

# NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRIES FAIR CHRISTCHURCH

[Previously Canterbury Winter Show & Exhibition]

The Post Office association with the Industries Fair dates back to 1934 when the Department staged an exhibition at what was then known as the **Canterbury Winter Show and Exhibition**. This was held in the King Edward Barracks, Christchurch from the 11th to 25th August. The display provided for demonstration calls on the Sydney Radio channel and on New Zealand land lines and demonstrations of the Strowger step-by-step automatic workings. There was also a working teleprinter exhibit. The whole exhibit was regarded as the most popular one in the whole show and received considerable publicity particularly in connection with the clarity of speech on toll circuits. This exhibit led to what was probably the first "conference" type toll call in New Zealand when Mr S G Holland [later to become Prime Minister 1950-1959] as Chairman of the NZ Hockey Selection Committee. Spoke with his fellow selectors in Auckland and Wanganui at the same time, and succeeded in selecting the New Zealand Hockey Team. The team played one test against the visiting Australian Hockey team in Dunedin

In 1937, the Canterbury manufacturers' Association asked the post and Telegraph Department to provide an exhibit including a working post Office at the Winter Show, the Department would only agree to installing a public call office, a telegram "posting box", a stamp vending machine and a letter posting box.

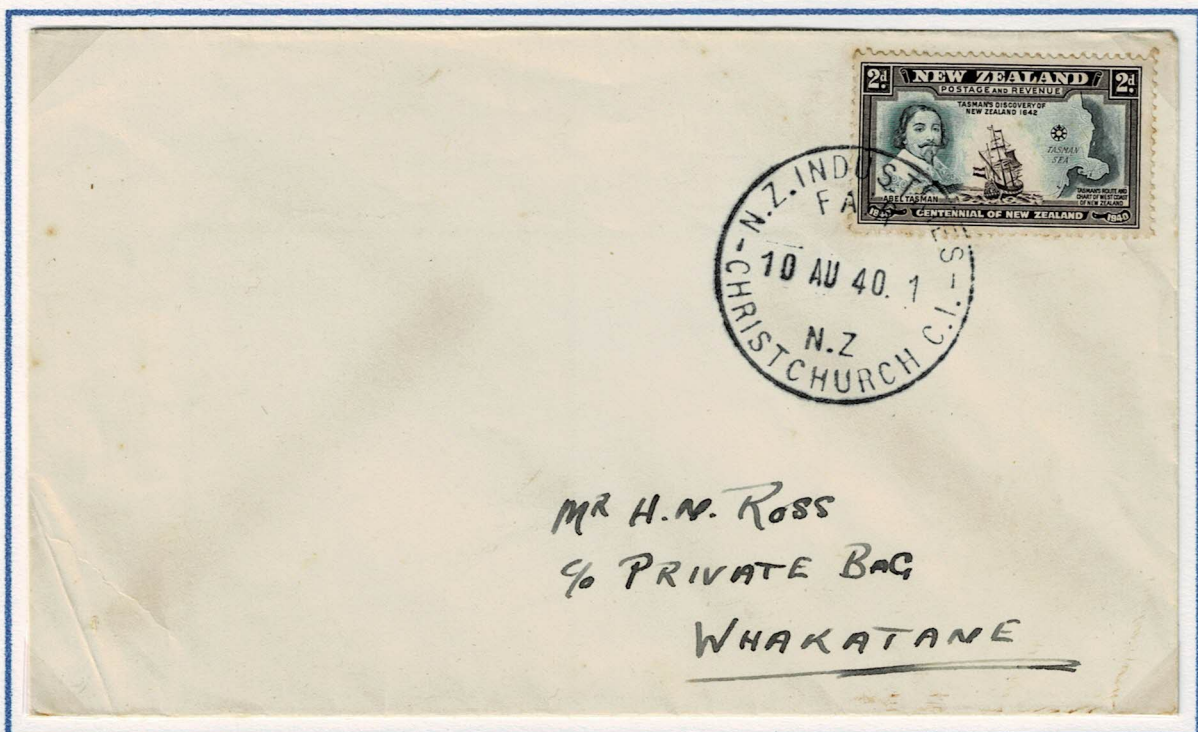
In August 1938, the Show was first called "**The New Zealand Industries Fair.**" The same facilities were once again installed by the Post Office and were also available at the 1939 Fair.

## 1940 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 10-24 August 1940.

In 1940, the Fair included a Government Court as part of the national Centennial Celebrations of the Treaty of Waitangi 1940. The Post and Telegraph Department provided a working Post Office from August 10th to 24th. Also provided was a philatelic bureau and exhibition of stamps as well as a tele-printer display. The functions of the Post Office were limited to the sale of stamps and the dispatch of mails and a special steel datestamp was provided - proofed 22 JL 40 [see copy]. The postmaster, C W Watts, was an officer from the General Post Office



10 AU 40 1 [first mail clearance]. First Day





First Day 10 AU 40  
[second mail  
clearance]  
Registered No.42

Special Registration  
labels were used at  
the Post Office until  
the supply was  
exhausted by 1948

*MAILED ON DAY -  
- OF OPENING -  
- 10/8/40 -*



*Mr. A. J. Everett  
P.O. Box  
Well*

First Day 10 AU 40 2

Registration No. 68  
Received Putaruru  
12 AU 40 6

Note cross stroke on  
"N" is thinner



*MR. L. R. LINDEMAN  
MOKAI  
VIA PUTARURU N.Z.*

Last Day 24 AU 40 3  
[Third mail clearance]

The Post Office archives  
contain no records of the  
number of First Day  
covers, or of total covers  
nor of the numbers of  
Registered items sent from  
the 1940 Industries Fair



*Miss E. G. Penk.  
45 Hepburn St.  
Auckland. C. 2.*



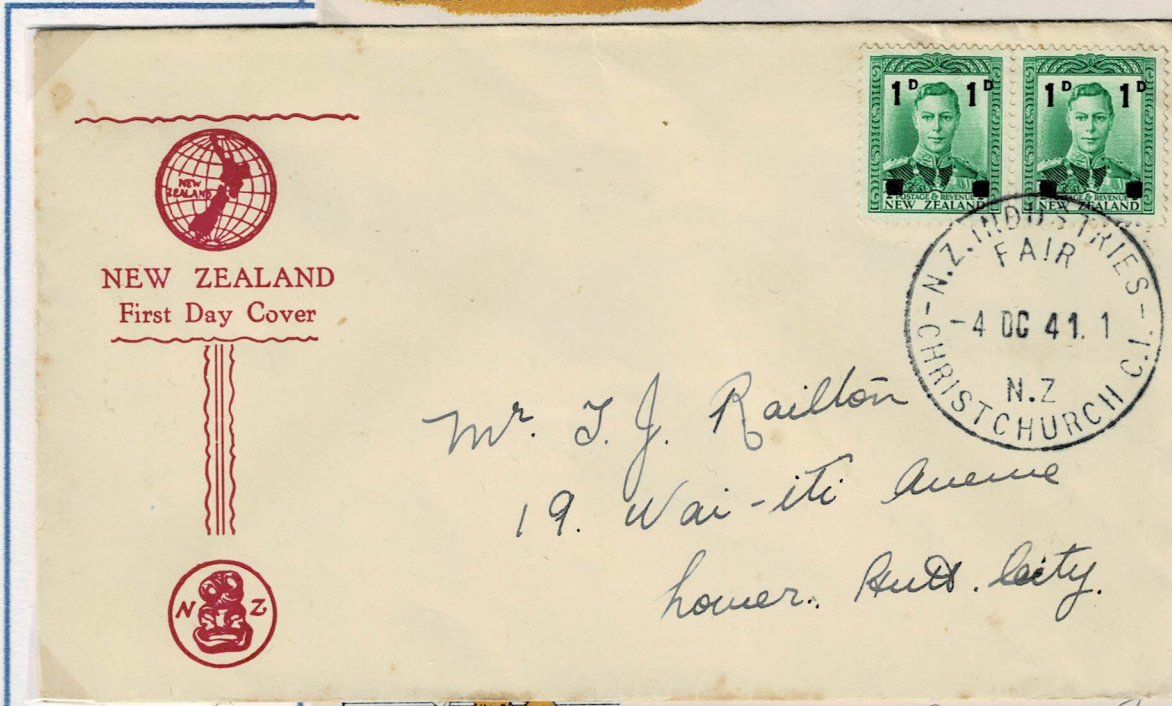
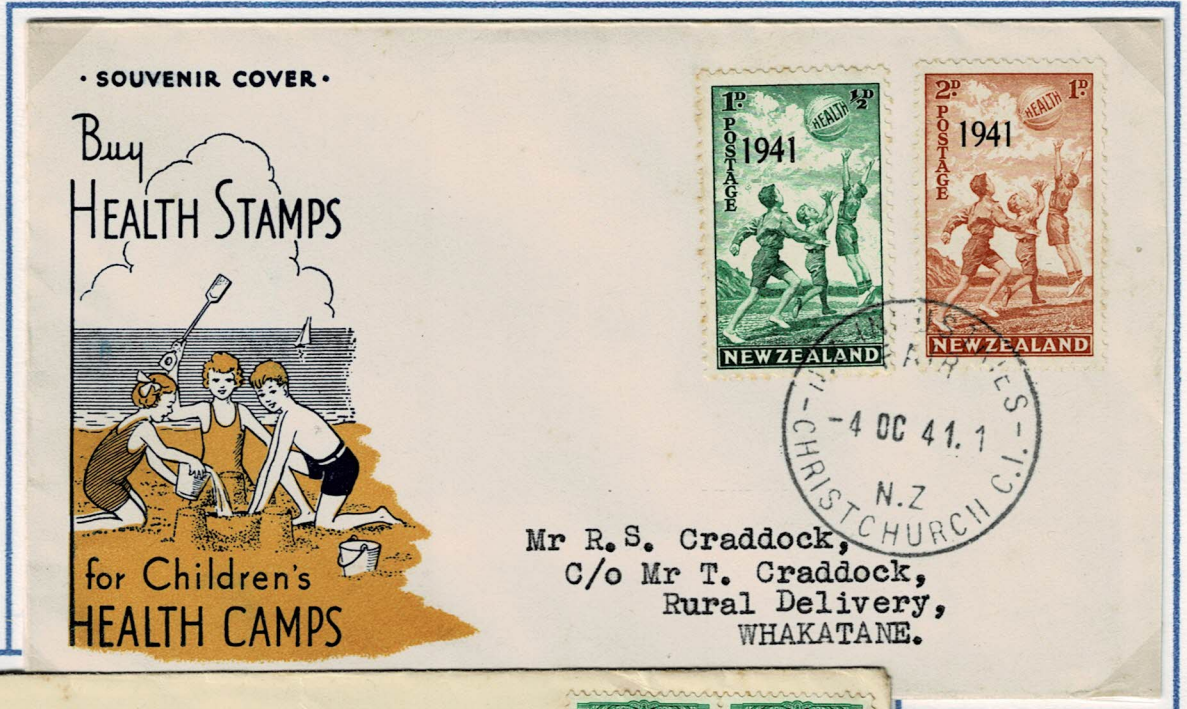
**1941 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 4-18 October 1941.**

From 4-18 October 1941, a similar Post Office was open, again staffed from the General Post Office in Wellington. In addition to a philatelic bureau, exhibition of stamps and a teleprinter, a display of automated postmarking machines was included. The same steel datestamp was used - it was not replaced until the 1965 Fair. The **official opening** at 8am on October 4th was broadcast on 3YA Christchurch relayed from the Dalgety's Buildings on Moorhouse Avenue.

**4 OC 41 First Day**

"The date of issue of the 1941 Health stamps coincided with the opening of the new Zealand Industries fair at Christchurch and a large number of first day covers passed through this office where the stamps were cancelled with a special datestamp"

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**4 OC 41 First Day**

On First Day Cover

2d letter rate



**6 OC 41 1**

Non-philatelic mail  
addressed locally

1d printed matter

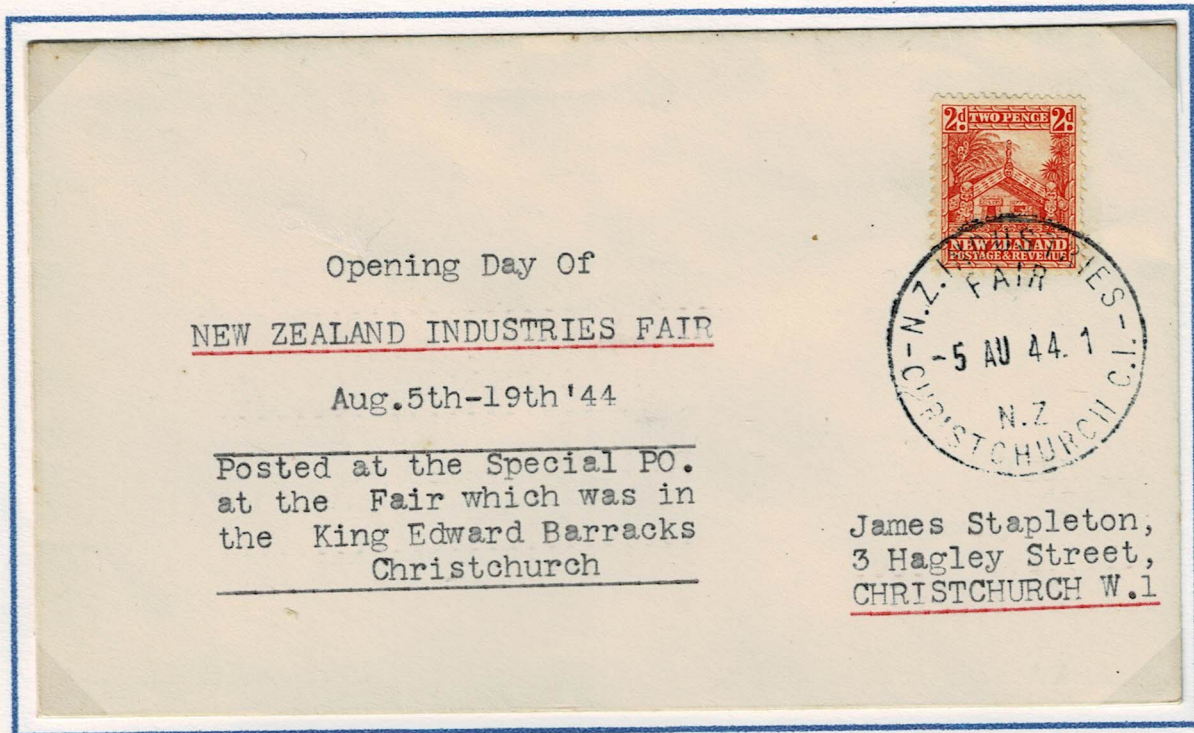




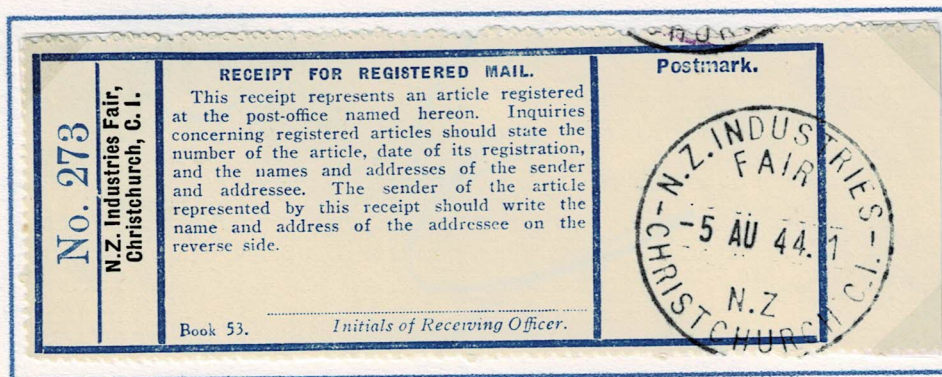
## 1944 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 5-19 August 1944.

The 1944 Fair was held in King Edward Barracks from 5-19 August. The Post and Telegraph Department provided a post Office to sell stamps, accept telegrams and telephone calls and toll calls, to sell national Savings stamps and Bonds and to dispatch mails. Included in the accompanying display were teleprinters, a postmarking machine, stamps, national Saving material, an airgraph exhibit, and a display of telephones. Post Office films were shown in the adjoining theatre.

While the teleprinter and postmarking machines were demonstrated by offices from the General post Office, Mr W Anderson, Supervisor, Telegraph Branch performed the duties of Postmaster. He was assisted by Mrs E Pickering. Island Territory stamps were also on sale. The record crowds necessitated additional assistance on the display and also its enclosing behind wire mesh. Hours were 10am to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm. The same datestamp was used. No records of first day covers or registered items are known.



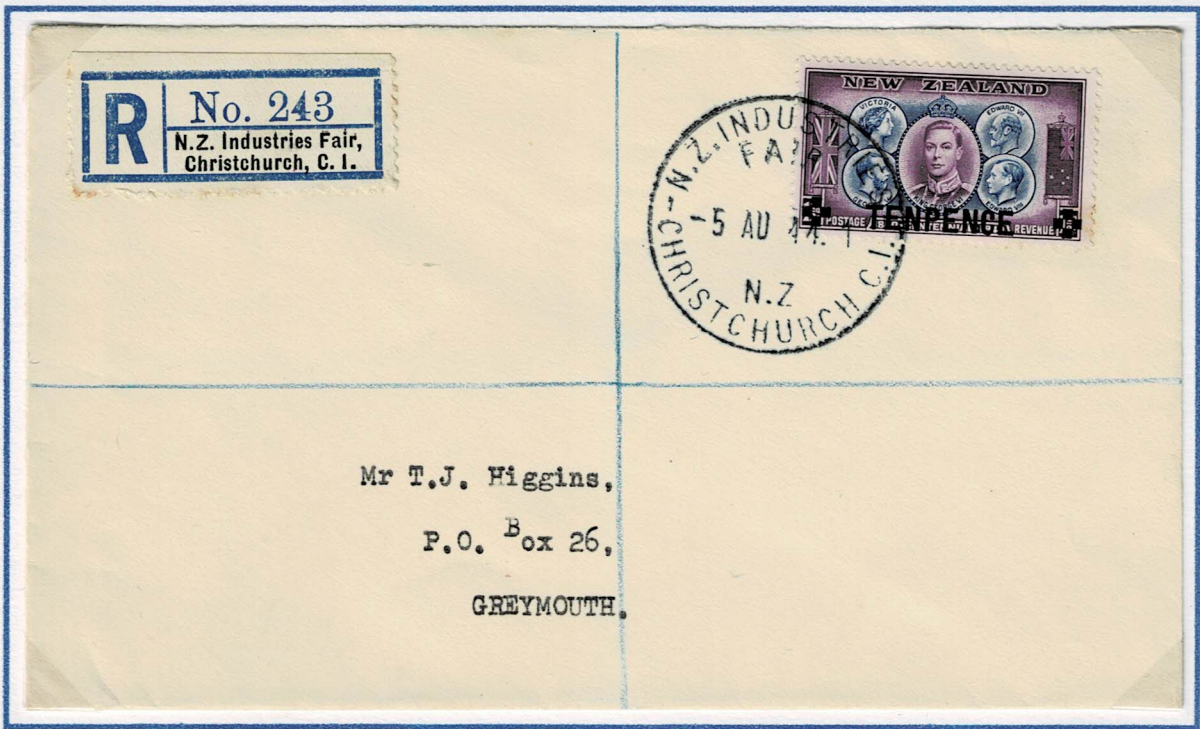
**5 AU 44 First Day.** James Stapleton created type written covers for the 1944 and 1945 Fairs with the first cachet covers being prepared for the 1946 Industries Fair. Stapleton and his Christchurch colleagues produced hundreds of first day covers from the Fairs over many years.



