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FOR COLLECTORS OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

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N.Z. NOTES and COMMENT

(By Campbell Paterson)

1d George VI New Variety

Mr Geo. Morris has sent me a Plate block (Pl. 90) of the 1d on Coarse paper—the first time this has been reported. It will be a new major listing in the Catalogue. The shade, a purple-mauve, is quite different from earlier issues. We have noticed an occasional used copy on our mail, but they do not appear to have become widespread yet. We will supply on request at 6d each.

3d Provisional Varieties

Messrs Geo. Morris and T. Dixon both report a broken "3" on R10/14. Both say the sheets involved are from Plate 114, but presumably this overprinting form would be used on other plates. Mr C. G. Lennard has a copy, position unknown, in which most of the lower part of both "3" and "D" are missing. This looks as if it might have been caused by a piece of paper coming between the sheet and the type.

1898 Variety

Mr C. G. Lennard is the fortunate finder of a used pair of ½d black-purple Mt. Cook of 1898 with double perfs at top. This variety, now 55 years old, has never been reported. It is genuine, I am convinced of that. The postmark is Onehunga.

1/- George VI Official Die II, Inverted Watermark

Mr H. F. Murphy has found and shown me the first recorded copy of the above (OM13c). The stamp is used. This is, of course, the "Official" form of the 1/- invert reported last month. Mr Murphy has also the ½d Newspaper stamp B3a with inverted watermark, never before recorded.

3d Provisional Plates

My note on Plate 108 has roused some interest. I have still not seen this plate on the expected fine paper—only on the unexpected coarse paper.

1d Plate 108

Arising directly out of the above is the interesting case of the same plate used for the 1d. As I said last month, this had never been reported on coarse (W.T. Royal Cypher) paper, but since I suggested that it might exist thus, several collectors have produced plate blocks which are most certainly on coarse paper. In fact, so many have been revealed that I begin to doubt if it is as rare as I thought. (I notice with surprise that many collectors, quite keen specialists, have little confidence in their own ability to distinguish "fine" from "coarse" papers. This is a great pity. They should get blocks of each type and study them until they have mastered the difference. It is far from difficult.)

Returning to Plate 108, this will in future be listed as on "coarse" as well as "fine" papers. The point now is: This plate is one of a definite group, 102 to 109, and as it exists on coarse paper presumably there is a fair chance of the others doing so too—despite the fact that none has ever been reported. Good hunting!
Later: I have found Plate 109 on Coarse.

Opinions Given

Readers know that I am always happy to give an opinion on stamps sent in for inspection. However, it will be realised that I **must** register the goods back to the owners, for if they got lost I would be in a very invidious position. I would ask therefore that when stamps are sent for inspection a self-addressed envelope bearing

9d postage be enclosed by the sender. Thanks.

1½d Plates 136 and 137 (Mr F. J. Mohr report)—

Plate 136: Some slight shifts across lettering and bottom frame lines and bottom quarter exist. The best of these are R1/20, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24, while lesser examples are R1/5, 1/13, 1/15, 1/16, 2/16. Re-entries to top right panel are R5/20 (fair) and

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1d UNIVERSALS

We list this month some of the really scarce Universals. Mainly in used condition, the following stamps are very seldom in stock and rarely offered anywhere. C.P. Catalogue numbers quoted. All stamps guaranteed

292 (a) On Thick "Waterlow" (Pirie)

Paper:

G2c	perf 14 x 11, very fine used	£5
G2c	as above, superb used	£6
G2d	Mixed perfs, a good used, off centre	65/-

(b) **On Basted Mills Paper:**

G3a	Perf 11, superb used	40/-
G3a	Perf 11, very fine used	35/-
G3e	Mixed perfs, good used, off centre	40/-
G3e	Mixed perfs, superb used	45/-

(c) **On Cowan Paper, no watermark**

G4b	Perf 11 x 14, very fine used	20/-
G4d	Mixed perfs, very fine used	45/-
G4d	Mixed perfs. A superb block in a scarce lake shade	£10

(h) Unusual Universal Offers:

GS2a	Slot machine pair. Dot plate, imperf three sides, "large holes" between, roulette 14½ on side. The mint pair	£10
G9a, G10a	A possibly unique lot of four fine used stamps, each with plate number attached. Plate numbers are, of course, W1, W2, R1, R2. A fine and desirable set	£8

½d MT. COOK

293 (a) On Thick "Waterlow" (Pirie) Paper:

F1c	Perf 14 x 11, mint	2/-
F1d	Perf 11 x 14, fine used	2/6
F1e	Mixed perfs, mint, fine used	15/-; 10/-

(b) **On Basted Mills Paper:**

F2a	Perf 11, mint	40/-
F2c	Perf 14 x 11, mint	5/-
F2d	Perf 11 x 14, mint, used	1/6; 1/-

(d) **On Cowan Watermarked Paper:**

F4a	Perf 11, scarce, mint, fine used	35/-; 35/-
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(d) On Cowan watermarked paper

