'intérieur d'une même ville  
ou dans la circonscription du même bureau.

PRIX : 10 CENTIMES.

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Lorsque la carte est à destination  
d'une ville, indiquer très-exactement la  
rue et le numéro de la maison.



## POSTAL STATIONERY PROXY CARDS

by Bill Meredith

The editorial in "P.S." no.11 has stimulated me into responding to the limited extent I can. I hope other readers will also respond, for these cards are not uncommon.

I have not collected these as a separate entity, but because they have postal stationery stamps on the front I have accumulated 16 with King George V imprinted postage stamps and 5 with stamps of King George VI (*plus several more since writing this article!* - Ed.). They do have an additional appeal. I do not know when these cards were first used or when the 1d stamp duty was abolished. One card I have is completely different from the others (see below and illustration).

The oldest of my cards has a duty stamp date 10.3.20 and has two embossed ½d stamps. As it had "POST CARD" rather than "Printed Matter" or a blank space, it attracted the 1d post card rate which came into force with the 1½d letter rate in 1918. The two halfpenny stamps, the second of which is embossed over the last two letters of the word "CARD" instead of its being lowered half an inch to miss the printing, were presumably applied at different times. That was due perhaps to confusion over the post card and printed matter rates which, prior to the increases in 1918, had both been ½d. Whatever the cause of the two stamps being applied, it adds appeal to the card. The card mentioned above as being different from the others is that of the Chemical & Metallurgical Corporation. It comprises three sections: two notices of meetings, each with a penny revenue stamp; and a tear-off ticket at the end for admission to the meetings. The perforations of the tear-off ticket are very weak, and it is held only by a few centre threads. However, it is quite remarkable that it has survived intact for 66 years. I hope it remains in this state for the next 66 years, though there is some doubt whether I shall be around to see it!

The only USED proxy card I have was posted in London on 3.4.38 to Margate Estates Co. Ltd., London W.C.2.

It might be of interest that I have a proxy FORM measuring 10"x8" for the Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd., which has a 1d revenue stamp on the inside dated 17.4.00 (1900) and a QV embossed ½d vermilion postage stamp on the outside. When completed the form would be folded in half and twice again so that one end is tucked inside the other, leaving the postage stamp & address exposed for posting. I know this firm used these forms in the 1920s & 1930s even after the name was changed to Army & Navy Stores Ltd. I presume forms like this were widely used before post cards became popular for the purpose.

I also have two London & North Eastern Railway Company proxy forms of 1937 (also sized 10"x8"). One has an embossed revenue stamp dated 28.1.37. The other has a rectangular space breaking the signature line. In the space are the words "Here affix a penny stamp across which the proprietor must write his name and the date of so doing". Neither of these forms has postage stamps (I happen to have them from an auction lot). I mention them to show that penny postage stamps were acceptable as an alternative to revenue stamps.

The latest of my KGVI proxy cards with a revenue stamp is dated 30.5.45. My two later cards have no revenue stamps, the first of them having the date of meeting as 26.3.53. I hope other members will be able to supply more definite information as to when revenue stamp, or stamp duty, was abolished for these cards.

A fascinating feature of these cards is that some have embossed stamps while others have letterpress stamps. The comments of Alan Huggins on page 77 of "British Postal Stationery" are relevant. Referring to stamped-to-order p.s he states: "Stamping was carried out at the Stamping Department of

the Inland Revenue at Somerset House until 1914, when the Stationery Office Press at Harrow took over letter-press work. Since that date cards have occasionally been stamped with embossed stamps at either Somerset House or the Stamp Offices in Edinburgh, Manchester or Dublin. These cards have often but not always been "votong proxy" cards which have to bear an embossed revenue stamp in addition to a postage stamp. Since the fiscal stamps are applied at Somerset House or the other Stamp Offices, it is obviously convenient to apply the postage stamps in the same department".

It appears that the Stamp Office clerks waived the rule and accepted the logic of the argument and provided the embossed postage stamps on those cards that have them. It raises the question why have some proxy cards got letter-press postage stamps? Were they sent to the Stationery Office Press at Harrow before going to the Inland Revenue Office? Or, as so often happens, did some Inland Revenue clerks rigidly enforce the rule and refuse to apply the embossed postage stamps? I suspect it is a bit of both!