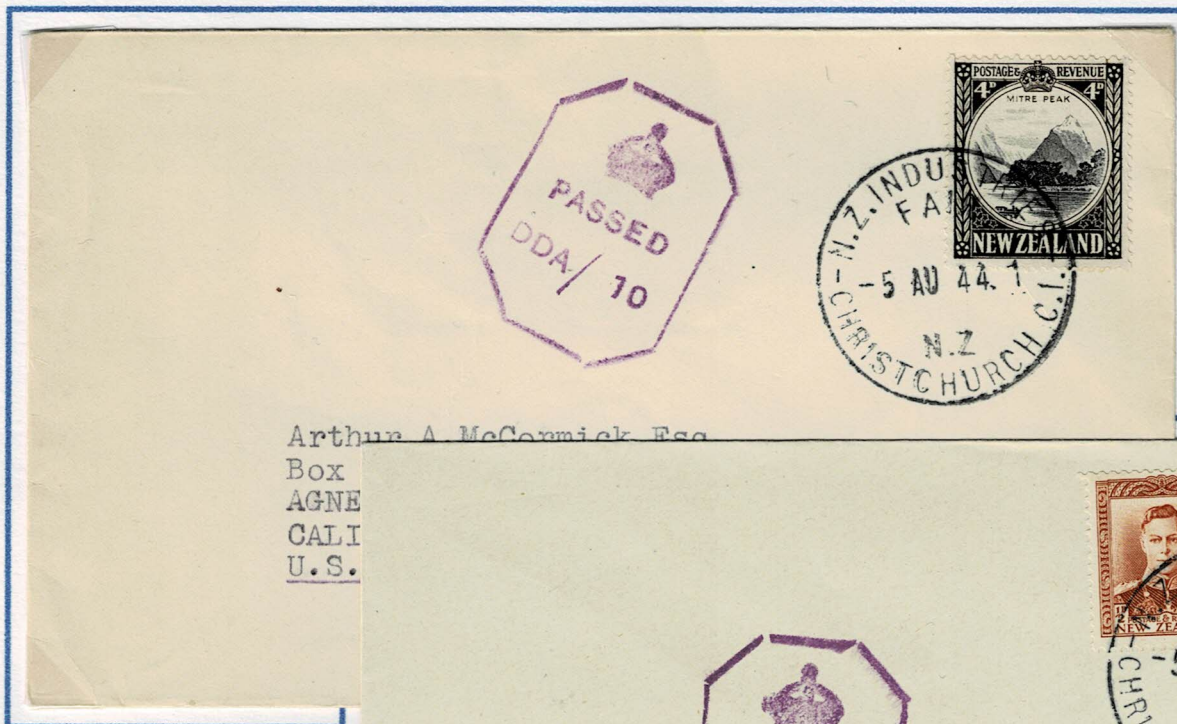
**Registration Receipt No. 273. First Day use 5 AU 44.**

These printed Registration labels were used until supply was exhausted at the 1948 Fair.





Registered No. 243 5 AU 44 First Day



5 AU 44 First Day

Passed by Censor

Collector mail from  
Te Aroha



5 AU 44 First Day

Passed by Censor  
Censored in the  
Security section of  
Christchurch GPO

Collector mail from  
Morrinsville





15 AU 44 to Massachusetts, USA - collector mail from H D Mullon, New Plymouth Unsealed 1d rate

18 AU 44 to Indiana, USA - collector mail from C Hitchings. 3d letter rate

Miss M. Townsend,  
R.F.

U.S.A.

OFFICIAL BY EXAMINER

Censored at Security Centre Christchurch GPO and resealed with label [P.C.-90] by DDA / 139 [upper] DDA / 10 [lower]

P.C.-90.



Robert Price.  
R.H.  
Bonnersville.  
Indiana.



LES. MACK,  
HAIRDRESSER & TOBACCONIST,  
TAURANGA.

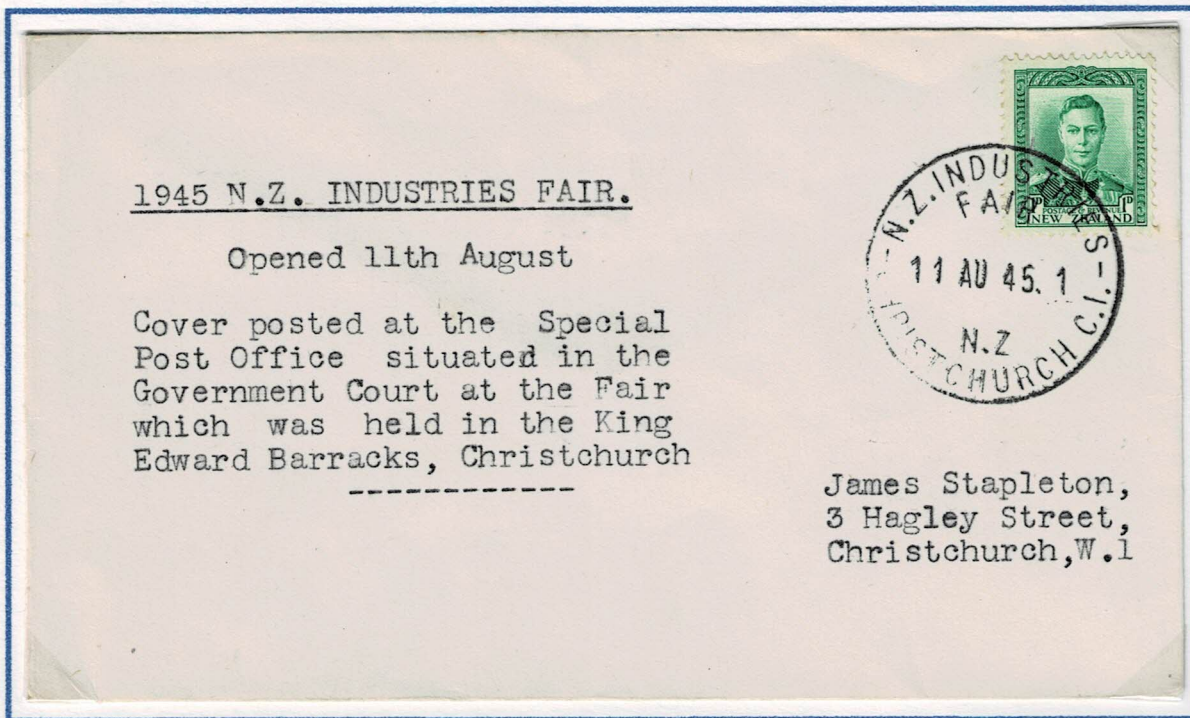
19 AU 44.2 Last Day - second mail clearance [afternoon]

- Last Day cancellations from the NZ Industries Fairs Christchurch represent the second most common date being represented just over one cover in 100 [personal census].
- First Day cancellations are most common with about 97% of covers in my census being first day.
- Other dates are much less common - combined they are just over 1 cover in 100



## 1945 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 11-25 August 1945.

At the 1945 Industries Fair [11-25 August] the Post and Telegraph Department provided a similar set-up to that for 1945 but the airgraph display was replaced by a working telephone exchange. Mr Anderson was again in charge, but he was mainly engaged on the display and most of the Post Office work was undertaken by Mrs E A Craythorne. No records are known of first day covers processed or of Registered items. The same datestamp was employed.



11 AU 45 First Day. Stapleton Cover

11 AU 45 First Day to Cleveland Ohio USA. **Victory Cachet Cover** produced by **Len Johns** 30 Aberdeen Street Ch-Ch. New Zealand - these details are on the obverse and also on the cardboard insert.





14 AU 45 Airmail Registered No. 385. Received Kingsland 17 AU 45

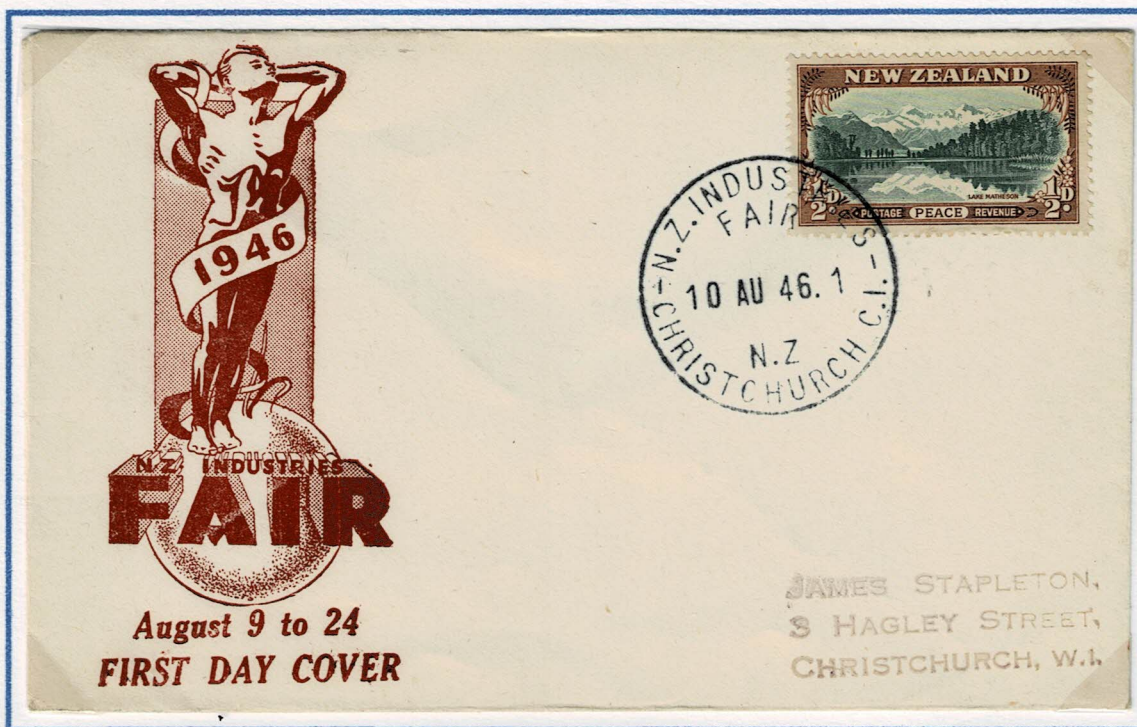


23 AU 45 on WAAC Cachet Cover designed by Len Jones - addressed to himself



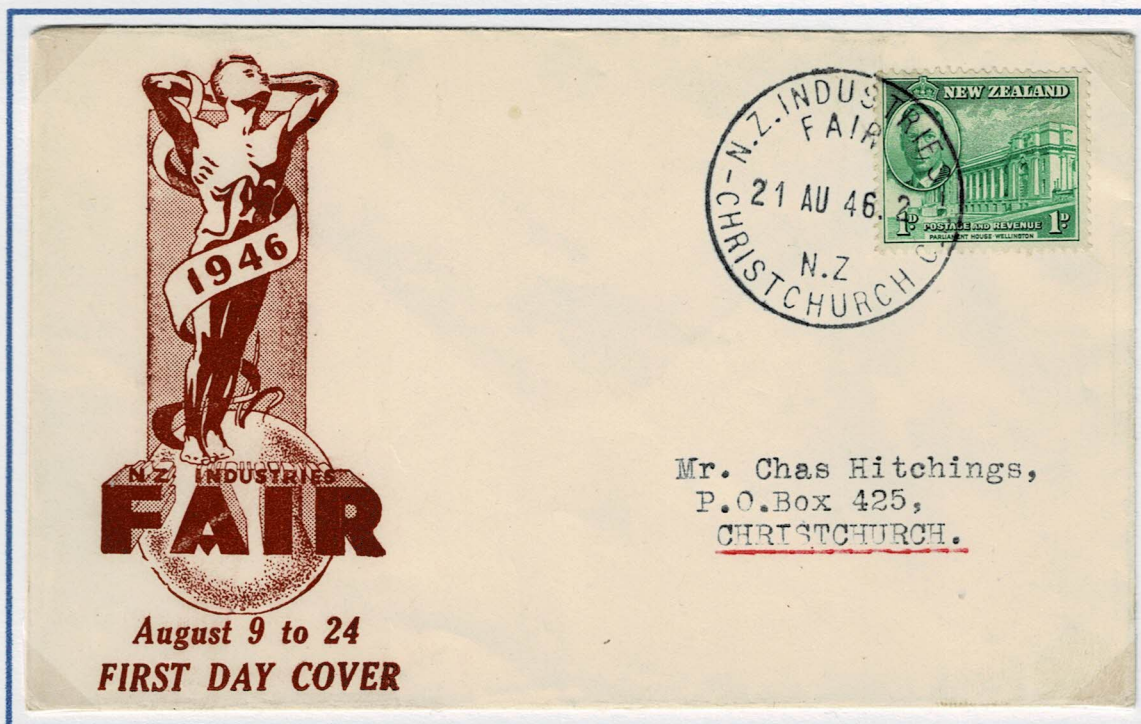
**1946 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 10-24 August 1946.**

The Post and Telegraph Department provided only a working Post Office and telephone office, although two Post Office films were included with those shown in the nearby Government Theatre. The Postmistress was Miss M Kelberg, temporary assistant, Riccarton. The same datestamp was used. No records of covers cancelled.



10 AU 46 First Day

This special 1946 NZ Industries Fair cacheted cover was the first prepared for the Christchurch Industrial Fairs. It was probably created by the NZ Cover & Stamp Club [Christchurch] it is notable for the **incorrect opening date** shown as "August 9 to 24 / FIRST DAY COVER"



21 AU 46

Cachet First Day Cover [slightly more brown in printing] but used later.

P O Box 425 Christchurch was the address of the NZ Cover & Stamp Club which sponsored the cacheted covers for the 1947 Fair

Mr. Chas Hitchings,  
P.O.Box 425,  
CHRISTCHURCH.



The cachet was altered with the removal of "FIRST DAY COVER" and the printing is more brown in colour.










20 AU 46 on envelope with altered cachet



21 AU 46 on non-first day cover. Insert from NZ Cover & Stamp Club. Offset cachet on back





	Initials*		Initials		Initials
	<i>done</i> <i>K</i>		<i>3/30</i> <i>K</i>		
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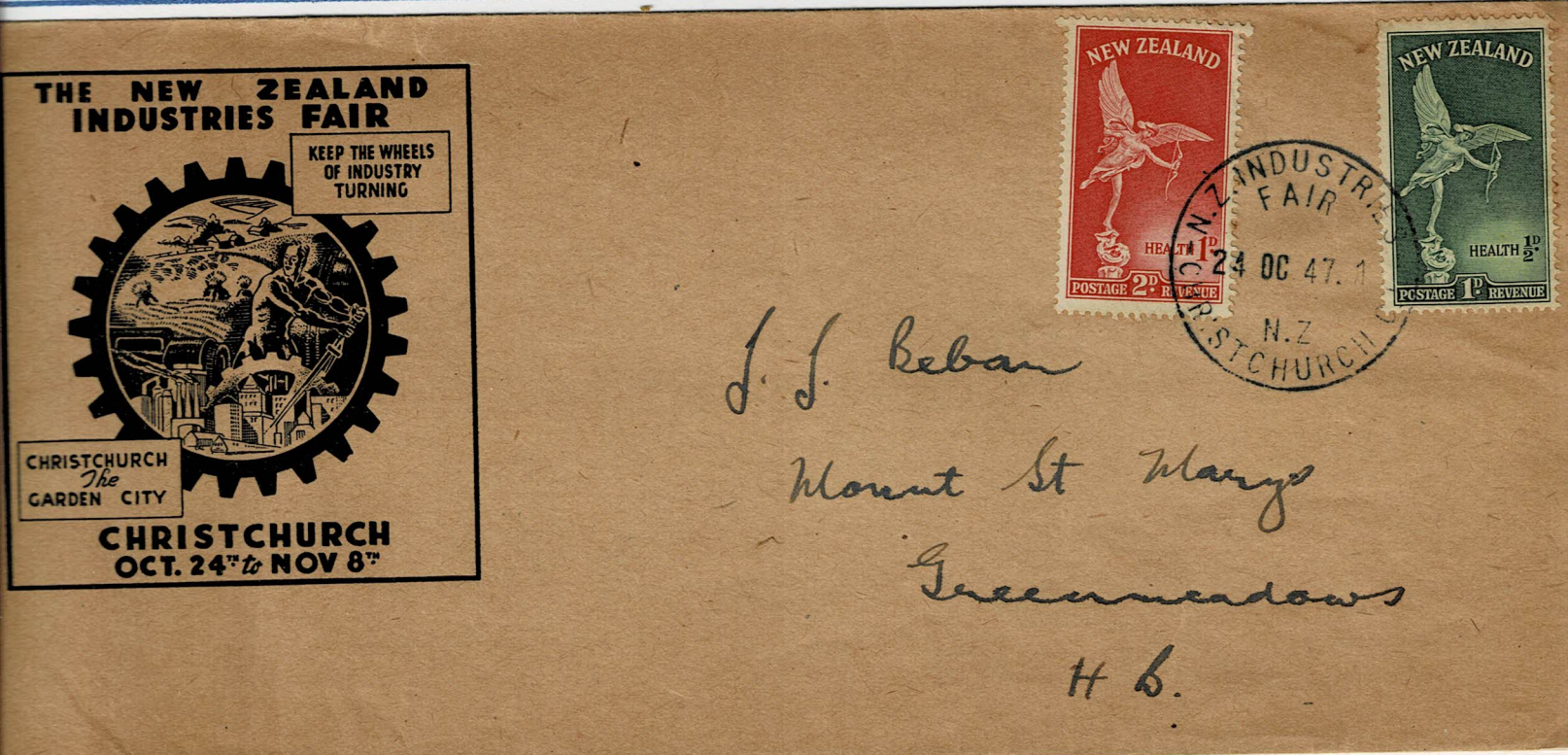
**1947 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 24 October - 8 November 1947.**

At the 1947 Fair, a similar Post Office was provided as well as a special display of Health Stamps and provisions for their sale. The 1947 Health stamps featuring the statue of Eros were released October 1, 1947. The Postmistress was Miss M Shannon of the Riccarton Post Office Staff. The same datestamp and Registration labels were used. No records known of number of covers cancelled.

Special cachet covers for the 1947 Fair were produced with "Sponsored by the 'New Zealand Cover and Stamp Club, Christchurch." Below the design. Numbers produced are unknown. 24 OC 47. First Day on Cachet Cover



A single example of the cachet without the sponsorship is shown on long envelope. 24 OC 47 First Day





**THE NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRIES FAIR**

KEEP THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY TURNING

CHRISTCHURCH  
*The*  
GARDEN CITY

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
OCT. 24<sup>th</sup> to NOV 8<sup>th</sup>



MRS. B. FRANKLAND N.Z.  
49 MARSHLAND ROAD  
SHIRLEY  
CHRISTCHURCH

29 OC 47  
Cachet Cover

Sponsored by the T

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Mr Lester McFarland,  
P. Box 445,  
Louisville, 1. Ky.  
U.S.A.  
New Zealand Cover and Stamp Club, Christchurch.

