

At one time I used to occupy most of the "Notes" with news of discoveries in the older issues but of late these have, for various reasons, taken a more minor part. As a result they have tended to accumulate and I now have a "back-log" of quite a few. Most topical are two inverted watermarks shown me by Mr. G. J. Sides of Timaru, a collector who already has to his credit and in his collection, an astonishing number of major varieties not known elsewhere.

Mr. Sides' first invert is the current 2d George VI--one used copy. (I can imagine the rush that this information is going to cause). The second, equally surprising, is the 6d Otago. This last must surely be very scarce. Mr. Sides has one used copy only.

The next item is one for which I (modestly) claim the credit. It is a 2½d Second Sideface perf 12½ on the 7mm (W4) paper. Reference to Pim's Catalogue will show that the 2½d Perf 12½ has not previously been found other than on the W5 paper--in which form it is very scarce being catalogued at £10. This latest stamp will have to have a major listing in the Catalogue, where it would fit in as No. 251a and the note below No. 251 should be deleted.

In the same group, Mr. W. Greathead of Wellington showed me a pair of the 1d Second Sideface Perf 12½ (Pim's 250) with advert on the back. This combination also has never before been recorded. In the First Sidefaces, inverted watermarks should be recorded against No's 152 and 160. The owner of the second desires no publicity and it is almost embarrassing for me to mention the first. Likewise with L2 (inverted and reversed) L3 (reversed) and 301 (reversed).

Of almost cosmic status is a copy recently to hand of the 1d Fullface Pim's 108 catalogued at £300. Of this the Handbook states "(The 1d carmine vermilion, N.Z. watermark) has--been recorded with the perforations gauging 12½-- but some writers have expressed a doubt as to whether the perforations--are genuine". By which one understands that, if genuine, this is quite a stamp. I am sure myself that it is genuine but perhaps more of that later.

Lot No.

S108 1d Dominion Variety.

- (a) The issue with Lithographed "watermark" on the front instead of the back. As only two sheets were issued in this form (see Handbook) the stamps are scarce.... Single, perfect mint..... £4
- (b) The same as above but with selvage attached and having the "Broken Globe" flaw. There can be only two copies of this stamp in existence....£10

S109 Dunedin Exhibition Variety.

The well known "error" POSTAGE--a mint single. The stamp has traces of a crease not visible on front. A good buy at two thirds Catalogue..... £3

S110 Modern Varieties used.

A small used set which will give a good start for someone interested in recent issues. 3d Peace, both the tail retouches; 9d Peace, two different examples of good re-entries up the righthand frame; 5d Peace, re-entry in right lower frame; 2d Otago, Major re-entry; 1½d and 8d Centennial, each the varieties catalogued as re-entries. Eight stamps, used..... 20/-

S111 Modern Varieties, mint.

Similar to the above set with the 3d Peace (2), 5d Peace and 8d Centennial as above. Also included, 10d Centennial with "re-entry"; 4d Peace doubling of haystacks; 9d Peace Major re-entry bottom right; 2d Peace, "T" mark; 1946 Health (1½d) re-entry; 1946 Health invert wmk; 1d Otago invert wmk. Eleven stamps, mint..... 72/6d

S112 Centennial Officials-Joined FF Variety.

The ever popular Joined FF set, complete in pairs with the normal, mint...£6-17-6d

S113 As above.

The 3d value only, showing the variety, mint..... 12/6d

S114 1945 Health Plates.

A complete set of seven Plates including the scarce B2 of the higher denomination..... 30/-

S115 1938 Health Plates.

Two blocks of four with Plate number H1. One on right, one on left. The two blocks..... 30/-

- Lot No.
- S116 1937 Health Plates.  
Eight blocks, being a complete set of all positions of the Plate numbers 1 and 2. A fine set and scarce complete. Eight blocks, (32 stamps)..... £5-10-0
- S117 Anzac Plates.  
A complete set of all four plate number positions in each value.  
Eight blocks, (32 stamps)..... 17/6d
- S118 Health First Day Covers.  
(a) 1931 (Blue and Red Boys) used on the first day, 31 Oct. 1931. Owing to being close to the edge of the envelope the Red Boy has suffered slight damage. Nevertheless a fine and scarce item at our price,.... 37  
(b) 1933 (Pathway), finely used on the first day..... 36/-
- S119 1931 Healths.  
(a) A pair good used on cover, Nov. 1931..... £7-10-0  
(b) "Red Boys" used-- a fine pair 69-10-0, singles..... 95/-
- S120 1902-07 6d Kiwi, red, used.  
A very special lot giving a complete range of every catalogue number of this issue. Set is therefore: No wmk, Rose, Rose-red and Brick-red. Wmk, Perf 11, Rose, Rose-red, Rose-carmine, Pink, Brick-red, Salmon: Wmk, Perf 14, Rose-carmine, Pink. On Lisbon paper, rose-red. The stamps (catalogued 31/9d) are all in fine used condition being hand picked from a large lot. The set of 12..... 30/-
- S121 As above, 6d Kiwi.  
~~Similar set, fine used picked copies but omitting the "salmon" and the "Lisbon".~~ This is a real bargain. The set of 10 (Cat. 15/9d)..... 7/9d
- S122 Rare Samoa Silver Jubilee 1d Perf 14x14½.  
A magnificent mint block of four, perfectly centred, with side selvage. Catalogued 360 by Gibbons, this is a great bargain at our price of..... £20
- S123 Niue--obsolescent.  
The current Niue Pictorials will be withdrawn on the 31st May 1950 and collectors will be wise to get their sets complete now. We have a few interesting items as below:  
(a) 1/- King's Head type with the obsolete Single Watermark. Mint..... 1/6d  
(b) 6d "Monowai" with frame clearly offset in orange on the back. Mint.... 3/-  
(c) 3/- River Scene. Two different shades for both centre and frame. These are excellent contrasts. The two, mint..... 8/6d  
(d) 2/- Hut and Palms. Equally marked shade variations, one being much darker in both frame and centre. Two, mint..... 5/9d
- S124 N.Z. Old Fiscal Stamps.  
From an old collection, a set of 7, comprising values 2/-, 2/6d, 3/-, 5/-, 10/-, £1 and £2 all very fine postally used in the period 1887-88. We are satisfied that these stamps are genuine postally used and as such they are really scarce. The set of 7..... 35/-
- S125 1d Dominion Proof Variety.  
We have for sale a remarkable piece being a block of four of the 1d Dominion printed in black and from the top of the sheet with full corner selvage. The two top stamps are double perforated at bottom and sides and imperf at top. This is a rare piece. The block..... £7-10-0
- S126 Tokelau Islands.  
First Day covers, finely used at Nukunono. Each..... 8d

FOOT NOTE.

It does not appear to be widely known locally (but it was reported as long ago as November in England) that a new value, 1/-, has been added to the forthcoming Canterbury Centennial issue. The new value will make five for the set (1d, 2d, 3d, 6d and 1/-) and will show Caroline Bay Timaru. Floreat Timaruvius