## ILLUSTRATIONS

- On next page - Mysore Gold Mining Co. card with TWO postage stamp embossings & with revenue stamp on back dated 10.3.20.  
(BELOW) Margate Estates Co. card USED in 1938 & with revenue stamp on back dated 24.3.38.
- On pages 16/17 - Part of back and all of front of the unusual Chemical & Metallurgical Corporation card - revenue stamps are dated 24.4.32.

POST CARD.



*The Secretary,*

*THE MYSORE GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED,*

*6. Queen Street Place,*

*LONDON, E.C.4.*

POSTCARD



MARGATE ESTATES CO. LTD.

ASTOR HOUSE

ALDWYCH

LONDON, W.C.2

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**CHEMICAL & METALLURGICAL CORPORATION LIMITED**

undersigned, being (a) member(s) of The Chemical Corporation, Limited, and (a) holder(s) of shares therein, hereby appoint Dr. Edward Phelan, or, failing him, Francis Arnatt, or, failing him, John Alexander Agnew, or, failing him, Robert Annan, or, failing him, Frederick William Baker, or, failing him, Herbert Guedalla, or, failing him, James Gunson, as my/our proxy, to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Tuesday, the 21st day of June, 1932, and at any



SEPARATE MEETING OF

**THE CHEMICAL & METALLURGICAL CORPORATION LIMITED**

I/We, the undersigned, being holder(s) of shares of The Chemical & Metallurgical Corporation, Limited, hereby appoint Philip Andreae, or, failing him, John Alexander Agnew, or, failing him, Frederick William Baker, or, failing him, James Gunson, as my/our proxy, to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the Ordinary Share Meeting held on Tuesday, the 21st day of

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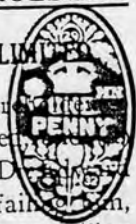
ROLAND H. ...  
VICTORY HOUSE,  
KINGSMAY,  
/420. W.C.2

UNUSUAL PROXY POSTAL CARD (see "Postal Stationery Proxy Cards" by Bill Meredith)

INARY SHAREHOLDERS.

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an) Ordinary Share  
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the Separate General Meeting  
of the above Company to be  
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POLYGLYPH PRINTING CO., LTD., 72 PM

TO BE DETACHED

Signature of Ordinary Shareholder.....  
N.B.—It is requested that this card be s  
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**The Chemical & Metallurgical**  
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ANNUAL GENERAL  
To be given up on entering  
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ADMIT THE BEARER, a holder  
the above-named Company, to the a  
be held at River Plate House, Fins  
E.C.2, on Tuesday, the 21st June, 1  
12 noon respectively.

PRINTED MATTER.



To

The Secretary,

**The Chemical & Metallurgical  
Corporation, Limited,**

SALISBURY HOUSE,

LONDON WALL,

LONDON, E.C.2.



## STAMP DUTY ON A PROXY - THE LEGAL BACKGROUND

by Lawrence Armitage

(Editor's Note - This article by a member of the Revenue Society has been contributrd on my invitation.)

An Act of 1853 introduced fiscal adhesive stamps (on sale at post offices) as an alternative to impressed stamps. Later came the QV 1d lilac of 1881 (S.G.170/1), the first stamp to embrace the words "Postage and Inland Revenue".

Until 1856 the duty imposed on a proxy was impressed with a general die used on many types of taxable documents. The 1856 Act (19 & 20 Vic. C81) states: "For & in respect of every Letter or Power of Attorney .....made for the Purpose of appointing or nominating a Proxy to vote at any Meeting within any part of the United Kingdom of the Proprietors or Shareholders of or in any Joint Stock Company or other Company or Society whose Stock or Funds are divided into shares,.....or made for the Purpose of appointing, nominating, or authorising any Person to vote as a Proxy.....at any Parish Meeting of Heritors or Proprietors of Real or Heritable Property in Scotland, the *Stamp Duty of Sixpence*".

A *sixpence* embossed die was struck for the purpose (fig.1) on 2.8.1856 and remained in use till the passing of the Stamp Act in 1870, which, with 1871 amwndment, came into force on 30.3.1871: "Letter or Power of Attorney for the sole purpose of appointing or authorising a proxy to vote at any one meeting - *duty 1d*".