30 OC 47  
Cachet Cover  
To USA

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Mr J. W. Batley  
c/o The Berger  
Christchurch Cathedral  
Cathedral Square  
City.

31 OC 47  
Cachet Cover

Sponsored by the New Zealand Cover and Stamp Club, Christchurch.



5 NO 47

Collector mail  
[T S Dacre & Son]  
to France with 8d  
postage



**NEW ZEALAND COVER & STAMP CLUB**

Dear Fellow Collector,  
Thank you for sending covers.

Yours Sincerely,  
**S. C. Perkins**  
59 ROBSON AVENUE,  
AVONSIDE,  
CHRISTCHURCH

MEMBER No. 6

Insert in Cachet  
Cover to USA  
from New  
Zealand Cover  
& Stamp Club  
[Sponsors of the  
covers] from  
member No. 6  
S C Perkins

5 NO 47  
Cachet Cover  
To Newark NJ  
USA  
Annotated  
received Dec  
8/47

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CHRISTCHURCH  
*The*  
GARDEN CITY

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
OCT. 24<sup>th</sup> to NOV 8<sup>th</sup>

M. E. V. Sackleben,  
747 South Orange Ave.,  
Newark N. J.  
U. S. A.

Sponsored by the New Zealand Cover and Stamp Club, Christchurch.



**1948 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 6-21 August 1948.**

The Post & Telegraph Department only provided a working Post Office and telephone Office. There were no special displays. Miss Shannon, then stationed at Addington, was again Postmistress. No record is known of the number of first day covers. The same datestamp was used. Initially the same printed Registration labels were used but it would seem that this supply [used since 1940] was exhausted on the first day and blank ones were subsequently used.

A **Cachet Cover** was produced - "A JASON COVER" in blue in attractive design.



**6 AU 48 First Day on Cachet Cover to USA**

**7 AU 48 with 'Humpty Dumpty on a wall' to Dunedin**







**6 AU 48 First Day Registered No. 475**

The Registration labels with "N.Z. Industries Fair, Christchurch, C.I." printed in black were introduced by the Post Office at the 1940 Industries Fair. They were used again in 1941, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 on first day - no other Registration labels have been noted. This Registered cover has the highest number I have yet recorded and indicates the total number of R-Covers from the Fairs 1940-1948 [first day].



**6 AU 48 First Day Registered 1330, with name of office in manuscript.**

It would appear that the supply of pre-printed Registration labels was exhausted and blank ones used





17 AU 48 2  
Cachet Cover

20 AU 48 1  
Cachet Cover



21 AU 48 1  
LAST DAY  
Cachet Cover



C. HITCHINGS,  
P.O. Box 425,  
Christchurch, C.I.  
New Zealand.



**1949 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 5-20 August 1949.**

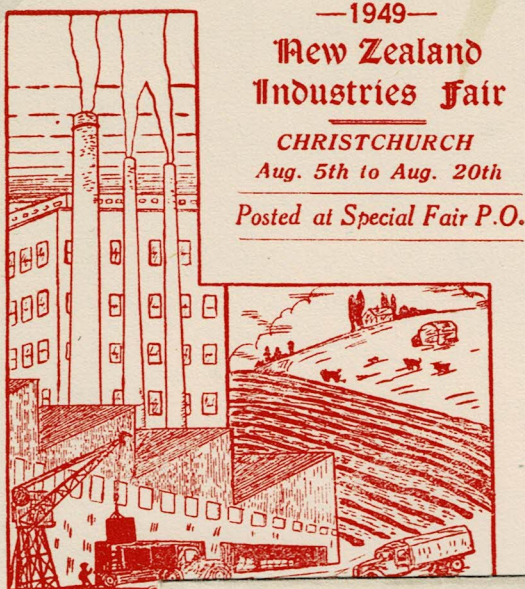
A working Post Office and Telephone Office was provided by the Department. There was also a display of 2 panels relating to "communications." Miss I Fleming of the Post Office Relief Staff was the Postmistress.

It is recorded that **1890 First day Covers** were handled.

A special **Cachet Cover** was produced - A "**Jason**" Cover - numbers unknown

**5 AU 49 2**  
**First Day**  
**Cachet Cover**

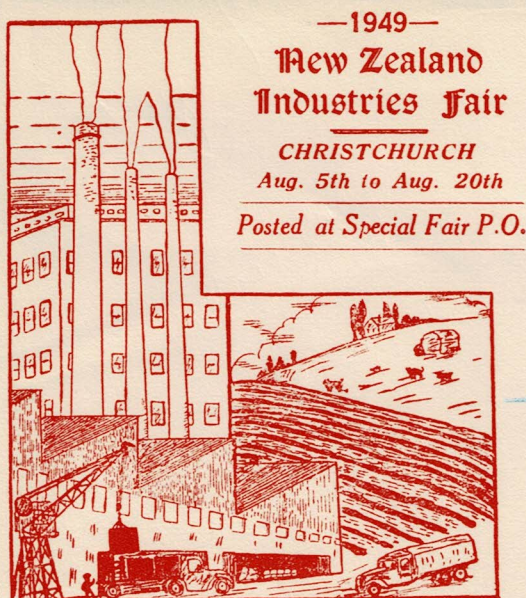
1d unsealed rate  
to Oamaru



Mr. Jack L. Ott.  
Crestwood.  
Kentucky.  
U.S.A.

lin C. Bathgate  
elmer St.,  
u.

**5 AU 49 2**  
**First Day Cachet**  
**Cover to USA with 3d**  
**[letter rate]**



A "Jason" Cover



JAMES STAPLETON  
P.O. Box 1336  
CHRISTCHURCH C.1  
NEW ZEALAND

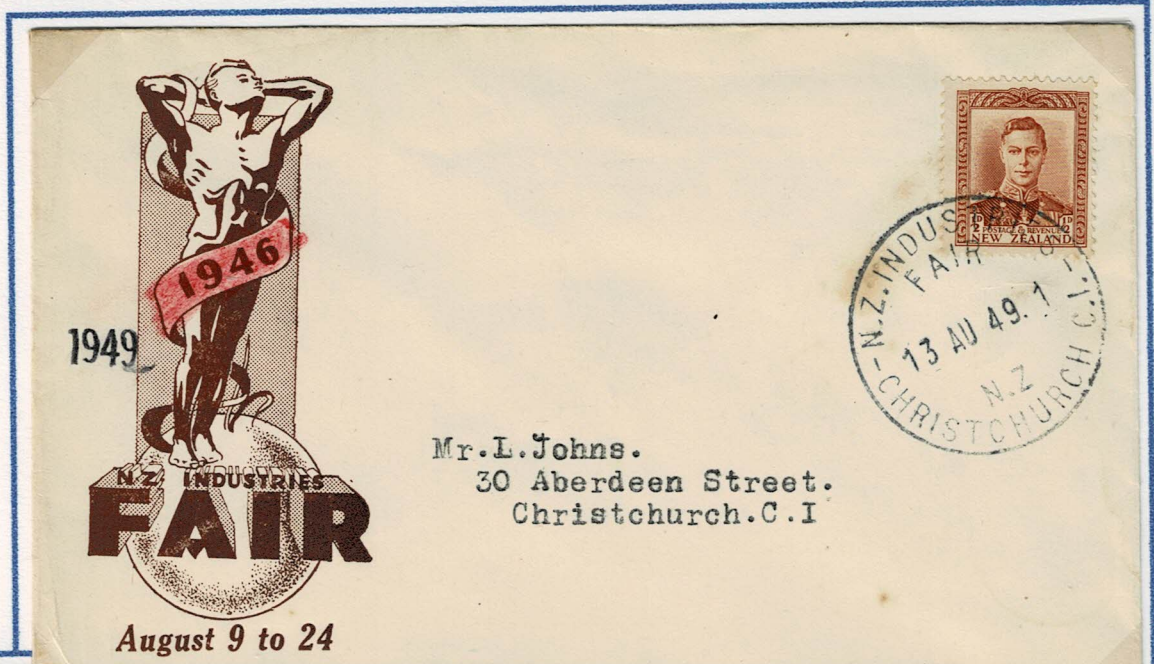
Registered [No.2] **First Day 5 AU 49** with handstruck marking in purple. 2d postage 4d registration



13 AU 49

1946 Cachet Cover  
with year negated  
and "1949" added

20 AU 49 2  
Last Day  
Cachet Cover with  
date changed



August 9 to 24

Mr. L. Johns.  
30 Aberdeen Street.  
Christchurch. C.I.



Miss M. Muir.  
8 Bunbury Street.  
Broad Bay.  
Dunedin.



Chas. Hitchings.  
P.O. Box 425.  
Christchurch. C.I.

SUPPORT CANPEX - CHRISTCHURCH, 18-25th NOVEMBER, 1950  
CANTERBURY CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL  
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

20 AU 49.2  
Last day

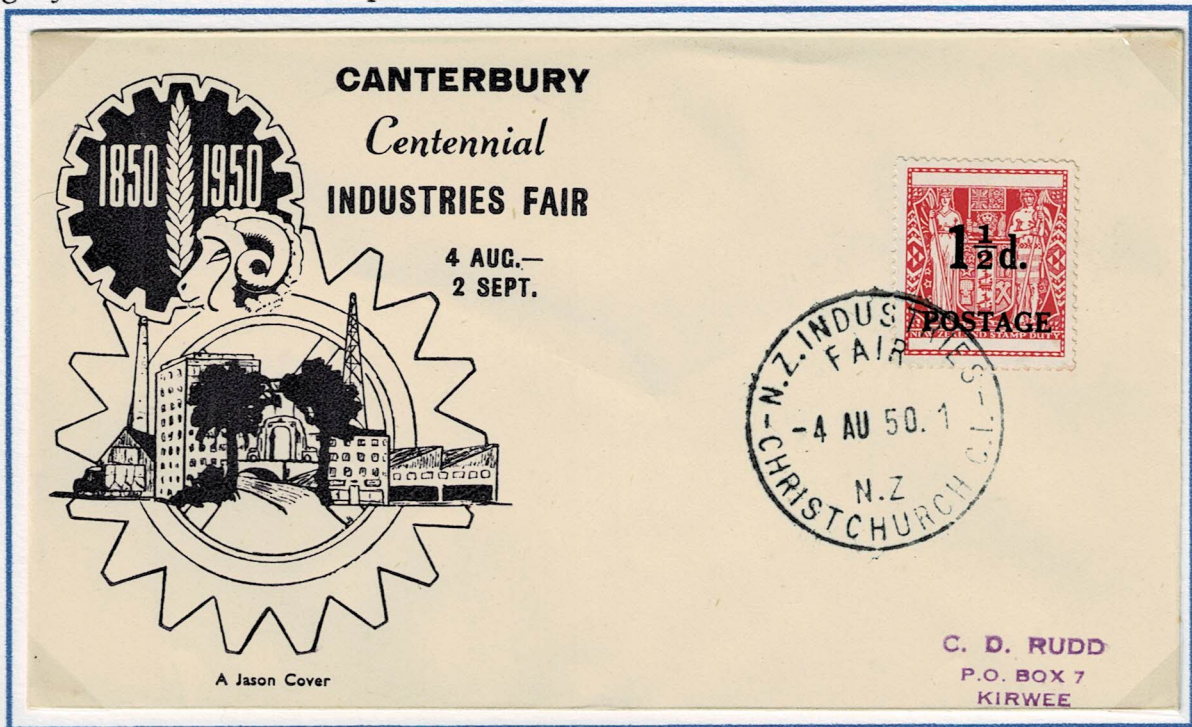
Cachet Cover  
supporting  
CANPEX the  
Canterbury  
Centennial  
International  
Philatelic  
Exhibition



# 1950 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 4 August - 2 September 1950.

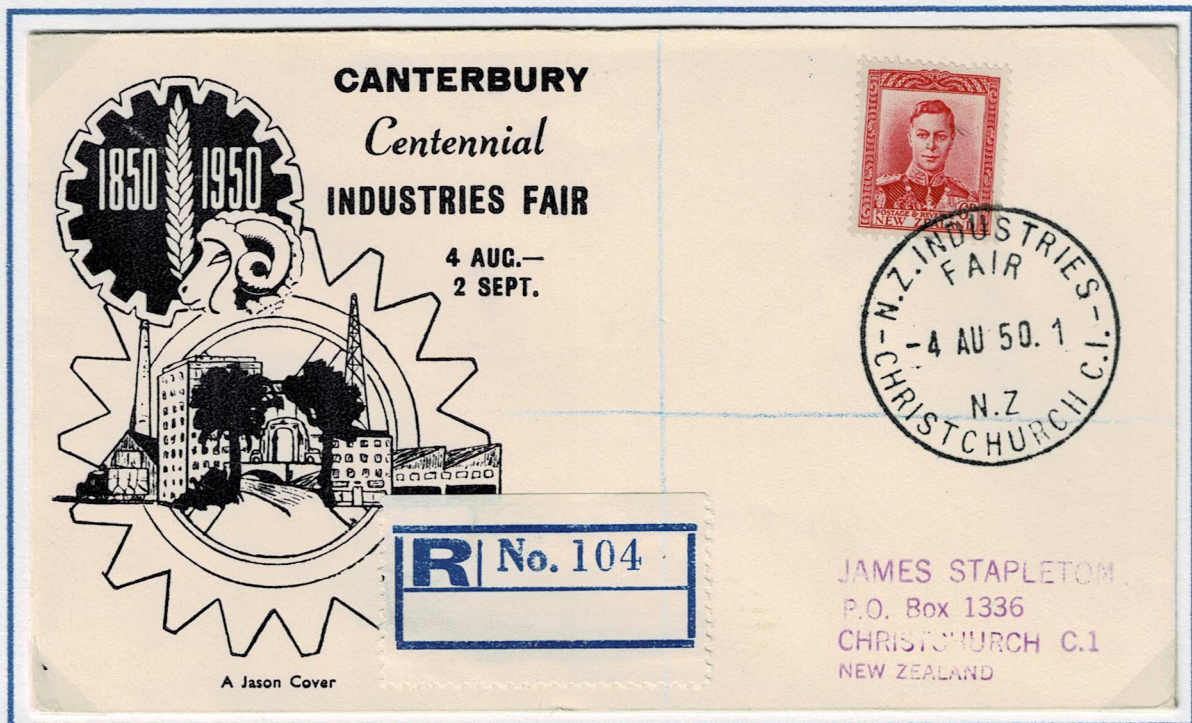
The Canterbury Centennial fair was held in 1950 over 4 weeks from August 2nd 1950. For the period 2 - 14 August the Postmistress was E J Edell of the Riccarton staff and for the remainder of the period, Miss K E Dierek. The usual datestamp was used. No record is known of the number of first day covers or Registered letters mailed at the fair. A feature was the large numbers of "Canterbury Centennial" home saving bank boxes sold at the Fair Post Office.

A new design "Jason" cachet Cover was produced.



4 AU 50 First Day Cachet Cover

4 AU 50 First Day Registered No. 104 - no name included Cachet Cover





**CANTERBURY**  
*Centennial*  
**INDUSTRIES FAIR**

4 AUG.—  
2 SEPT.



A Jason



22 AU 50  
Cachet Cover

17 AU 50  
Cachet Cover

**CANTERBURY**  
*Centennial*  
**INDUSTRIES FAIR**

4 AUG.—  
2 SEPT.



A Jason Cover



*Mr & Mrs Shar,*  
*216, Hayes Rd,*  
*New Brighton.*

*Mrs M. Sullivan*  
*366 Colombo St*  
*Sydenham.*



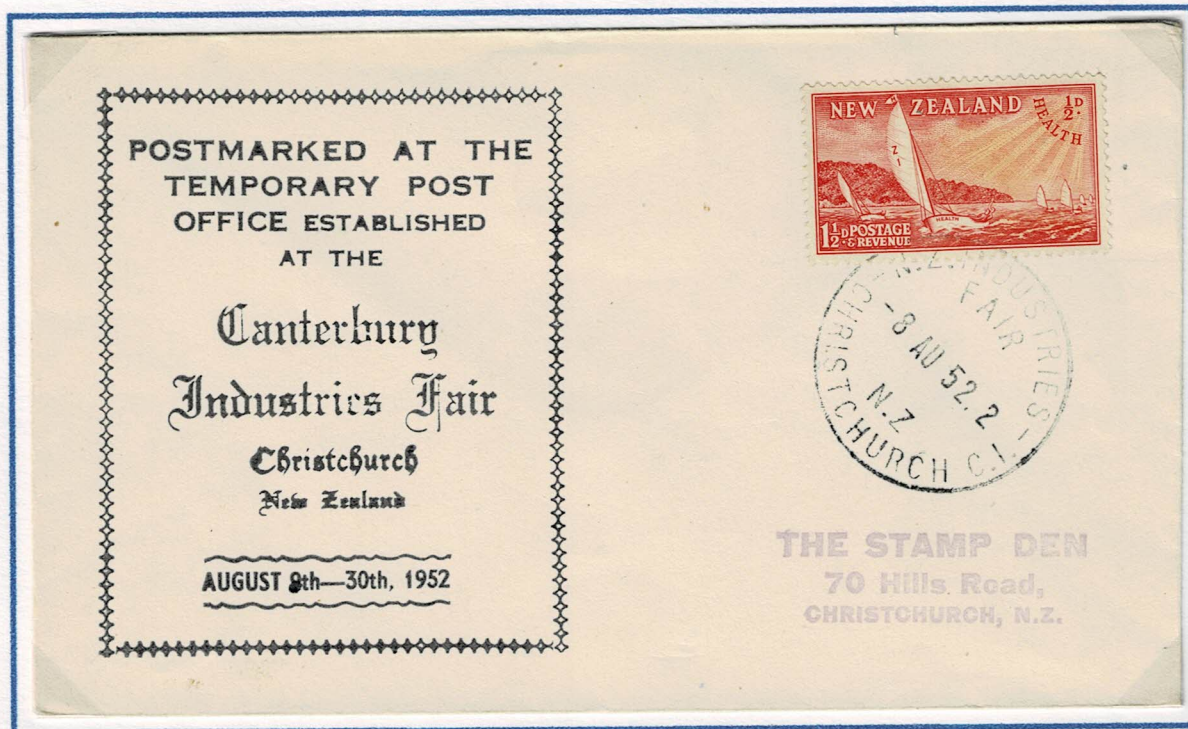
2 SP 50  
Last Day



## 1952 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 8 - 30 August 1952.

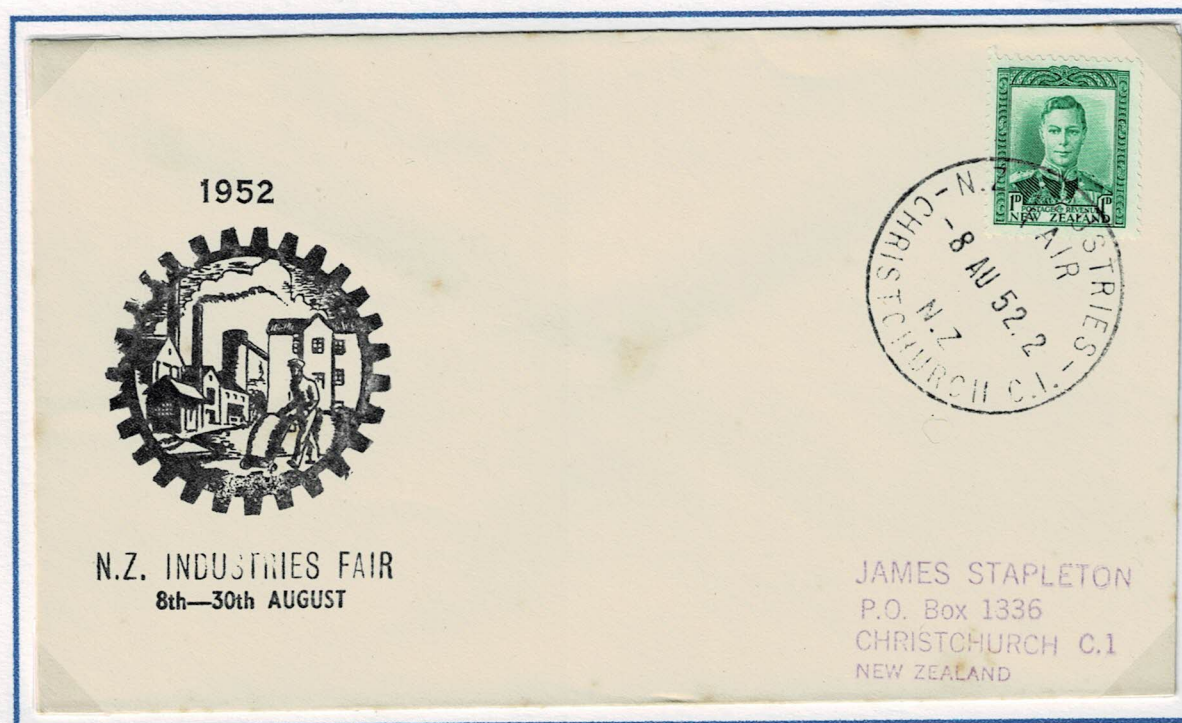
The 1952 Fair again featured a working Post Office and Telephone Office with the added attraction of a display featuring submarine cables. The Postmistress was Miss N R Brimmicombe. No records known on numbers of first day covers or Registered letters.

