

EXHIBITIONS

Province of Auckland Un-named Datestamps 1864 - 1877

An exceptional exhibit of this material was exhibited at “Timpex 2009” the National Stamp Exhibition held at Timaru, South Island NZ.

The three frame entry by Gerald Elliott, was awarded a Large Gold Medal with Felicitations of the Jury for Research and also received the CP Ltd. Award for the “Outstanding New Zealand Exhibit.” Judged in the Postal History Class, it is believed that this is a first in NZ for a three frame entry to be awarded a Large Gold Medal.

These un-named datestamps were first suggested by the Post-Master General in his Report dated 4 June 1860, as an economy measure, when Post Offices had a short life, and the datestamps could be reused, rather than have new datestamps made.

Unfortunately all the records of where they were used have now been lost or destroyed. Of the seven known datestamps, the exact location of use is only known for three of them.

Whilst there is some conjecture of the location of use for numbers 3 and 5, the location of use for numbers 6 and 7 are still a mystery.

Can anyone help?