An 1858 Act (21 & 22 Vic. C20) made drafts and bills payable on demand liable to a stamp duty of 1d. Hence thousands of bank cheques required a stamp, and a smaller 1d die was created for such a purpose. This die, with subtle alterations, was used on a variety of documents and adapted for automatic stamping. Removable plugs enabled the day, month & year to be applied as & when the die was put

into service (fig.2). Each die was given a Die Identification Symbol (D.I.S.). The first series (1694) had a letter of the alphabet & star, A-star to Z-star. Several series had a number & letter. The 12th series (1895) had rose-A (rose being the emblem of England) to rose-Z. The 27th series, registered in 1920, was the last of the 1ds, rose-OA to rose-OD.

The first Scottish series started in 1895 with the D.I.S. thistle-A to thistle-Z, followed by thistle-AA (1914) to thistle-AR. For Ireland the pre-1922 series were shamrock-A to shamrock-Z, followed by shamrock-AA to shamrock-AI. Northern Ireland had its *name* incorporated into the design with emblem & letters shamrock-A to shamrock-D.

Section 80 of an 1891 Act (54 & 55 Vic. C39) dealt with the provisions as to proxies & voting papers:-

"(1) Every letter or power of attorney for the purpose of appointing a proxy vote at a meeting and every voting paper, hereby respectively charged with the duty of one penny....is to be available only at the meeting so specified, & any adjournment thereof. (2) The duty of one penny may be denoted by an adhesive stamp, which is to be cancelled by the person by whom the instrument is executed, & a letter or power of attorney or voting paper charged with the duty of one penny is not to be stamped after the execution thereof by any person."

The Finance Act 1949 abolished the duty.

Editor's footnote - It seems then that 1871-1949 is the maximum period during which proxy postal cards could possibly bear an impressed duty stamp.

Fig.1



Fig.2



## AEROGRAMMATICS



### Clarification

My hurried "Stop Press" note near the end of "P.S." no.11 was a little misleading. English lighthouse aerogrammes were available not only from the British Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh (by mail order) but also from post offices in England. Even so, my local p.o. was unable to supply me until about a fortnight after the 24th March issue date, stating that such items are not stocked if no customer requests!

More recently another English aerogramme has been issued: "Magical Worlds" on 21.7.98. I am told that this has been available not only from the Edinburgh Bureau and at English post offices, but also at post offices in Northern Ireland.

Incidentally, the Welsh lighthouse aerogramme ended a gap of 21½ years in the issuing of aerogrammes for Wales. In that time the price had more than quadrupled - from 10½p (face value) to 45p!

### In Praise of the Humble Aerogramme

(The following piece comes from a non-member, Tom Adami, who edits the "AerogrammeR" from Australia.)

Call it what you will, an air letter, an airletter sheet, a letter sheet, an aerogram, etc., there is a lot to be said in defence of the ubiquitous aerogramme. Only a relatively recent innovation in the world of postal services, it has been taken up by almost every country with a few notable exceptions - such as Ukraine, Bulgaria, Luxembourg,, Croatia & Russia.

There is some debate as to when aerogrammes first came about & what led to their development. Some say the first were those issued in Iraq in 1933. Some point to the Siam (Thailand) issue of

1932, the so-called "Air-O-Gram" and the 1930 Guatemalan issue as examples. Some even draw a tenuous link from the siege airmail of Paris in the 1870s to the airgraphs of 1940-45 and aerogrammes. But for me the first true aerogramme was the Iraq issue of 1933.

A major benefit of aerogrammes in Australia is that they cost only 75c to send to anywhere in the World. This compares very favourably with the current airmail rates to send a basic 20g letter to various destinations. Even though some countries do not have aerogrammes on sale, they have an aerogramme rate. Such is the case in Germany, where the current rate is 2DM to post a formular aerogramme. Another interesting point is that it is possible in most places to send an aerogramme from a different country by adding posrage from the country one is in. I have seen Australian aerogrammes which have been sent from New Caledonia, G.B., Cambodia, Nepal & Switzerland - also N.Z., G.B. and Thai items sent respectively from Germany, Australia & Cambodia.

There appears to be an attitude among postal authorities that aerogrammes are not good value for their business. It is an easy target to suspend sales of aerogrammes when thry think about increasing profits. Post & Telecom Austria (PTA) recently stopped selling them. PTA went through a form of privatisation in 1997 with Austria's recent admission to the E.U., & as of 30.6.97 aerogrammes were phased out as stocks were used up. This is a pity as the rate to send one was 12 schillings or A\$1.40 (53p). Now this option is not available, so increasing the cost to send the same letter (in an envelope).