Two Cachet Covers are known for the 1952 Fair - no production details included.



8 AU 52 First Day Cachet Cover - Stamp Den Christchurch

8 AU 52 Cachet Cover





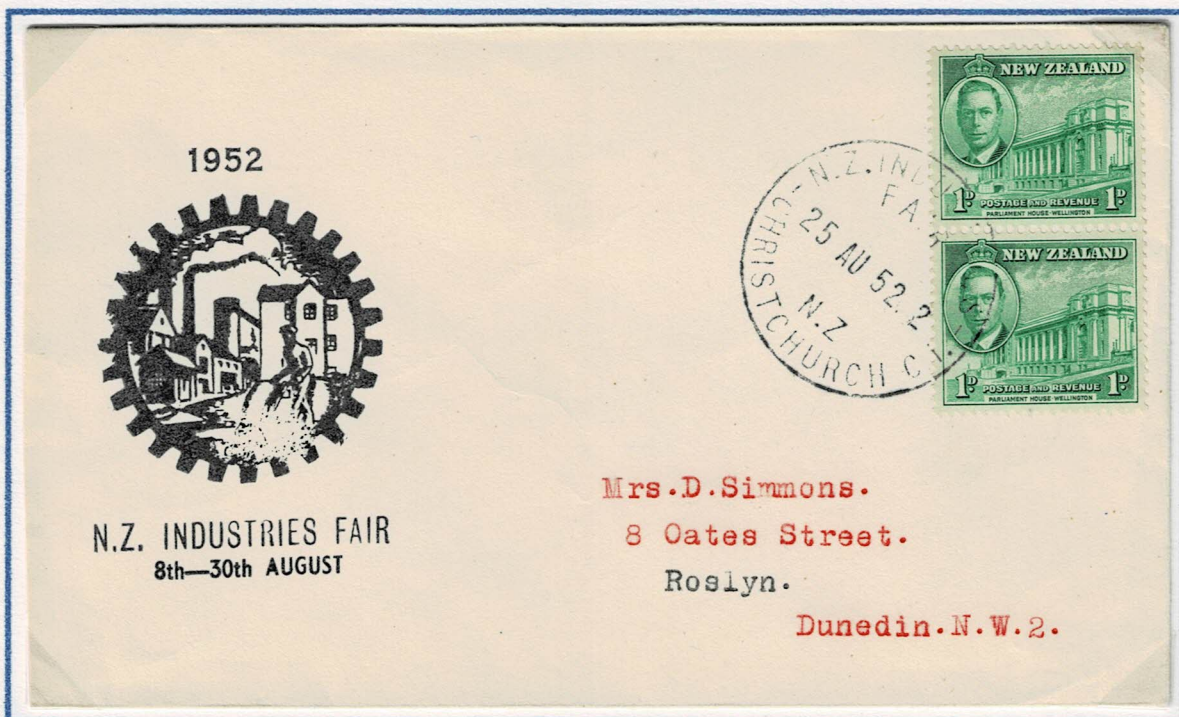
These two Cachet Covers have been arranged through the "Cover Collectors' Circuit P.O. Box 425 Christchurch C.1." It is probable that the cachet itself was produced by the Circuit organiser.

The design is a poor copy of one of the Cog Wheels on the 1948 cachet Cover which was "A Jason Cover"



8 AU 52 First Day Cachet Cover

25 AU 52 Cachet Cover

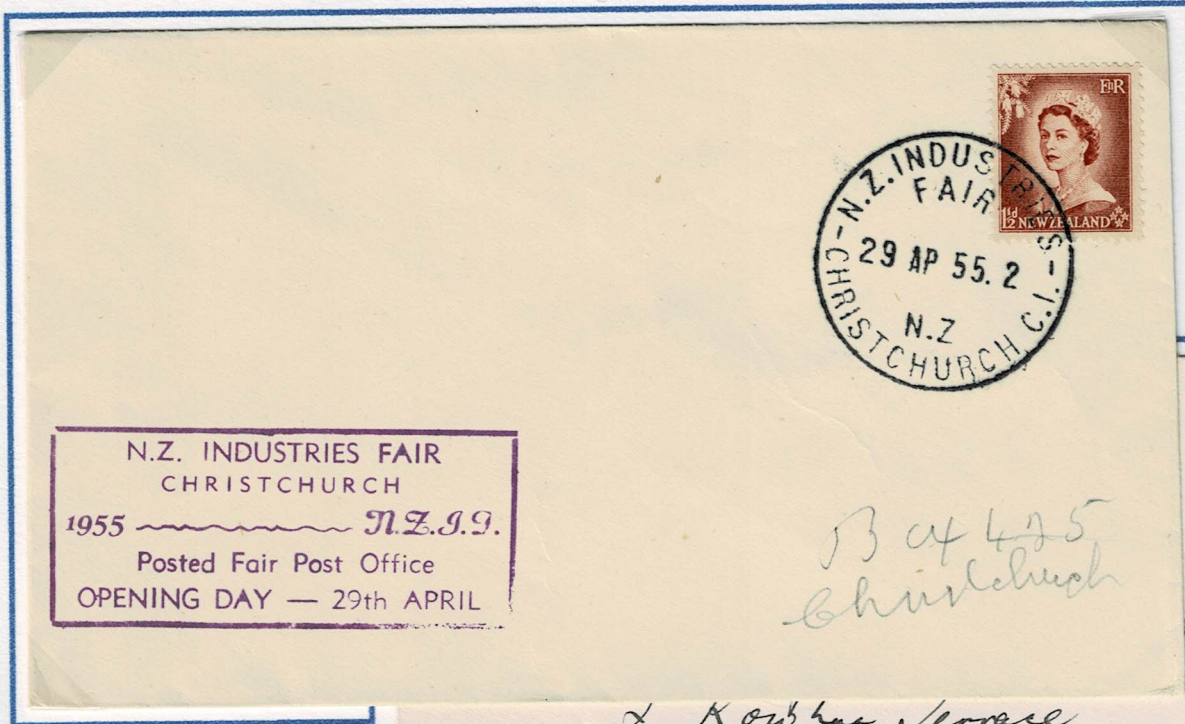




**1955 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 29 April - 19 May 1955.**

The 1955 Industries Fair was set up in a new venue - the Transport Board's building at the corner of Ferry Road and Fitzgerald Avenue. The Post & Telegraph Department again provided a working Post Office but with no telephone exchange or special displays. The postmistress was Miss M H Smith. The same datestamp was used.

No special cachet envelopes were produced just a rubber stamp in purple for **Opening Day 29th April**.



**29 AP 55**  
**First Day Cachet**  
 [Cover Collectors'  
 Circuit]

**30 AP 55**  
 Second day



**6 MY 55**

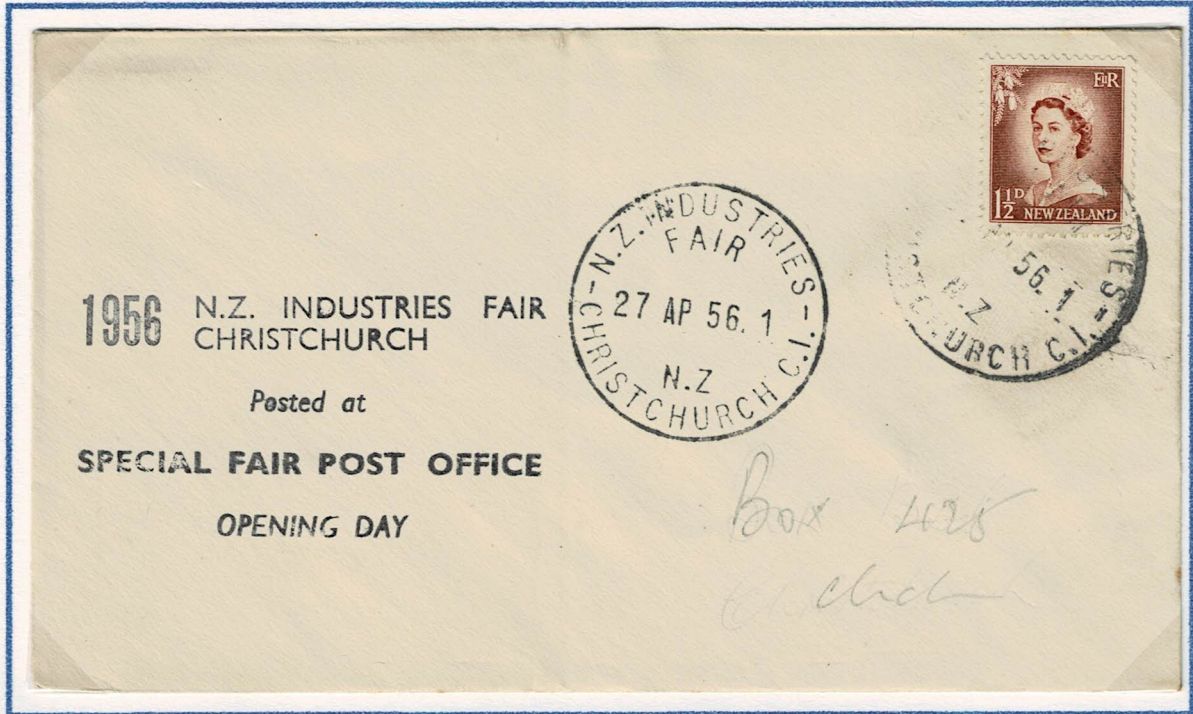




**1956 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 27 April - 19 May 1956.**

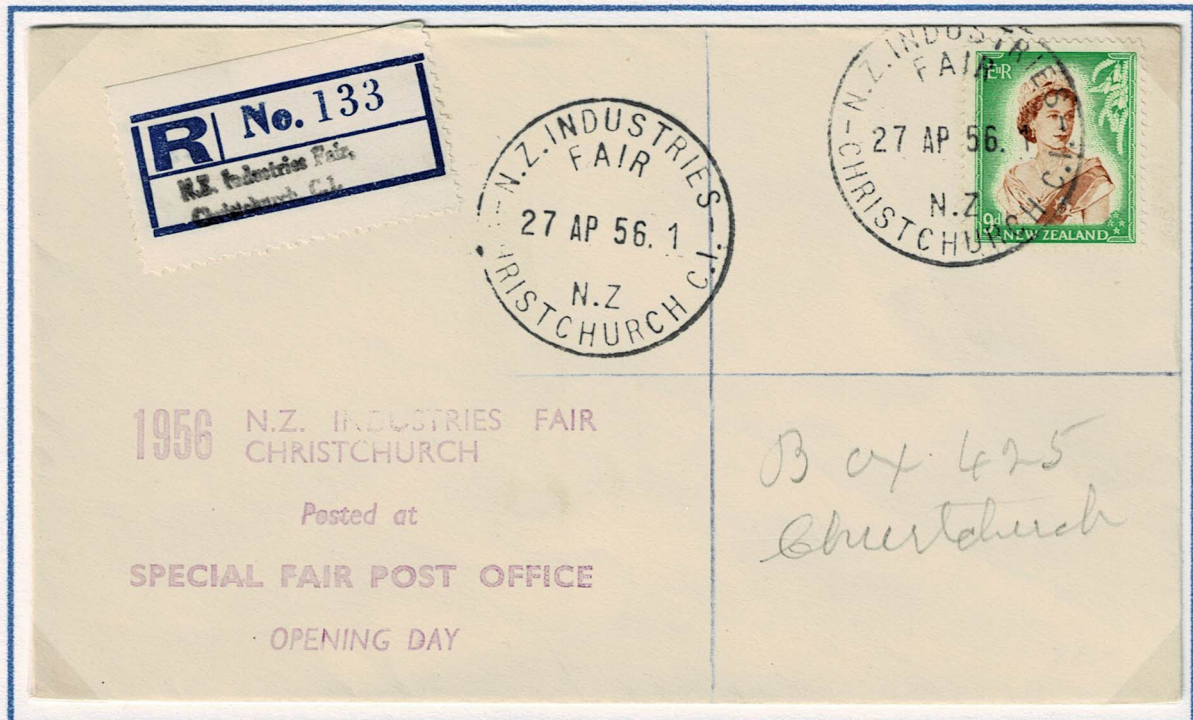
As part of the Government Court at the 1956 Fair, the Post Office was especially constructed by the National Publicity Studios in the Transport Board's building. Miss Smith was again the Postmistress. A rubber stamp was supplied for use on the Registration labels. No record of covers processed.

A cachet, in purple or black was used for Opening Day.



**27 AP 56 First Day with Opening Day cachet**

**27 AP 56 First Day Registered No. 133 with hand stamp details and with Opening Day cachet**

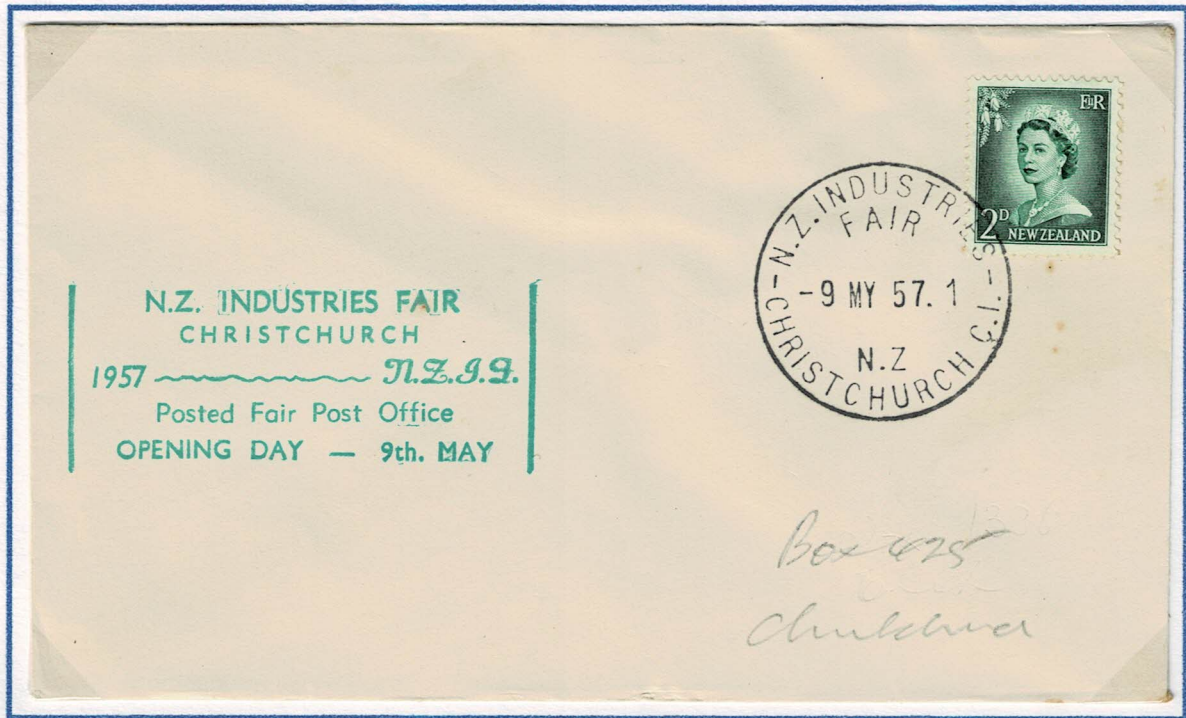




**1957 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 9 - 25 May 1957.**

A working Post Office was provided with the Postmistress Mrs N Nottingham from Post Office Relief Staff. This year was that detailed records were kept of First Day covers. **There were 198 First Day Covers including 33 Registered plus 474 on 14th May the first day of issue covers for the Truby King 50th Anniversary Plunket stamp.**

