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NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENT

By CAMPBELL PATERSON.

NEW HEALTHS

The co-designers, Messrs J. Berry and R. E. Phillips, are to be heartily congratulated on the new design. There is unanimous agreement that this is one of the most attractive of all New Zealand issues. Mr Berry needs no introduction to collectors, but Mr Phillips' name is probably new to many. I count Mr Phillips a personal friend and I feel sure he will not take it amiss if I give a thumbnail sketch of what I know of him.

Known to his friends as "Mick" (why, I can't say), Mr Phillips combines a keen interest in philately with a strictly "amateur" outlook in that he resolutely refuses to exploit his fellow collectors, even when the opportunity occurs, as it did in 1946 when the Health stamp of that year turned up in Rangiora with inverted watermark. Mr Phillips got some of those found, and, contrary to usual practice, gave most of them away. A long and trying illness has done nothing to sour a naturally kindly and generous nature. Readers will join with me in congratulating Mr Phillips on a very happy idea which cannot fail to help the Health Camp Campaign.

VARIETIES

The best variety in the new Health to date is a case of double perforation. Like most recent double perfs, this one is the result of an extra strike of the comb head on the selvedge. If it were confined to the selvedge it would be of minor interest, but in the four sheets found the extra perfs extend into the right-hand vertical row of stamps. Ten perf holes in each of these right marginal stamps show the doubling. To be shown properly the stamps would have to be taken in vertical pairs (or blocks) and consequently the maximum number of collectible pieces from four sheets would be twelve.

An interesting paper variety has been found in the lower value. The effect is of irregular, almost zig-zag, watermark lines on parts of the sheet. They are very clear, especially when held up to the light. I find they are definitely the result of defective surfacing of the paper. When seen under a strong glass portions of the surface are quite rough and without the usual semi-glazed finish. Where the defects occur across a stamp the printing is adversely affected. The variety is new to New Zealand philately as far as I know—probably because this is a paper of composition not used previously.

STOP PRESS—*I have just received word of a sheet and a half of the green Health being found in Wellington with inverted watermark, A used copy, postmarked Dunedin and also with inverted watermark, has been sent in. Acknowledgement of finders will be made next month.*

NEW PUBLISHING DATES

In future the **Newsletter** will be posted as nearly as possible to the 6th of each month and the **Supplement** on the 21st. The change is made to avoid the rush experienced by the printers on the first of each month.

1936-47 MULTIPLE WATERMARK PICTORIALS

(continued from October Newsletter)

S238	576	1/-	Tui Perf 14 x 13½	Esparto.	
	(a)	Mint, 3/-;	Block mint, 12/-;	fine used	2d
	(b)	Plate Block of four (Plate 1)			14/6
	(c)	Single used with re-entry; top of stamp, 22/6;	bottom frame line		15/-
S239	576α	1/-	Tui Perf 12½	Esparto.	
	This is an excellent stamp and at present subject to a strong overseas, as well as local, demand.				
	(a)	Mint, 15/-;	Blocks, 60/-;	used	9d
	(b)	Plate Block (No. 1),	finest condition, scarce		80/-
	(c)	Single used with bottom frame re-entry			3/-
S240	576b	1/-	Tui Perf 14 x 13½,	Coarse Paper.	
	(a)	Mint, 1/6;	Blocks		5/6
	(b)	Plate Block No. 1; Perfed through bottom selvedge, 6/9;	not perfed through bottom selvedge		6/6
	(c)	Re-entry to bottom frame, Mint, 1/9;	used		1/-

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(Phone 68-000 -- Ask for 2559s)

S241 577 2/- Captain Cook. Perf 13-14 x 13½

Though commoner than 577a, this is nevertheless in our opinion a stamp with excellent prospects.

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| (a) Mint, 27/6; fine used | 1/6 |
| (b) Mint block of four. Centred to top perfs, but scarce in this form | £5 |
| (c) Coqk variety. Mint in pair, 45/-; Single mint | 27/6 |

S242 577a 2/- Captain Cook Perf 13½ x 14

We quote Mr R. J. G. Collins in the "N.Z. Stamp Collector":
 "I believe that this stamp (mint) is without question one of the rare items among modern issues—no dealers in the Dominion have stocks."

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| (a) Mint, perfect specimens. Each | £18 |
| (b) Block of four mint | £80 |
| N.B.—We are sorry we have no plate blocks to offer. We have sold four recently, but all were ordered in advance. | |
| (c) "Coqk" variety. Mint | £12 |
| (d) Normal fine used copy (rapidly rising) | 2/6 |
| (e) "Coqk" fine used | 40/- |

S243 577b 2/- Captain Cook Perf 12½, Esparto.

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| (a) Mint (another fine stamp) | 25/- |
| (b) Block of four, including the "Coqk" | £5/5/- |
| (c) Single mint with plate number | 30/- |
| (d) Fine used, 1/6; fine used "Coqk" | 15/- |

S244 577c 2/- Captain Cook Perf 12½, Coarse

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| (a) Mint (blocks pro rata) | 4/6 |
| (b) "Coqk" mint | 7/6 |
| (c) Fine used, 1/-; "Coqk" used | 6/6 |
| (d) Plate block of four, mint (includes major retouch) | 30/- |
| (e) Re-entry, mint, 7/6; Re-entry, fine used | 3/6 |

S245 577d 2/- Captain Cook Perf 14 x 13½

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| (a) Mint, Die 1, 4/-; Die 2, 4/-; Die 3 | 5/- |
| (b) Fine used, Die 1, 2/-; Die 2, 6d; Die 3 | 6d |
| N.B.—Dies 1, 2 and 3 are distinguishable by differences readily seen in the lower rigging of the ship. | |

S246 578 3/- Mt. Egmont Perf 13-14 x 13½

- (a) Plate Block. This is undoubtedly one of the scarcest of the "normal" multiple watermark Pictorial Blocks. We have it in both the pronounced shades "Sepia and Tan-brown" and "Chocolate and Yellow-brown". Plate blk., either shade
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| | £7/10/- |
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- (b) Inverted Watermark. Tan-brown shade. Single mint, 30/-; block of four
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S247 578a 3/- Mt. Egmont Perf 12½

This is another stamp in strong demand just now. We have heard of its selling in England well above Catalogue.

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| (a) Plate block, perfect condition | £6/5/- |
| (b) Mint, block of four, £5; single | 22/6 |
| (c) Used, fine | 8/- |

S248 578b 3/- Mt. Egmont Perf 14 x 13½

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| (a) Plate Block. Either sepia-black and bistre-brown or sepia and yellow-brown. Each Plate block | 20/- |
| (b) Mint. Shades as (a) above. Each shade in block, 18/-; single | 4/6 |

Plate Blocks—

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- S249 (a) We can supply the Plate number in each denomination and also the top selvage value marking from each. The two plate blocks (6 stamps each block), mint
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| The two value blocks (6 stamps each block), mint | 3/6 |
- (b) Defective surfacing variety (1d + 1d value)
 We have a small stock of this variety (see Notes) and can supply in blocks of four. Per block
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NEW FLIGHT COVER

S250 Wellington-Sydney by Solent Flying Boat

A new service, as above, was inaugurated on the 3rd October and a special cachet was applied to philatelic mail carried. The cachet shows an outline of the Solent and the words "First Direct Air Mail, Wellington-Sydney, by Solent Flying Boat." Covers flown are available. Per Cover

(Price per cover, accompanied by other order of 10/- or more, 1/-)

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