(to be concluded in next issue)

## BOOK REVIEWS

The Postal Stationery of Fiji. By Ross Duberal. Published by Pacific Islands Study Circle of G.B. in 1998. 113 A4 pages. Available from P.I.S.C., 24 Woodvale Avenue, London S.E.25. Price £12.50p (plus £1.25p postage to U.K. & Europe; elsewhere - surface £2.10p).

This lavishly illustrated book contains chapters on all types of p.s. that have been issued by the Fijian postal authorities, plus details of some miscellaneous items, such as "Cake Fair" envelopes which appeared during the early years. The earlier postal cards & lettercards are dealt with in detail, the excellent illustrations complementing the text and making the task of identifying printing variations so much easier. Later chapters deal with the various types of PSEs, registered envelopes & air-letters/aerogrammes in the same degree of detail. Much of the information included has not been published before and combines the contents of various archives in both Fiji & the U.K. This is a worthy addition to any philatelic bookshelf.

(The above review is adapted with permission from one that recently appeared in "Pacifica" - Ed.)

Geuzendam Catalogus van de Postwaardestukken van Nederland en Overzeese Rijkdelen. Published in the Netherlands, 1997.. Edited by B. Hellebrekers, J. Damen & M. Bulterman. 120 pp. Available from P.O. Box 779, 1150 ATV Amstelveen, Netherlands at a price of about £13.50p inc. postage.

The latest (7th) edition of this standard work on Netherlands p.s. comes with an Introduction and Glossary in *English* which will considerably facilitate its use by non-Dutch-speaking collectors. This is a very clearly and logically arranged catalogue, each class of stationery being treated separately & chronologically. The coverage extends to a number of associated areas, such as postal orders, money order forms, P.O. Box fee forms, as well as including some modern items without imprinted stamps. Another useful feature is the inclusion of postal rate tables. Pricing is in

Dutch guilders, & from this it would appear that it is still possible to form an extensive collection without really major expenditure - for anyone considering a new field there is plenty of scope and interest here.

In my view thw Editors have done an excellent job. They are anxious continuously to improve the usefulness & clarity of this cataligue and would welcome comments & suggestions (to address above).

Alan Huggins

The Postal Stationery of Burma & Myanmar. By Richard Warren. Published in 1998 by White Elephant Press, 43 Whitehall Road, Bilston, West Midlands. 24 A4 pages. Price £4.50p (U.K. postage inc.; for posting abroad - surface - please add 50p).

In his Introduction the author relates the fascination of Burmese p.s. Unlike many other countries Burma has not had lots of new issues. For the first 40 years only aerogrammes were issued; these can be split into domestic & foreign. After independence the country soon entered very troubled times, with the domestic aerogrammes being sent as surface mail and then being discontinued in the mid--50s. Envelopes were issued from 1st January 1988, and expedited mail service envelopes from 1995. Post cards have never been popular with the Burmese owing to lack of confidentiality.

This is a well-produced book that should be welcomed by collectors of Burma.

David Taylor Smith

Les Cartes Suchard. By F. Barnier. Published in Switzerland, 1997. 88pp. Enquiries to G. Schild, Rainmattstrasse 3, CH-3011 Bern, Switzerland.

This publication presents the fascinating story of the use of postal stationery for advertising

purposes by the Swiss chocolate manufacturer Suchard. Such items are known from Bavaria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Stuttgart local post, Switzerland & Wurttemberg, and they provide a very varied & attractive range of vignettes of the period (1875-1912). The text is in French, but the listings are easy to follow.

Alan Huggins

FROM THE **EDITOR** 'S  
**DESK**

Probably the most remarkable item auctioned by Spink of London on 2nd April this year was William Mulready's design sketch for the first G.B. postal stationery. Addressed to the artist himself, the sketched front includes one item destined not to appear in the adopted design, namely a train crossing a viaduct. It is interesting to note that the 1890 Penny Post Jubilee envelope shows a train at the design base - i.e, in the same position as Mulready had sketched his train! Mulready, it is said, tossed off his design sketch over a weekend in December 1839. So at how much per minute is this brief spell of work now valued? The auctioneer's estimate this April was £30,000-£40,000, but that was well exceeded, for the item realised £78,500.