A hand stamped cachet in green is known for Opening day 9th May



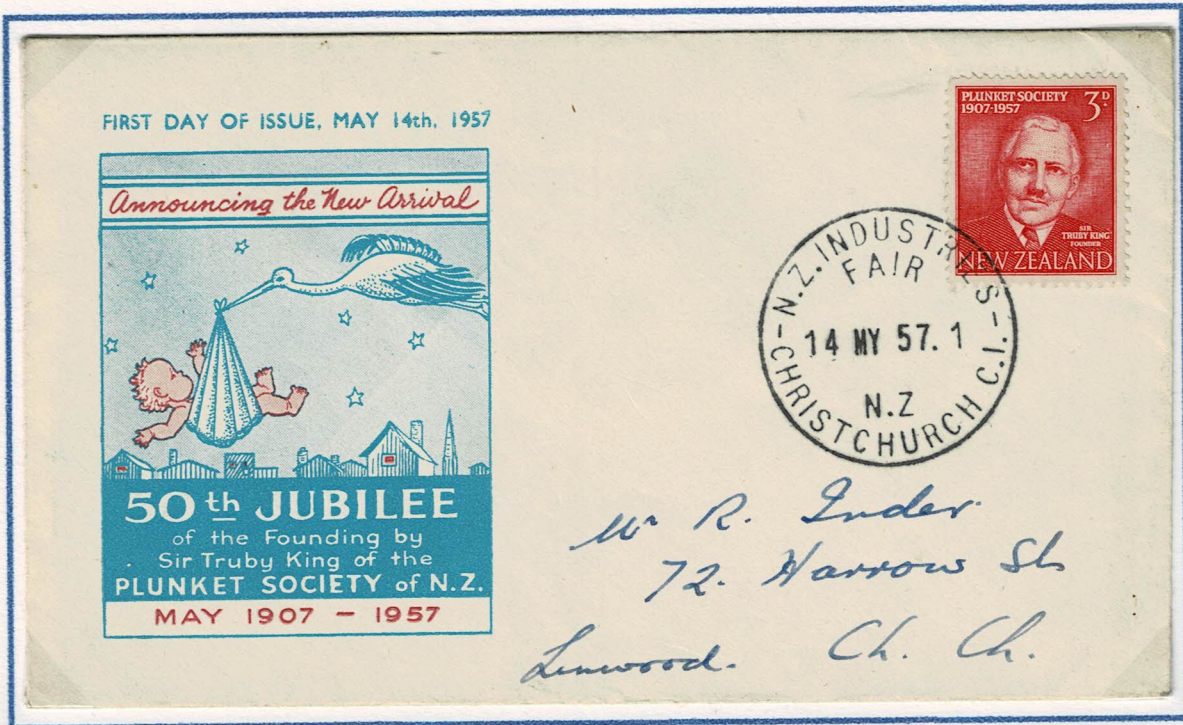
**9 MY 57 First Day with cachet**

**9 MY 57 First day Registered No. 62 with hand stamp in purple**



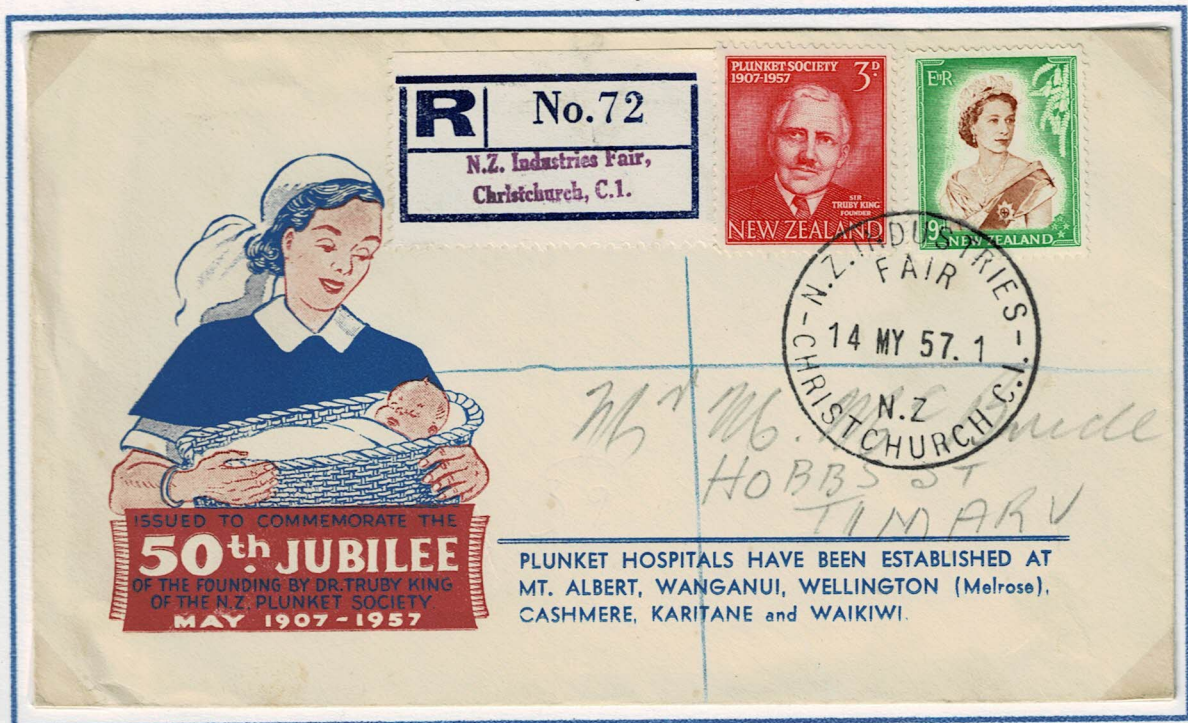


A stamp was issued for the **50th Anniversary** of the Founding by Sir Truby King of the **Plunket Society** of New Zealand May 1907 - 1957. The 3d value featured Truby King and was released on **14 May 1957**. While some 40,000 First Day Covers were processed at Karitane, the birth place of Plunket, just **474** First Day covers were cancelled at the Industries Fair post Office



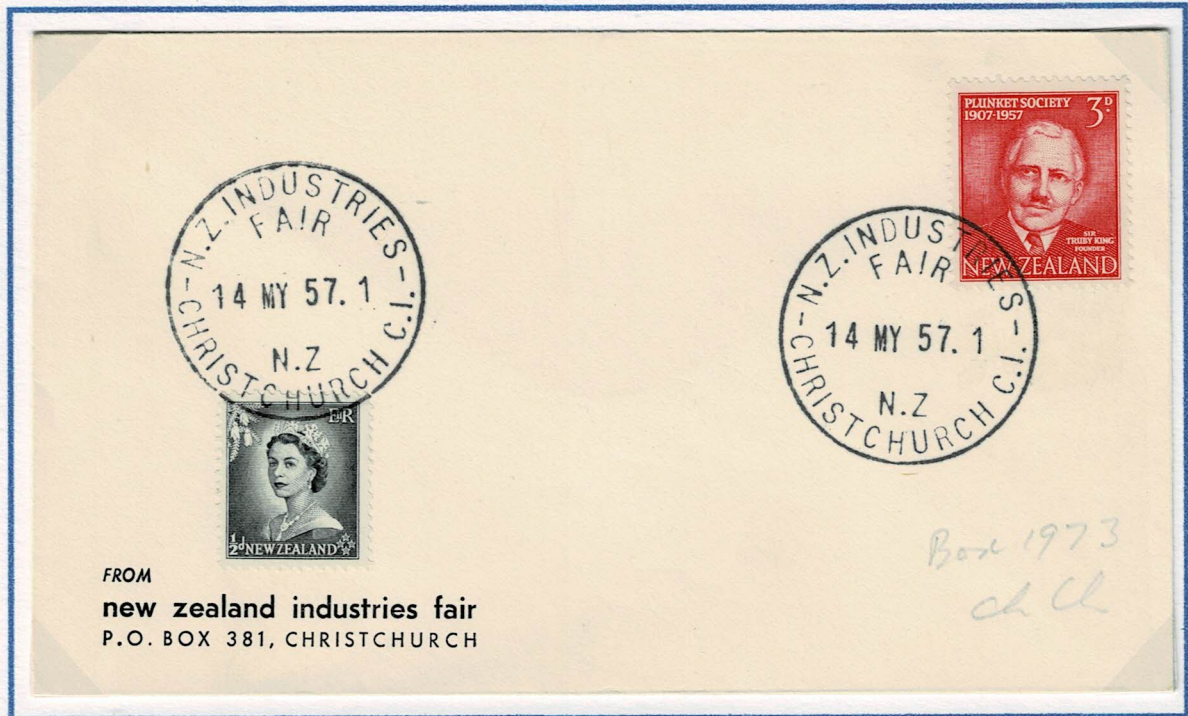
14 MY 57 First Day Plunket Society - Plunket 50th Anniversary Cachet Cover

14 MY 57 First Day Plunket Society Registered No. 72 with hand stamped details - Plunket 50th Anniversary Cachet Cover

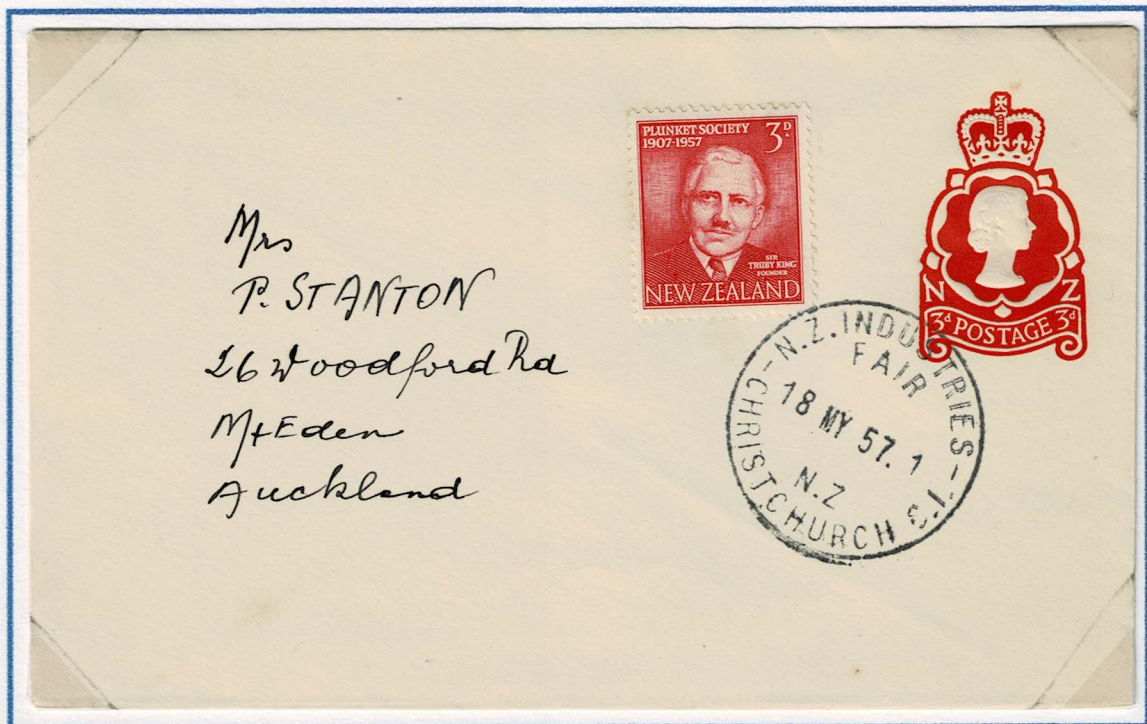


PLUNKET HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT MT. ALBERT, WANGANUI, WELLINGTON (Melrose), CASHMERE, KARITANE and WAIKIWI.





14 MY 57. First Day 50th Anniversary Plunket Society  
 Envelope "new zealand industries fair P O Box 381, Christchurch"



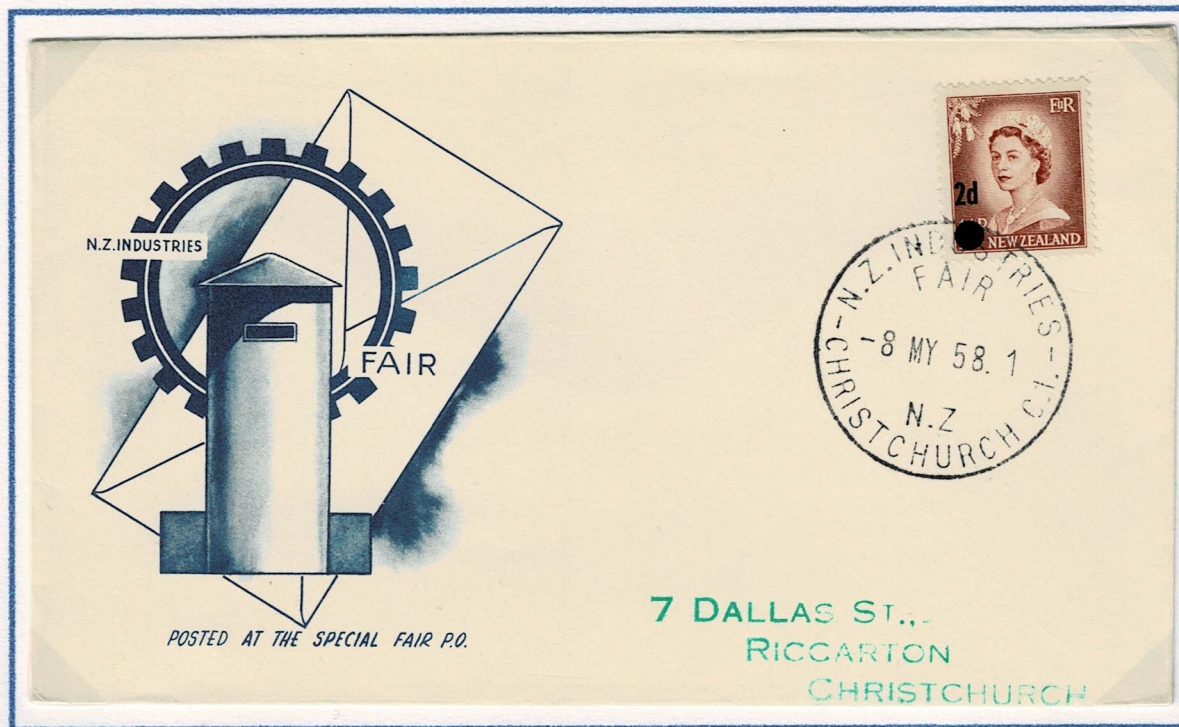
18 MY 57



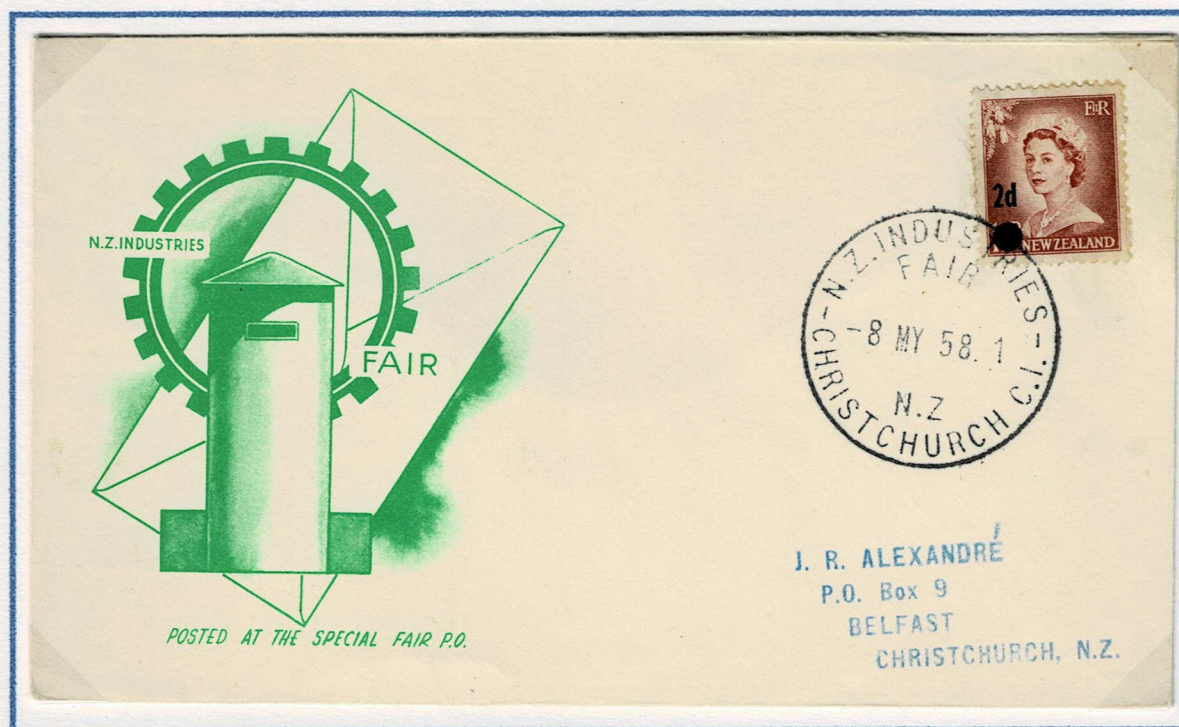
# 1958 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 8 - 24 May 1958.

Mrs Nottingham was again Postmistress at the Fair Post Office. 452 First Day Covers were processed. No detail on Registered letters. The same datestamp was used.

Special Cachet Covers were produced in three colours, red, dark blue and green, featuring a cog wheel, letter and posting box "Posted at the Special Fair P.O." No production details included.