G5d	Perf 14 x 11, fine used	12/6
G5d	Perf 14 x 11, superb used	15/-
G5e	Mixed perfs, very fine used, full colour	15/-
G5e	Mixed perfs, very fine used, worn plate	15/-

(e) **Dot Plate Issues:**

G8b	Perf 11 x 14, superb used, full colour	40/-
G8b	Perf 11 x 14, good used, very worn plate	35/-

(f) **Waterlow Trial Plates:**

G9b	Perf 11, fine used, very scarce stamp	£15
G9c	Perf 11 x 14, very fine used	£10
G9d	Mixed perfs, fine used	£10

(a) **Royle Plates:**

G10b	Perf 11, mint	70/-
G10c	Perf 14 x 11, mint	40/-
G10d	Perf 11 x 14, mint	50/-

F2e Mixed perfs, mint

F2e	Mixed perfs, mint	40/-
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(c) **On Cowan Paper, no watermark:**

F3a	Perf 11, very scarce, mint	£5
F2a	As above, slight thin	£2
F3c	Perf 14 x 11, mint, very fine used	£6; £6
F3e	Mixed perfs, very fine, used	£4
F4c	Perf 11 x 14, mint, fine used, deep shade	4/6; 10/-
F4d	Perf 14 x 11, mint	5/6
F4e	Mixed perfs, mint, fine used	10/-; 12/6

GREAT BRITAIN

We have some really splendid classic material to offer here. Superlative condition is the keynote throughout and the buyer will be getting something he can be really proud of. All stamps can be sent on approval of course.

294 Penny Blacks: Now 113 years old, these historic stamps add interest and lustre to any collection.

(a)	A fine strip of three (strips are rare) from Plate 6, two stamps show clear re-entries	£14
(c)	A magnificent specimen from Plate 8 with clear re-entry	£6 10/-
(d)	As (c) Plate 8 with re-entry, four margins, fine	£3 10/-
(e)	The rarity G-C from Plate 2 with retouching. Very fine	£9
(f)	Pairs are scarce in Penny Blacks. This one is superb used, four wide margins, light red Maltese Cross postmark. A gem. The unopened pair	£9
(g)	As (f) another pair, four margins, black postmark, fine	£5
(h)	A unique offer—The Penny Black A-F from Plate 5 matched with two Penny Reds—both are also A-F from Plate 5, one being a "first state" (identical with the black except in colour), the other being a "second state," showing traces of late re-entering. Philately at its most interesting! The trio	£6

- (i) S.G. No. 1cc. The scarce Penny Black Plate "I-L." Specially listed by Gibbons, "with large letters in each corner" (caused by complete re-engraving of the letters). Our specimen can rightly be described as "superb," and is used on **original cover** dated Nov. 24, 1840. (Cat. £16 off cover) **£14 10/-**
- 295 **Penny Reds:**
- (a) The excessively rare third state of stamp P-B of Plate 5, printed in red and showing prominent late state re-entry. A much sought after variety **£14**
- (b) S.G. No. 16, the trial printing of the 1d red Plate II on "Dickinson Silk thread paper." We are quite sure this issue has never been offered in N.Z. before. Catalogue S.G. £50 unused **£30**
- 296 **1½d Rarity.** The 1½d stamp of 1870 (S.G. 53) with the major and desirable error of lettering OP-PC instead of CP-PC. A beautiful used copy. (Cat. £35) **£29**
- 297 **Surface Printed:**
- (a) **S.G. 121 2/- brown.** A fine used copy. While the postmark is a little heavier than our usual standard, it is by no means excessive. (Cat. £30) **£18**
- (c) **S.G. 137 £5 orange.** We reckon that 99 per cent of collectors have never seen this stamp. Another beautiful used specimen, with perfect light postmark. There is a faint suggestion of a crease, but to see this stamp is to buy it. (Cat. £35) **£26**
- (e) **S.G. 173a 1d purple.** The striking variety "printed on both sides." Mint. A rarity, catalogued £20 **£14**

SOME ODDS AND PIECES

299 **1947 Healths. Sheet markings:**

The practice of printing the cash value of the complete sheet on the selvage is now standard practice for N.Z. stamps. Every collector should have a block or set of blocks showing the start of the practice in 1947, when some sheets or part sheets of the Healths appeared with extra markings printed in black. These quite historic markings have been strangely neglected in the past, but their future is certain. Our stocks permit a wide range to be offered.