# WHAT'S ON THE BACK?

Illustrated this time and submitted from Canada by Duff Malkin, is a Chinese postal card with added adhesives. It was sent on 12.8.32 from Urumchi, Turkestan - a town in northwest China now known as Tiha. The message on the back is written by a missionary and reads:-

"Many thanks for your letter. We never thought of Gilgit [in north India] unless in a great emergency. One never knows these days, that route might be possible. We expect to reach England in late Autumn - travel via the U.S.S.R. We have our visas. It will be lovely to see you again. I am so glad the silk reached you. I will let you know our plans when we get nearer England. We must have a time of rest as soon as we get there & are disappearing for a time from all but intimate friends. We must meet as soon as we can. Address to us G.P.O. Post Restante, Moscow, & then China Inland Mission, London. Many thanks for the offer of the Garden House. We cannot accept it just now, but hope to see you! Much love."





In addition to the books reviewed elsewhere in this issue of "P.S.", the following recent publications have come to my notice:-

Aerogrammes Topical Index - by R. Zimmerman, 1998, 30pp.

Postal Stationery of South Africa. Part 1: CGH, Natal, N. Repub., OFS, Transvaal & Zululand by W. Quik/G. Jonkers, 158pp. Part 2: Union & Republic by W. Quik, 200pp. Price approx. £10 each (from FVZA, P.O. Box 33223, 3005 EE Rotterdam, Netherlands). English/Dutch.

Latvia: Postal Stationery & Official Postal Forms, 1918-1940. By H. Hofmann, 1997, 442pp. German/English.

Catalogue of North Korean P.S., 1947-61. By G. Todd, 1997, 46pp. Price £13.75p (from Carmichael & Todd, Box 111, Lyminster, Hants).

The following are articles noticed recently in the philatelic press:-

The Post That Rohred (J. Strauss, American Philatelist, Feb. 1998 - about Vienna's pneumatic post).

When The Whole World Knew What Ailed You (J. Hotchner, Linn's Stamp News, 6/7/98 - about U.S.A. postal cards reporting contagious diseases).

1997 Postal Stationery (listing by G. Sor-Reime, Gibbons Stamp Monthly, April, May & June 1998).

Postal Stationery Rarities (Colin Baker, British Philatelic Bulletin, January, March & May 1998).

Postal Stationery Matters (Peter van Gelder, Gibbons Stamp Monthly - March 1998, Australian tourist postal cards; June 1998, Canada's QV postal cards; September 1998, G.B. postal cards for Royal Naval Exhibition 1891 and Gardening & Forestry Exhibition 1893).

# WHAT'S ON THE BACK?

Illustrated this time and submitted from Canada by Duff Malkin, is a Chinese postal card with added adhesives. It was sent on 12.8.32 from Urumchi, Turkestan - a town in northwest China now known as Tiwha. The message on the back is written by a missionary and reads:-

"Many thanks for your letter. We never thought of Gilgit [*in north India*] unless in a great emergency. One never knows these days, that route might be possible. We expect to reach England in late Autumn - travel via the U.S.S.R. We have our visas. It will be lovely to see you again. I am so glad the silk reached you. I will let you know our plans when we get nearer England. We must have a time of rest as soon as we get there & are disappearing for a time from all but intimate friends. We must meet as soon as we can. Address to us G.P.O. Post Restante, Moscow, & then China Inland Mission, London. Many thanks for the offer of the Garden House. We cannot accept it just now, but hope to see you! Much love."



# LIBRARY

The Library has continued to expand and now contains 52 items (books/runs of journals/sets of articles). There have been further generous donations of books - always appreciated & welcome. Requests to borrow have been quite brisk this year. It is hoped that an up-to-date library list will be ready to send out to all members next year. Items added just recently are:-

- 46 Les Entiers Postaux de France et de Monaco, by Storch & Francon, 1992. Purchased. \* item.
- 47 Geuzendam's Catalogus van de Postwaardestukken van Nederland en Overzeese Rijksdelen, 1997 - wuth 20pp explanatory pamphlet in English. Donated by Boudewijn Hellebrekers.
- 48 The Postal Stationery of Fiji, by Ross Duberal, 1998. Donated by John Ray. \* item.
- 49 Malta Postal Stationery 1885-1979, Malta Study Circle, 1979. Donated by Hadrian Wood.
- 50 The Comprehensive India States Postal Stationery Listing, by Ed Deschl, 1994. Donated by the author. \*\*Owing to its weight this book can be posted only to borrowers in the U.K.
- 51 Sierra Leone P.S. - a collection of writings by J. Martin, P. Beale and F. Walton of the West Africa Study Circle. Donated by Nigel Lutwyche.
- 52 Postal Stationery Rarities (G.B.) - a series of three articles by Colin Baker published in the "British Philatelic Bulletin" in 1998.