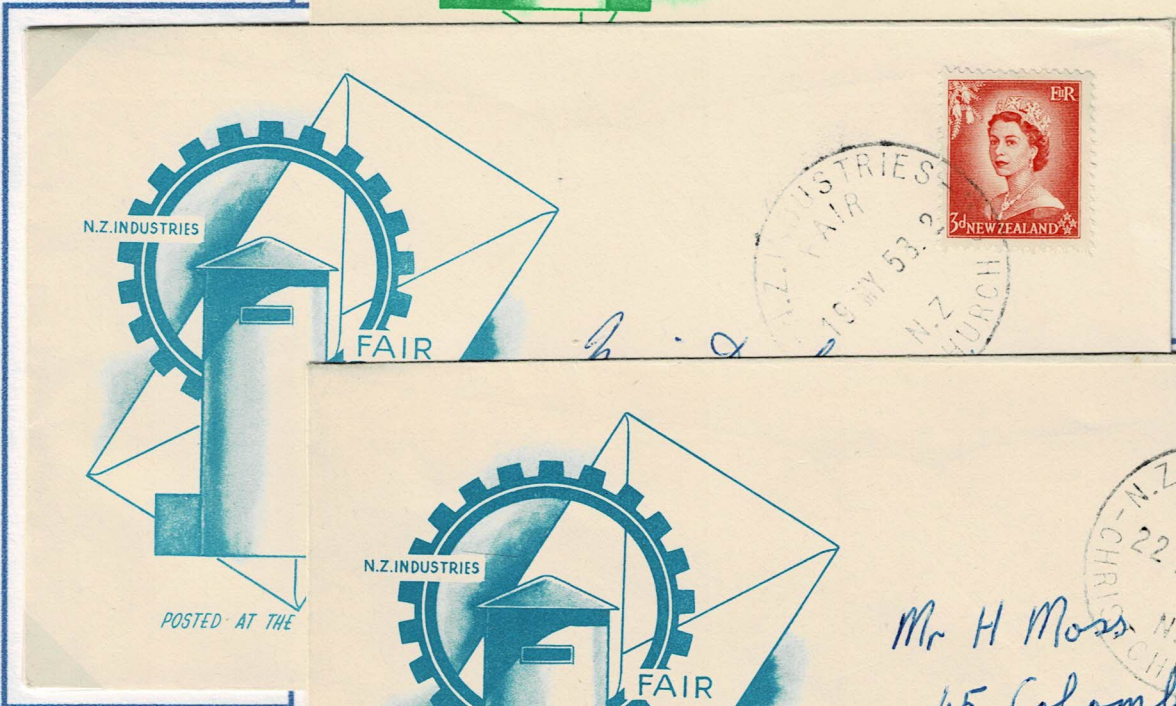
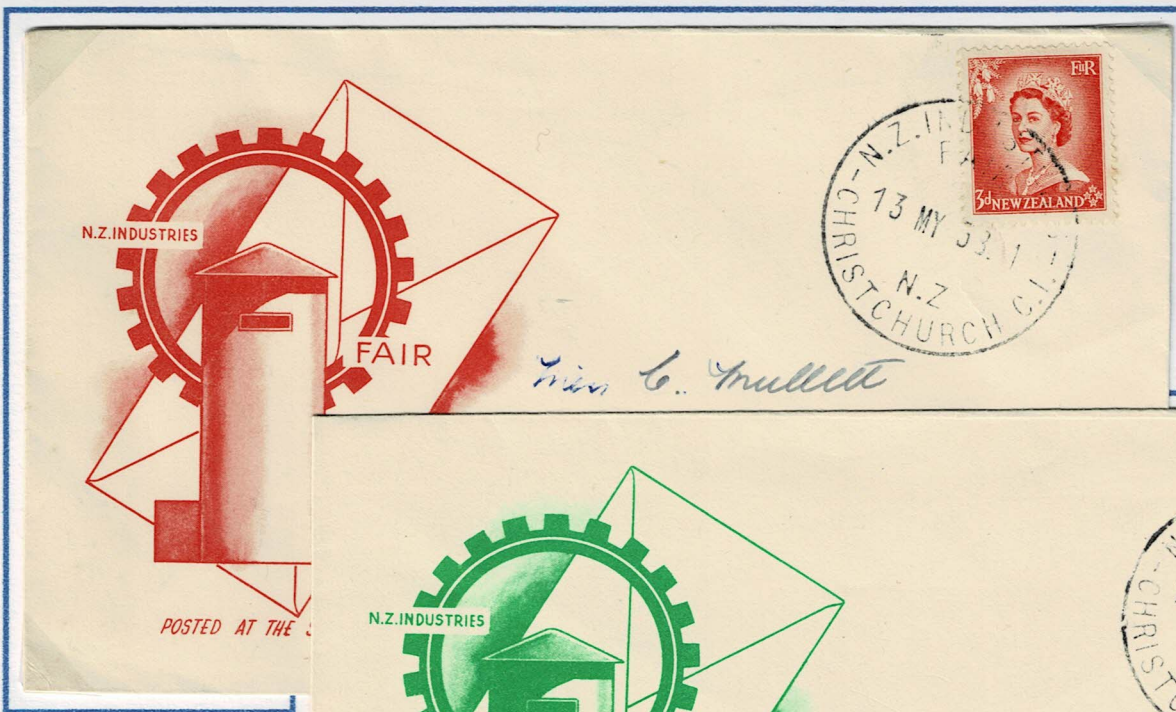
8 MY 58 First Day Cachet Covers - dark blue; green





Cachet Covers

- 13 MY 58;
- 15 MY 58;
- 19 MY 58;
- 22 MY 58

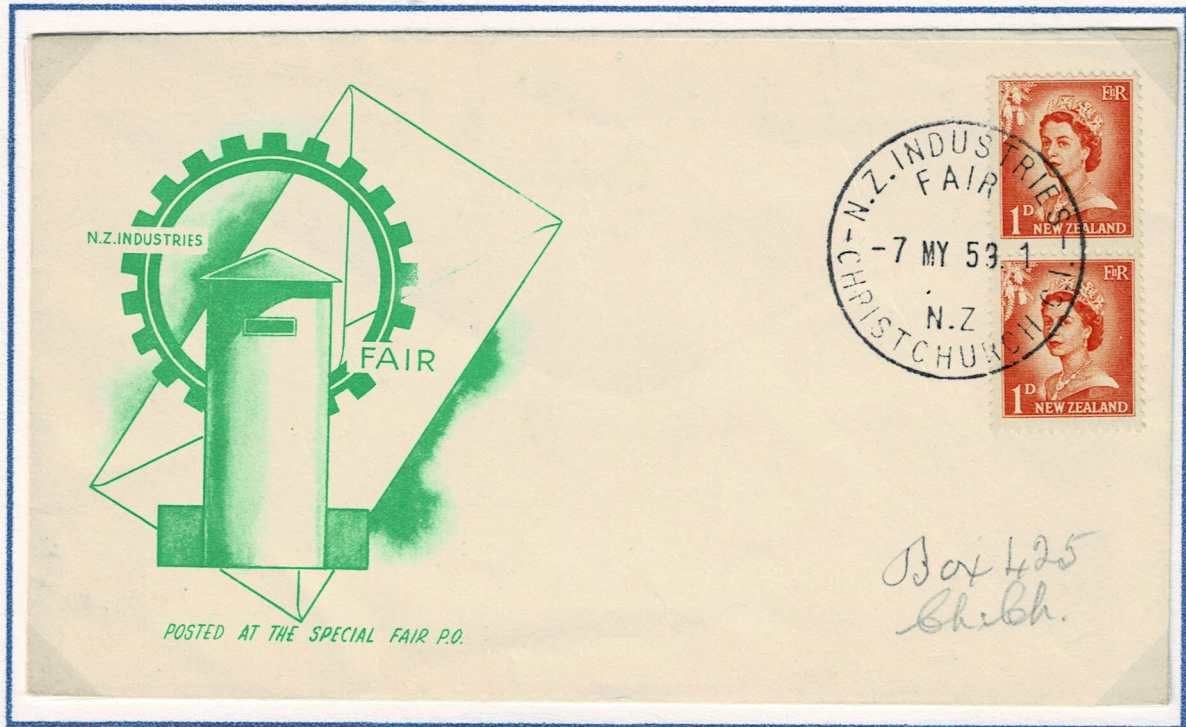




**1959 N.Z. INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 7 - 23 May 1959.**

A working Post Office was with Miss J J Mckenroy of Post Office Relief Staff in charge May 7-13 with M M O'Neill of the Fendalton office for the remainder. There were **516 First day Covers** processed.

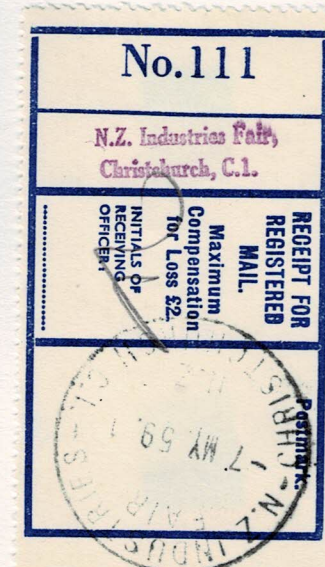
The **Special illustrated Covers**, in three colours, were available.



**7 MY 59 First Day**



**7 MY 59. Registered First Day No. 111 with hand stamped detail in purple**







No.113

N.Z. Industries Fair,  
Christchurch, C.I.

RECEIPT FOR  
REGISTERED  
MAIL.

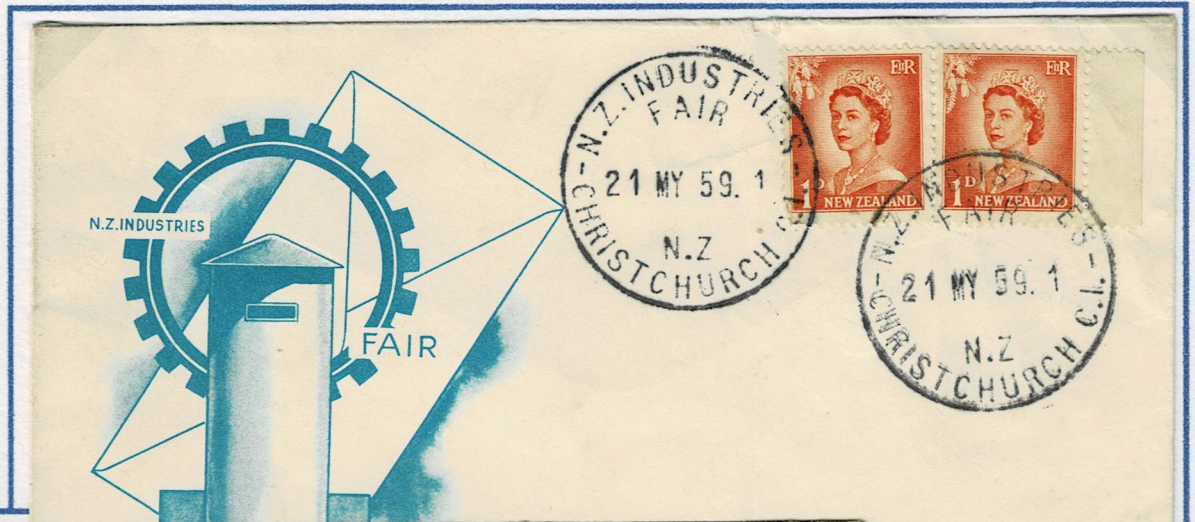
INITIALS OF  
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Compensation  
for Loss \$25

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CHRISTCHURCH C.I.

7 MY 59  
First Day  
Registered No.113



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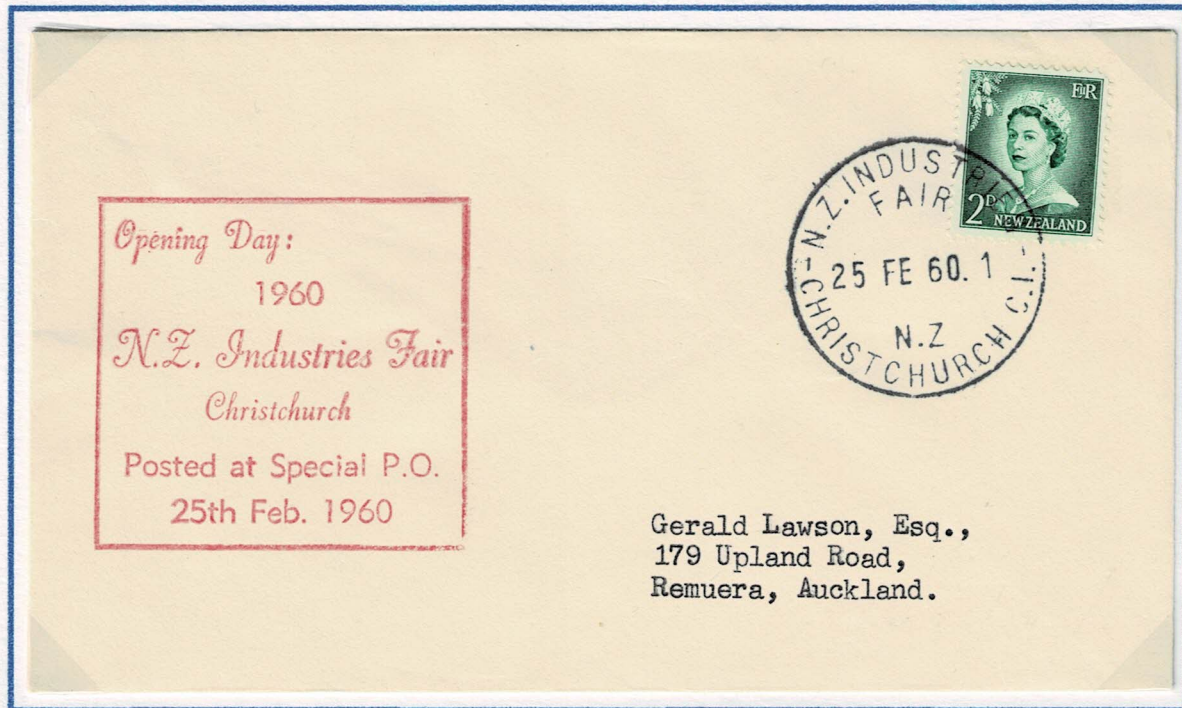
21 MY 59  
Cachet Covers



**1960 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 25 February - 12 March 1960.**

The Postmistress was Miss N R Lavery of the Post Office Relief Staff. The same datestamp was used. No records of numbers of First Day Covers processed.

A red cachet was used for the **Opening Day 25th Feb. 1960**



**25 FE 60 First Day with Opening Day Cachet**



**8 MR 60 on faint  
2d meter**



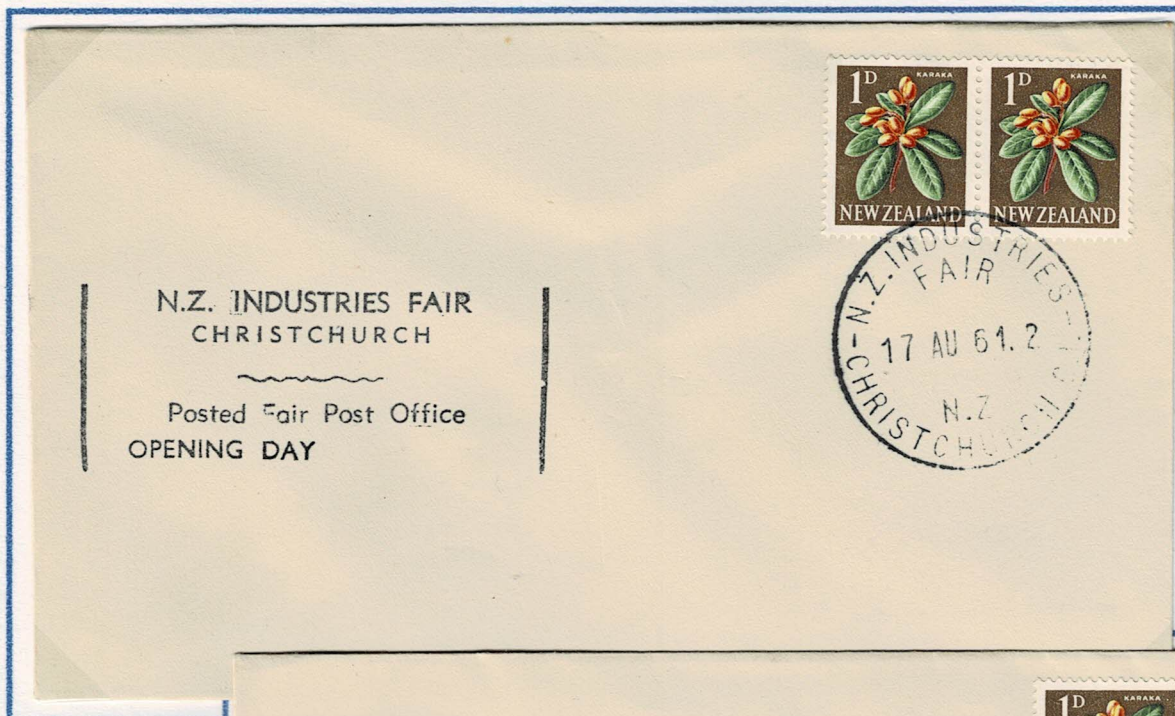
# 1961 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 17 August - 2 September 1961.

The 1961 Industries Fair changed its venue to the new "Canterbury Court" building at the A & P Showgrounds at Addington. In addition to the usual Post Office, staffed by Miss B J Rogers [Relief Staff] the Department provided an exhibit entitled "What you get for your 3d stamp." It included showings of films "The Story of a Letter" at frequent intervals. Also shown was a display of coloured telephones. The Postal exhibit was staffed by three officers from the Chief Post Office mailroom, Messrs C B Orr, T Brown and W A Booth.

No details of the amount of mail processed is available. The same datestamp continued in use.

A cachet, modified from the one introduced in 1955 and modified for 1957, was used for Opening Day.

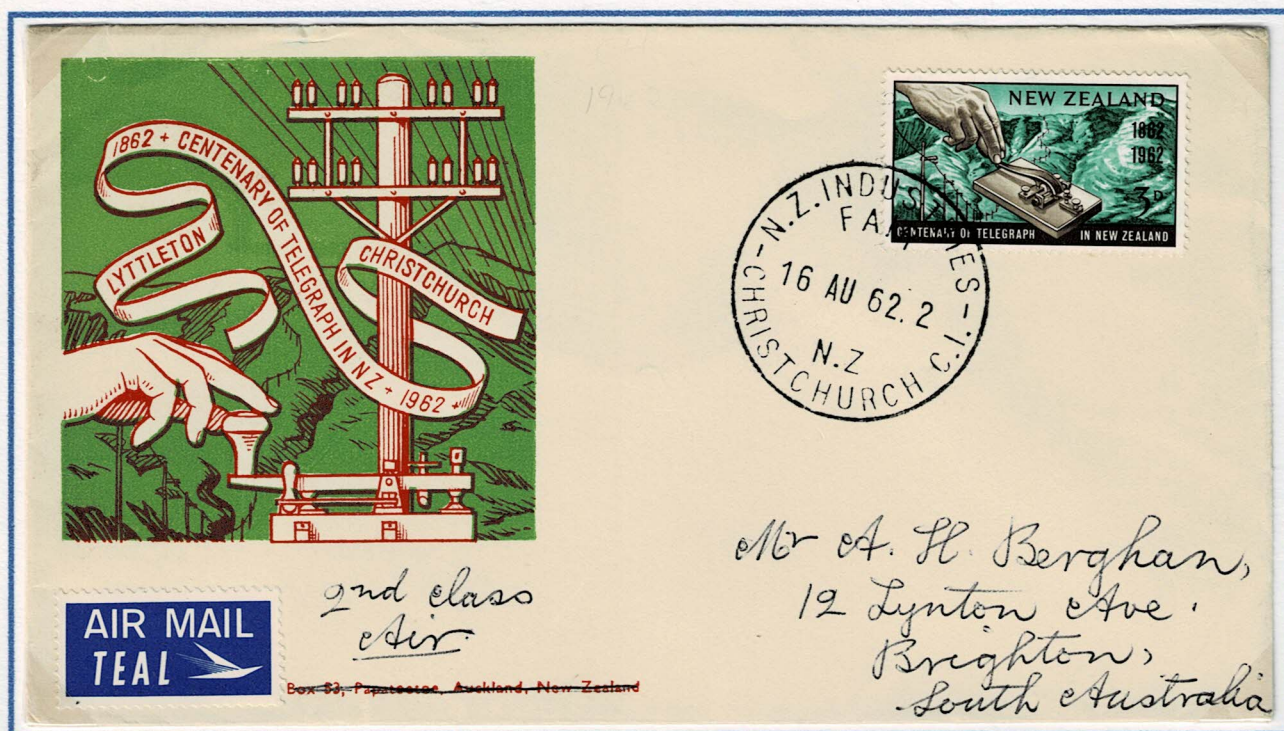
## 17 AU 61 First day with Opening Day cachet





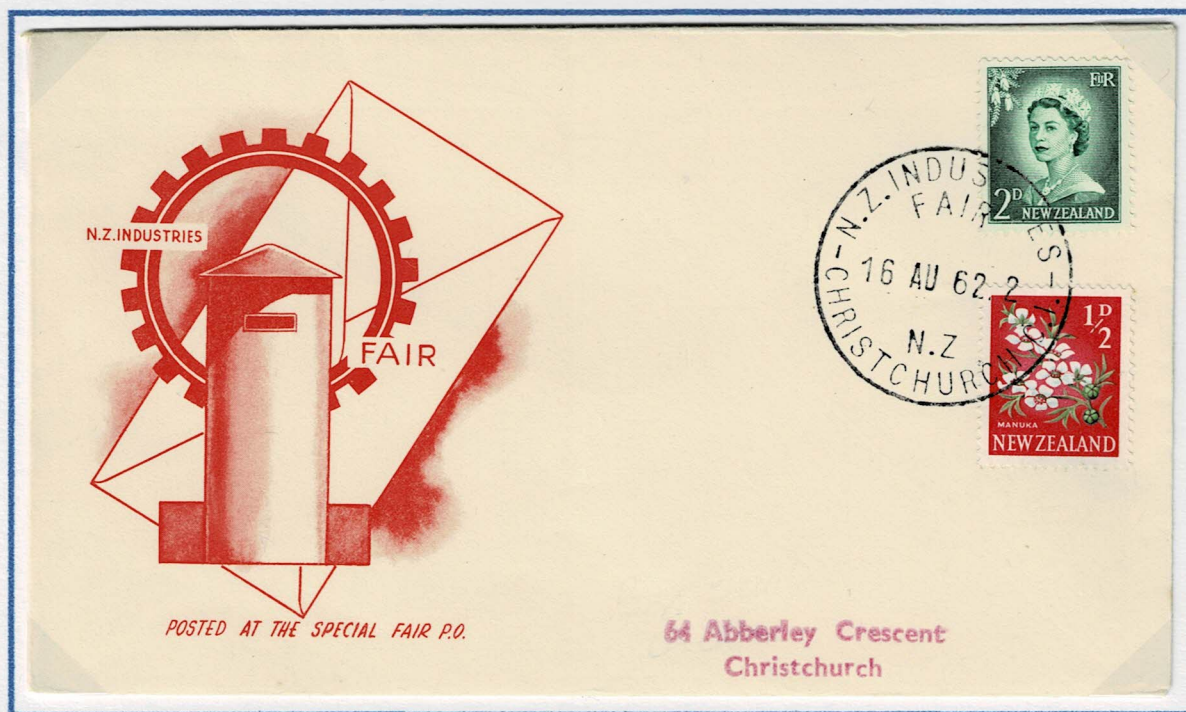
**1962 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 16 August - 1 September.**

In addition to the working Post Office controlled by Mrs H F Holt, casual postmistress, the Department also staged a comprehensive exhibit featuring the International Telex Service and the recently complete "COMPAC Cable." The exhibit was extremely popular and among those inspecting it was the King of Thailand. No numbers recorded.