- (a) **Eros Health 1d + ½d green:**
- (1) Block with top selvage bearing a black arrow **4/-**
- (2) Imprint block with black arrow **4/-**
- (3) Block with "six shillings" printed in black on top right selvage **4/6**
- (4) As (3), but on top left selvage **4/6**
- (5) As (3), but on bottom right selvage **4/6**
- (6) As (3), but on bottom left selvage **4/6**
- (7) Block with "twelve shillings" printed in black on top right selvage **4/6**
- (8) As (7), but on top left selvage **4/6**
- (b) **Eros Health 2d + 1d scarlet:**
- (1) Imprint block with black arrow **4/-**
- (2) Top selvage block with black arrow **4/-**
- (3) Block with "twelve shillings" printed in black on top right selvage **4/6**
- (4) As (3), but on top left selvage **4/6**
- (5) As (3), but on bottom left selvage **4/6**
- (6) As (3), but on bottom right selvage **4/6**
- (7) Block with "£1/4/-" printed in black on top right selvage **4/-**
- (8) As (7), but on top left selvage **4/-**

NOTE: The figures "£1/4/-" can be found in two types, with long or short bars between the figures. We have both types in stock at equal prices. For those who do not already hold them we can supply the Imprint blocks for both values without black arrows at: Green, 1/3; Carmine **2/-**

301 **Healths. Fine and "Not-so-fine":**

It is some time since we could offer a wide range of our ever-popular "not-so-fine" Healths. Customers who have tried them in the past know that they are not rubbish, but good stamps offered at amazingly low prices. By standards other than ours they would probably rank as "fine."

(a) 1929 "Nurse." Mint, 8/6; fine used, 7/6; not-so-fine, unused, 5/-; used	4/6
(b) 1930 "Nurse." Mint, 20/-; fine used, 22/6; not-so-fine used	11/-
(c) 1931 "Smiling Boy." Red. Mint, 95/-; fine used, 95/-; not-so-fine unused	63/-
(d) 1931 "Smiling Boy." Blue. Mint, £5; fine used, 65/-; not-so-fine used	40/-
(e) 1932 "Hygeia." Mint, 25/-; fine used, 22/3; not-so-fine used	12/6
(f) 1933 "Pathway." Mint, 13/6; fine used, 11/-; not-so-fine used	6/-
(g) 1934 "Crusader." Mint, 11/-; fine used, 11/-; not-so-fine used	6/-
(h) 1935 "Keyhole." Mint, 2/6; finest used	1/6
(i) 1936 "Lifebuoy." Mint, 2/-; finest used	1/3
(j) 1937 "Hiker." Mint, 2/6; finest used	1/9
(k) 1938 "Children." Mint, 2/6; finest used	1/-

NOTE—A Discount of 5% will be allowed on all orders for Healths exceeding £1 and a Discount of 10% on all orders for Healths exceeding £5.

300 Scarce Postage Due. Y17a. (S.G. 820. Pims D18):

For the first time on record we have a good stock of the very scarce 2d Postage Due of 1906, perf 11. This is a good stamp and particularly difficult to obtain in top condition. Blocks are quite rare.

(a) Block of 6, mint	£10
(b) Block of 4, mint	£6 10/-
(c) Single, mint	30/-
(d) Single, used	22/6

SCARCE CENTENNIAL PLATES

With the recent big George VI purchase we also bought a very extensive stock of Centennial Plate blocks. Below we advertise the available **scarcer** blocks, but we can also supply virtually every one of the commoner blocks throughout the issue. Consult your C.P. Catalogue for lists and prices.

256 1d Centennial: Plates I2, I3, I4, I5, I6, J2, J3, J4, J6, each 2/6; J5 (definitely scarce)	35/-
257 1½d Centennial: Plates A1, A2, B1, C1, C2, each	2/6
258 2d Centennial: Plates H7, J9, K8, L8, each	12/6
259 3d Centennial: Plates A1, A2, B1, B2, each	5/-
260 4d Centennial: Plate A1, 5/-; 5d, A1, 6/-; 6d, A1, 7/-; 7d, A1, 35/-; 8d, A1,	10/-
261 9d Centennial: Plate A1, 25/-; Plate B1 (with redrawn plate number "1")	35/-
262 10d Centennial: Plates A2, C2, each	6/6
263 1/- Centennial: Here's a bargain! A Plate A1 strip of 4 in perfect condition for the price of the stamps alone. And that at our very reasonable figure of 15/- per copy! Stocks are better than they have ever been, but not inexhaustible, so don't waste time! The 1/- Plate strip	60/-

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6/20 (slight). There is a very slight shift across the top of R2/23.

Plate 137: No varieties noted.

Plate Peculiarities: Of more interest than the slight varieties is the fact that the impressions appear to deteriorate in progressive stages as below. Dealing first with Plate 136, we find:

- the first four vertical columns of stamps are normal, i.e., as in earlier plates;
- in the whole of column 5 and in the bottom four impressions of column 6 a small break shows in the left inner frame line (inner left bottom corner);
- in the top six stamps in column 6 and in the remainder of the sheet (cols. 7 to 24) an additional weakness shows in the same line, opposite the epaulette.

Turning now to Plate 137 we find that the whole plate is in the form (c) above, except for the top eight stamps in column 24, where a further break in the left inner frame line occurs just above the previous fault in the inner left bottom corner. These findings reveal clearly the order of laying down of the plates and provide a means of identifying stamps from these plates.

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