Re. item 9, 3 further issues of "L'Intero Postale" (1997/98) received from the Italian P.S. Society.

Re. item 10, 2 further issues of "Die Ganzsache" (1997/98) received from Norbert Sehler.

Re. item 40, 2 further issues of "Postal Stationery" (Jan. & April 1998) received from U.P.S.S. (U.S.A.).

Re. item 43, 4 further issues of "AerogrammeR" (issues 2, 6, 7 & 8) received from the Aerogramme Society (Australia).

\* items - see Library List about postal charges.

# WANTS

Inclusion in this feature is FREE to members. Maximum length per entry is normally 5 lines. Advertisers of WANTS should please reply promptly to every member who responds to their requests.

MALTA Mint or used postal cards required. Will buy or exchange for p.s. of other countries. H. Wood, 52 St Dominic Street, Sliema SLM06, Malta.

PERSIA (and Russia used in) Used pre-1930 p.s. in excellent condition. Also postal history & revenue documents. Bjorn Sohrne, Torkel Knutsonsgatan 25, 118 25 Stockholm, Sweden.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

Our membership has now climbed to 209, & those new members listed below are welcomed to the fold. In each case surname & one initial are given, country of residence if not the United Kingdom & collecting interests in brief.

Ventham B.	G.B.; Commonwealth (especially Cyprus); U.S.A.
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Peel A.	G.B. aerogrammes and reg. envelopes; Australia aerogrammes; WW2 military letter-cards & airgraphs
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Mould L.	Commonwealth (KGVI)
Brown G.	G.B.; Australia aerogrammes
Taylor K.	G.B.
Schofield F.	Commonwealth to 1952
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Gartner V. (Germany)	Germany; Asia; private stationery
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Farrell L.	G.B.
Glover D.	G.B.; Australia; India; U.S.A.
Wheatley R.	Netherlands East Indies
Irwin S.	Australia; N.Z.

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Karelson K. (Estonia)	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania; Russia; Germany
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Taylor M.	G.B. & Commonwealth (to KGVI)
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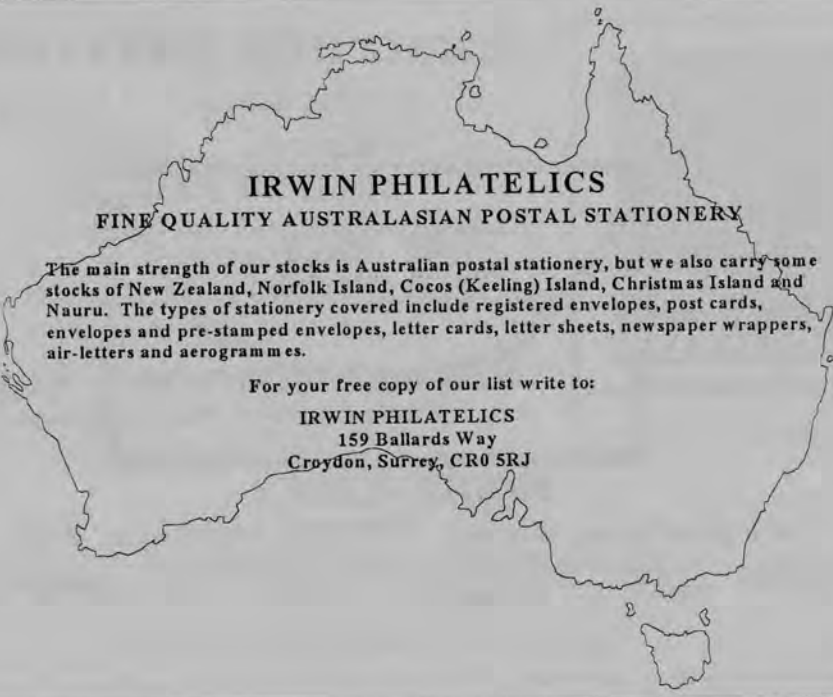
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