*Mr A. H. Bergham,  
12 Lynton Ave.  
Brighton,  
South Australia*

**16 AU 62 First Day.** 3d Telegraph stamp [issued June 1st 1962] meeting the second class airmail rate to Australia



**64 Abberley Crescent  
Christchurch**

**16 AU 62. First Day on Cachet Cover** [first used 1958 Fair]





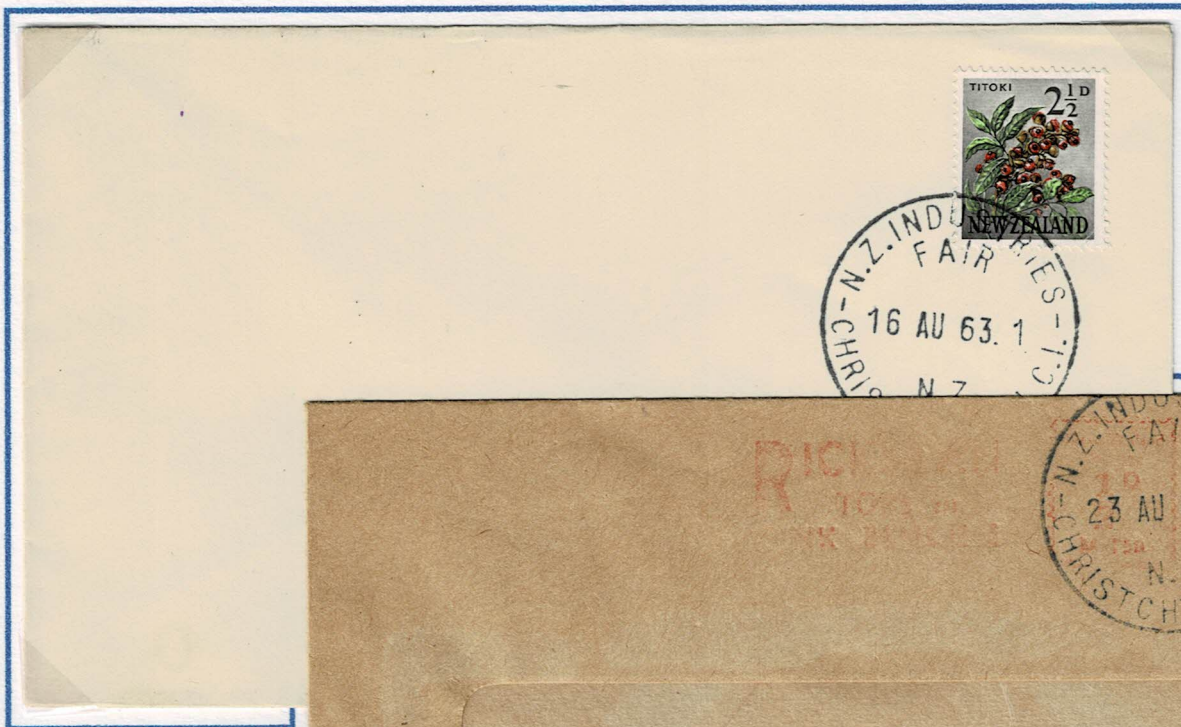
16 AU 62 First Day Registered No. 15 with manuscript details "NZ INDUSTRIES FAIR"



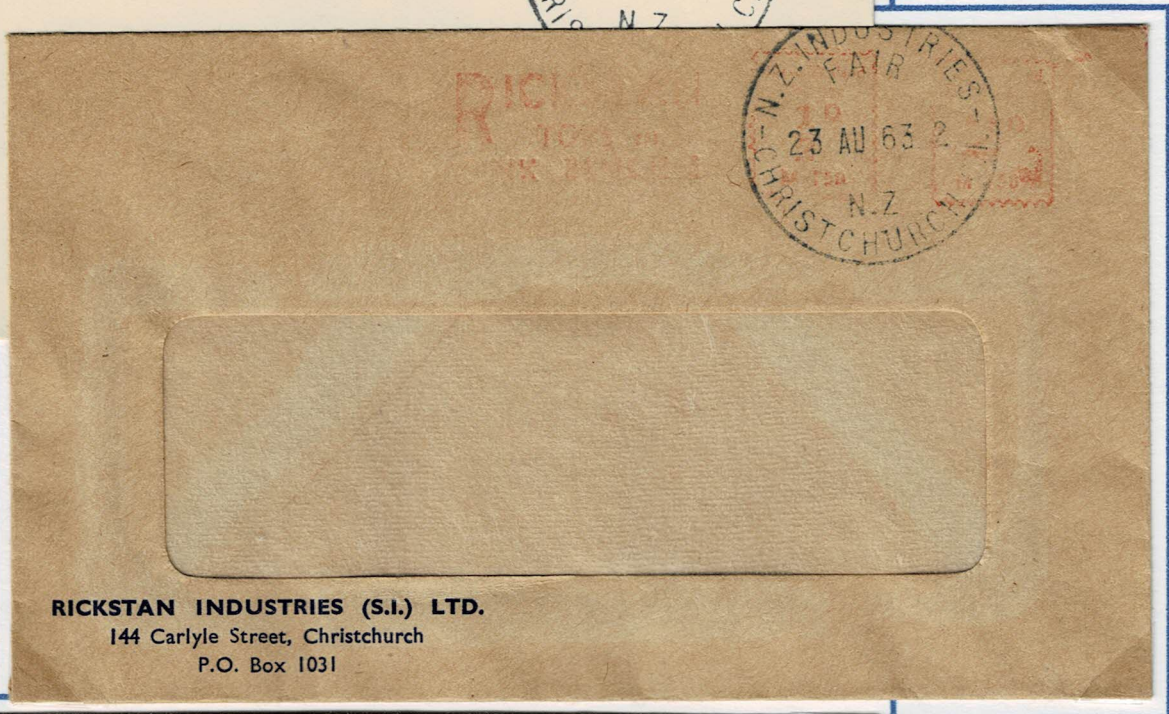


**1963 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 16 - 31 August 1963.**

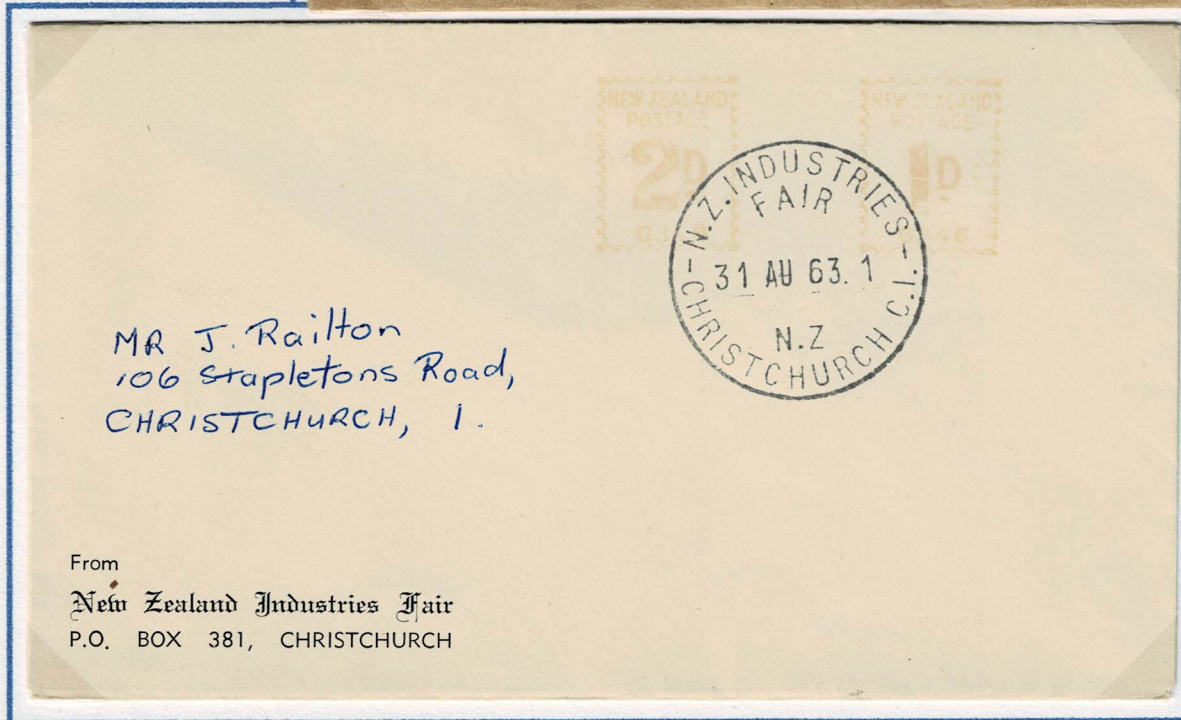
Mrs Holt was again the postmistress at the Fair Post Office. The accompanying exhibit consisted of historical Telegraph equipment. Mrs Holt processed only **169 First Day Covers**.



**16 AU 63  
First Day**



**23 AU 63**  
on Metered cover  
from **Rickstan  
Industries** one of  
the Exhibitors -  
sent their monthly  
accounts at Fair PO



**31 AU 63  
Last Day**

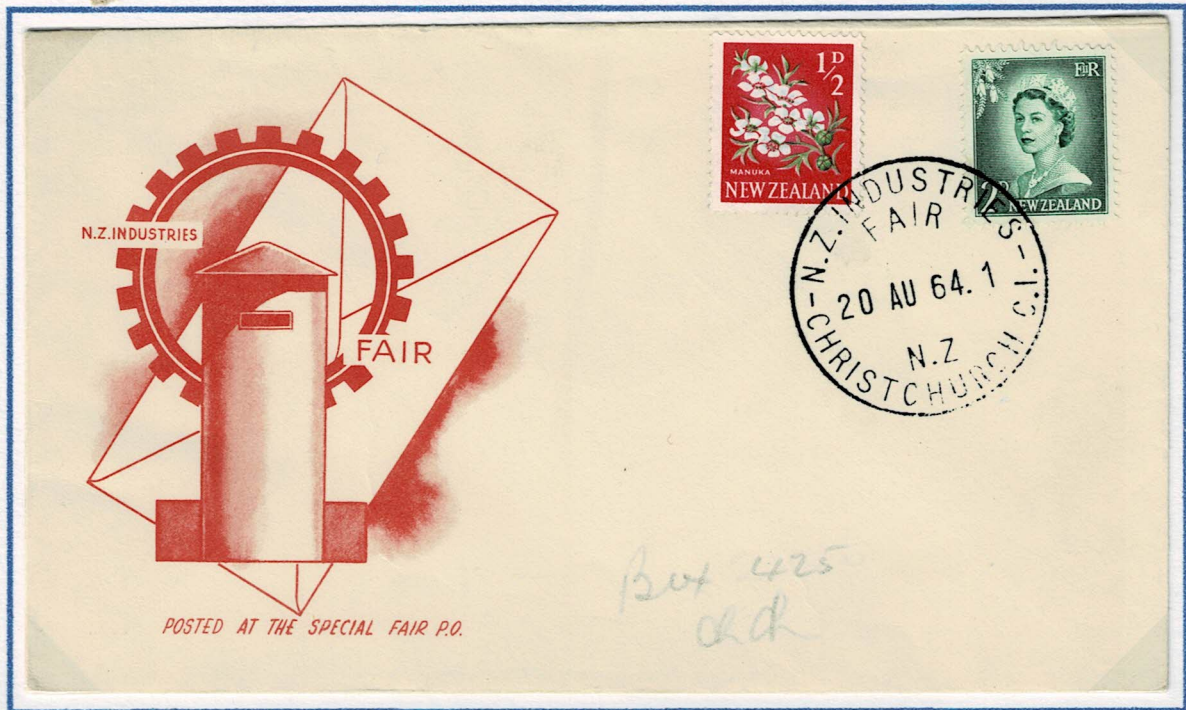
Metered cover on  
**New Zealand  
Industries Fair**  
envelope

From  
New Zealand Industries Fair  
P.O. BOX 381, CHRISTCHURCH



# 1964 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 20 August - 5 September.

This Fair is described as "National Food fair." The post Office was opened with Mr D G Barr of the Relief Staff as Postmaster. The Department's exhibit of historical telegraph equipment and a working automatic telephone exchange was staffed by five members of the Regional Engineer's staff. Only 38 First day Covers were processed.



20 AU 64 First Day on Cachet Cover

5 SP 64 Last Day







20 AU 64 First Day Registered No. 20 with manuscript details on label





**1965 N.Z. INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 19 August - 4 September 1965.**

The 1965 fair was open 10am to 10pm and to cover this time 12 hour span it was necessary to appoint two Postmasters. These were Mr J E Winsloe and Mr C J Tansey of the Relief Staff. There was an impressive display featuring the post Office Savings Bank. It was staffed by Savings Organisers drawn from Auckland, Hamilton, Napier and Christchurch. Over 100,000 people visited the Fair.

A **new datestamp** was prepared for the 1965 Fair and used at the 1966 and 1976 Fair Post Offices. 28mm steel datestamp Inscribed **N.Z. INDUSTRIES FAIR / N.Z. / CHRISTCHURCH**



19 AU 65 First Day

27 AU 65



THEN LET US PRAY THAT COME IT MAY . . .  
 AS COME IT WILL FOR A' THAT . . .  
 THAT MAN TO MAN, THE WORLD O'ER,  
 SHALL BRITHERS BE FOR A' THAT!

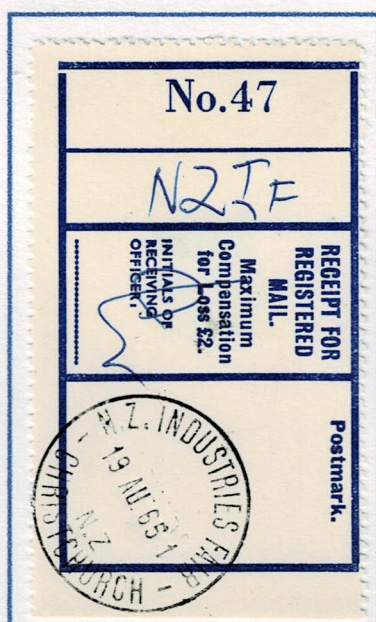
Robert Burns, 1759-1796.

Official 'Dignity' Cover N.P.





19 AU 65 First Day Registered No. 47 with manuscript "N Z I F"





# 1966 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 18 August - 3 September 1966.

The Post Office opened extended hours like the fair and was staffed by two Postmasters, Mr J E Winsloe and Mr P J C Whittaker of the Relief Staff. There were two displays - one of the Post Office Savings Bank and another featuring airmail postage. A comment in the Post Office archives noted that one theme detracted from the other!

A new design Cachet Cover "A Tasman Product" [Laurie Franks Ltd] in purple and green

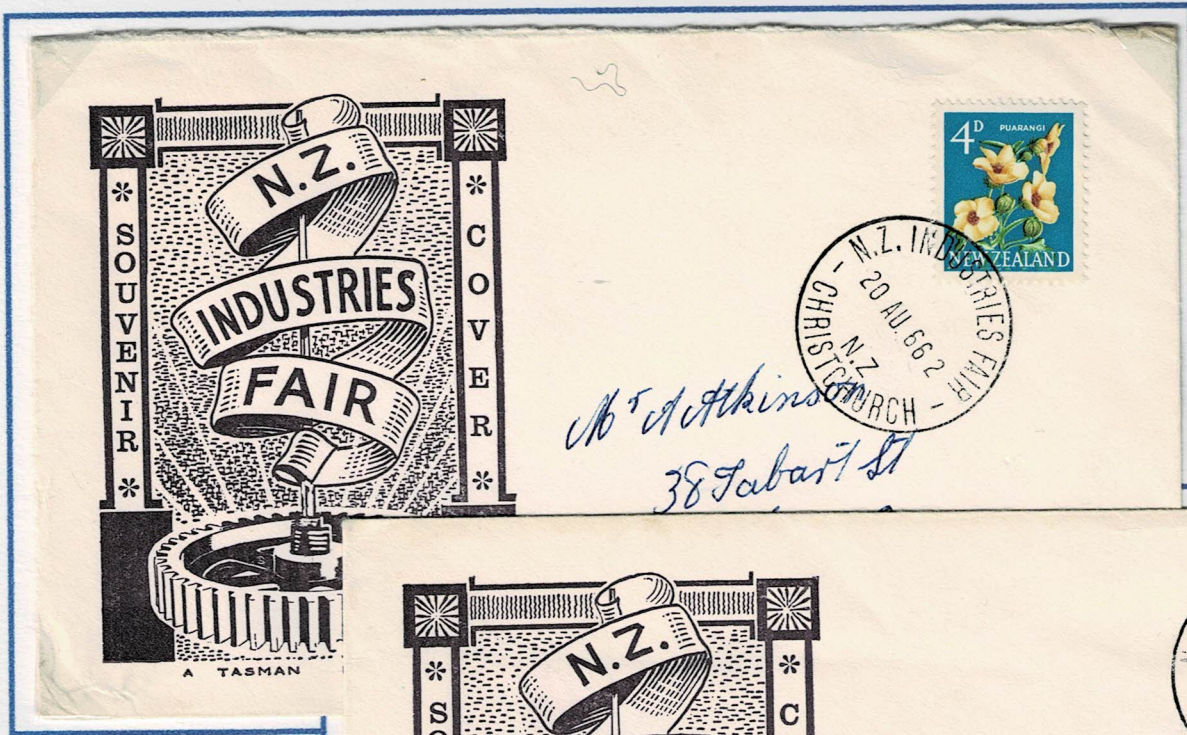


18 AU 66 First Day on Cachet Cover [first used 1958 Fair]

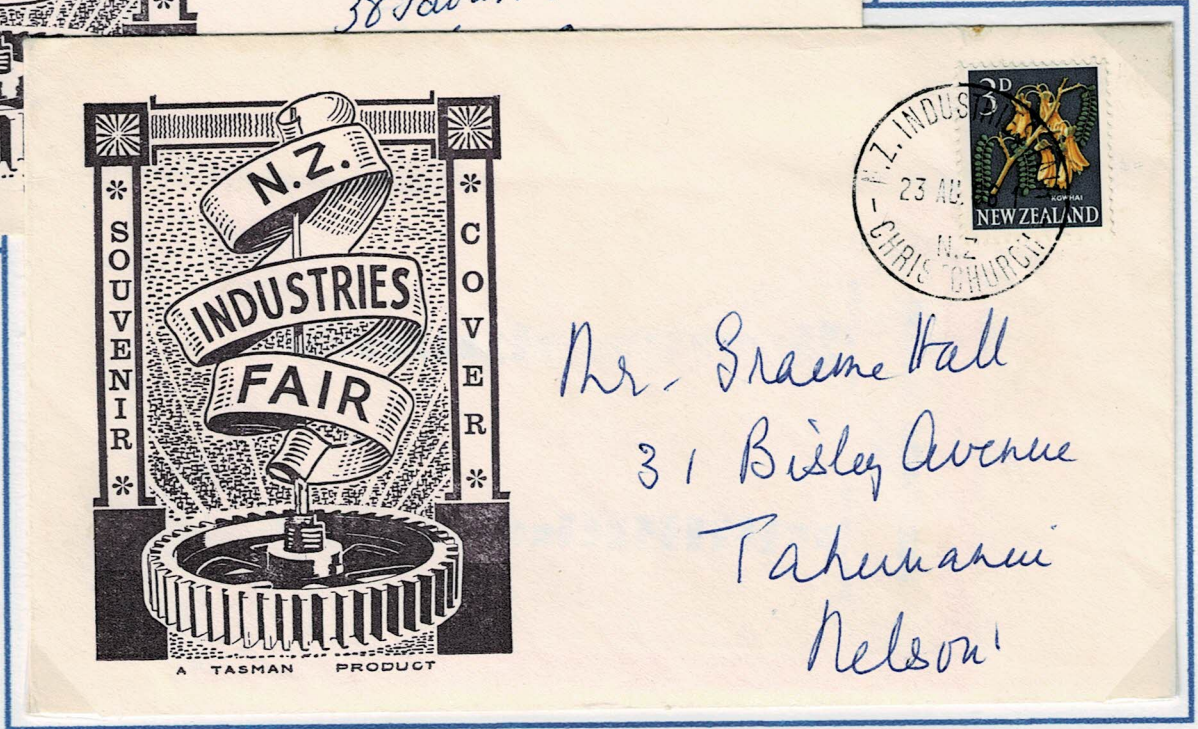
18 AU 66 First Day Registered No. 87 with manuscript details "NZIF"





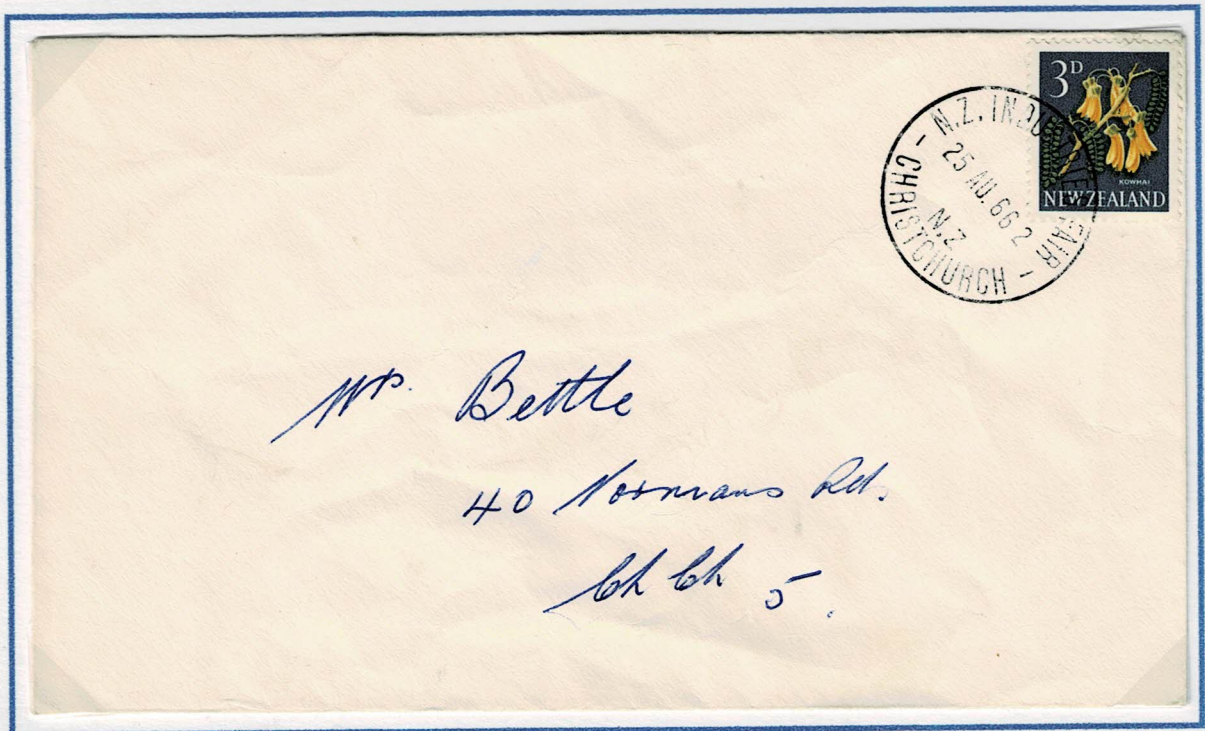


20 AU 66  
Cachet Cover

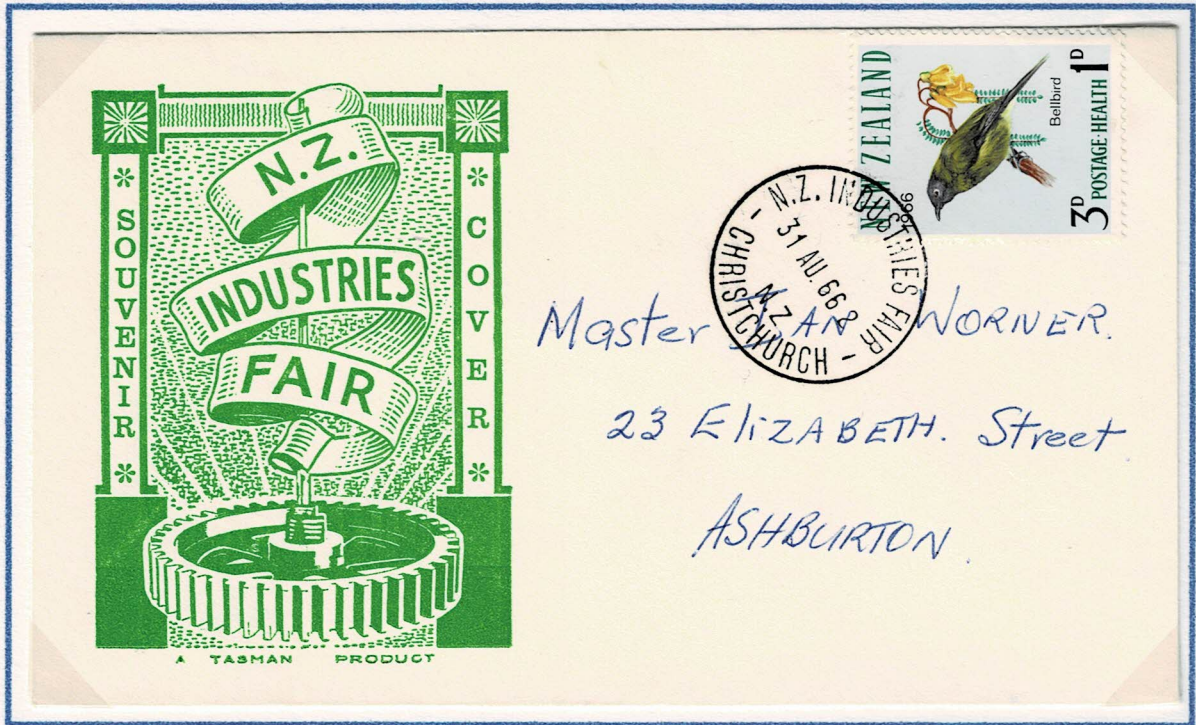


22 AU 66  
Cachet Cover

25 AU 66







Master NORNER.  
23 ELIZABETH. Street  
ASHBURTON

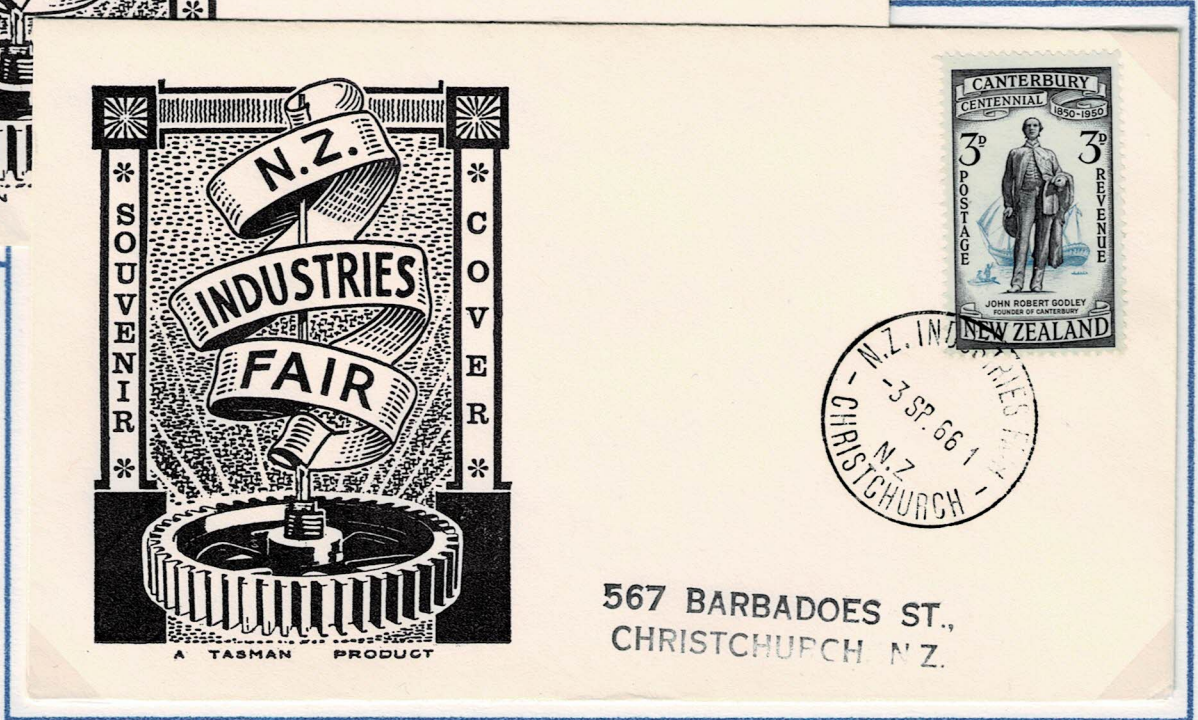
31 AU 66  
Cachet Cover



1 SP 66  
Cachet Cover

Box 164

3 SP 66  
Last Day



567 BARBADOES ST.,  
CHRISTCHURCH N.Z.



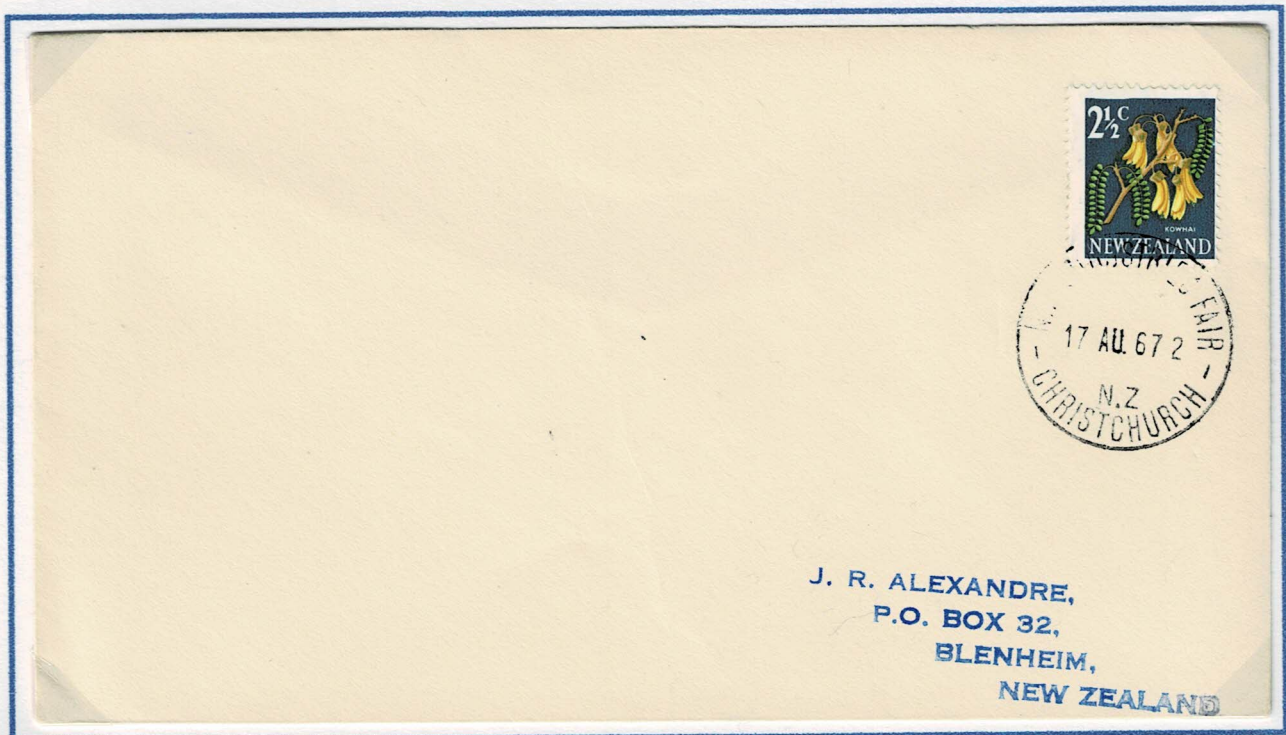
**1967 N.Z INDUSTRIES FAIR, CHRISTCHURCH 17 August - 2 September 1967.**

The 1966 Fair opened extended hours and two Postmasters were appointed to the Post Office. The major display concerned the change to **Decimal Currency - July 10, 1967** - following up the radio and television advertising. It was well attended by groups of school children on school projects. No details of number of covers processed. This was the **last occasion that the Post and Telegraph Department provided a working Post Office at the Fairs.**

Tasman cachet covers were used by Laurie Franks Ltd. - purple and red cachets.



17 AU 67 First Day







17 AU 67 First Day Registered 814





Tasman Cachet Covers addressed to Laurie Franks Ltd. 19 AU 67



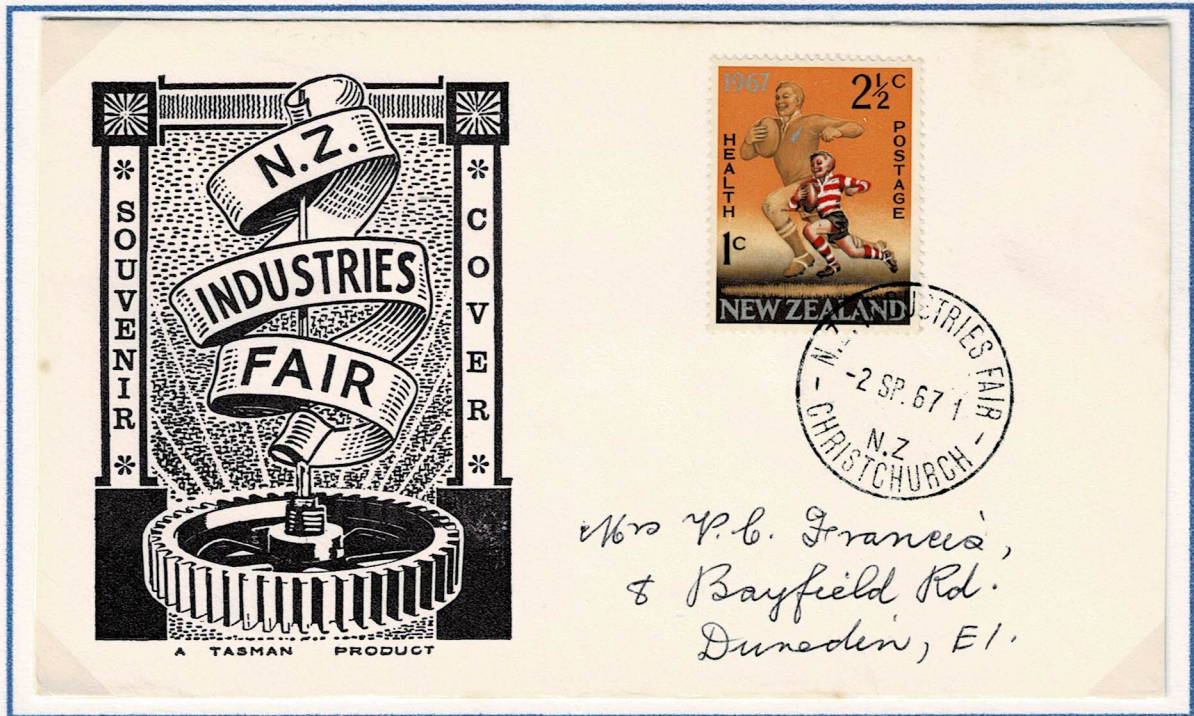
Laurie Franks Ltd  
Private Bag  
Ch'ch



Laurie Franks Ltd  
Private Bag  
Ch'ch



2 SP 67 Last Day Tasman Cachet Covers



A notation in the Post Office Archives confirms the decision not to provide Postal facilities at Fairs in Christchurch. The reasons given were the successful introduction of the Decimal Currency stamps and the declining stamp sales at Fair Post Offices since 1965. The Last Day of 1967 Fair - 2 SP 67 - is the latest possible date. The datestamp was defaced and destroyed.