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NEW ZEALAND NOTES & COMMENT

(by Campbell Paterson)

Breetings . . . May Peace and Plenty be your lot in 1957 A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all. —The Manager and Staff, CAMPBELL PATERSON LTD.

AU REVOIR.—Shortly after these Notes appear I expect to be somewhere on the Pacific Ocean on my way to the United Kingdom. I take this opportunity to bid all our readers—most of whom are really personal friends now—a temporary farewell, a very happy Christmas and the best of New Years. I only hope for my peace of mind over there that 1957 will be more placid than 1956! Depending on circumstances I expect to be away for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two. It is with complete confidence that I commend my taff to all our customers. Jack and Mac are good chaps, thoroughly reliable, hd as keen as could be to show that yours truly is by no means indispensable around these parts.

I will continue to provide a proportion if not all of the Notes in the Newsletter. My English address will be published in the February Newsletter and I hope many will keep in touch with me—I should be able to locate many of their wants for them. Don't forget though, the Headquarters of the firm remain in Auckland and all ordinary stamp orders and mail should continue to be addressed to there except by U.K. and American customers. These latter I would like to deal with me direct in England. That way I expect to be able to save them postage and even if I have to pass their orders back to Auckland there should not be any great added delay. Anyone in the U.K. with stamps to sell should of course contact me there.—G.B., G.B., G.B. (Goodbye, God bless you, Gone to Britain).

Old Cancellers still in use. Following Mrs. Powell's correction of my earlier information on the continued use in some Post Offices of old "squared circle" cancellers (see Nov. Notes) Mr. C. W. Watts of the Stamps Division has now given me information that proves us both wrong.

"According to official records "squared-circle" date-stamps still in use are at:—Aorere (Nelson), Eureka and Kaitieke (Hamilton), Parawa (Invercargill) and Pukenui (Whangerei). Those at Hangatiki and Motupiko have been defaced and replaced in March/April 1953 and July 1952 respectively. The office at Tatu was permanently closed on October 10th., 1956. A number of other squared-circle date-stamps have been replaced over recent years."

That is most useful and welcome information but more follows. Mr. Watts continues: "However these are not the oldest date-stamps still in use. For instance Bell Block is still using one of the "sixpenny" date-stamps, first issued about 1875. A little research would probably bring to light similar cases. Coutts Island (Christchurch and Luggate (Dunedin) are two which come to mind. The 1894 type date-stamp having three circles is now quite scarce and just as well for they ruined the postage stamps. Those now in use are at Hukarere (Greymouth), Puysegur Point (Invercargill), Tawanui (Dunedin) and Whananaki (Whangarei)."

That ends the quote from Mr. Watts' letter. I was in Wellington after he wrote (just a very hurried buying job—no time to look anyone up in the social sense) and I got the further information that the same Coutts Island canceller has been in use since 1868! It would be interesting to know if it has ever been found on a Fullface Queen. I should explain that the "sixpenny" date-star mentioned by Mr. Watts is so called because it is a single line circle about the same size as a sixpenny coin. Personally I like it better than the modern very large circle; it is much neater.

I a msure many readers will welcome the chance to have impressions of these old cancellers and I would refer them to the advert elsewhere in this Newsletter.

NEW TYPE COIL NUMBERS ILLUSTRATED

Below are illustrations of the original (top) and the new (lower) types of figures used for the numbering of the sections of the "counter coils." (See October Supplement).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6.	7	8	9.	10

Using these illustrations collectors should have no difficulty in identifying any coil number as "old" or "new." Of the new numbers, "2," "3" and "5" are different in shape; "1" and "0" are appreciably smaller and "1" has little serifs instead of large; in "4" the crossbar is higher; in "6" and "9" the curl is more open and the blob on its end less pronounced; in "7" the curve of the stem is convex instead of concave; "8" looks difficult but is very easy. In the new "8" the enclosed areas of white are elongated instead of round—also the new figure is apparently made up of two circles joined while the old is made by a continuous line

Health Stamp Designs—Suggestions Wanted. I would like to thank those who sent in suggestions following my appeal in the November Notes. Even the smallest suggestion has been welcome for the response has been very poor. Less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of our readers have so far made any suggestions. This might be taken as meaning that $98\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of readers are perfectly satisfied that our Health issues are perfect and that no improvement is conceivable that would increase the sales. Alternatively it may mean that readers are exercising the New Zealander's inalienable right of leaving all the effort to the other fellow.

Frankly I think it a poor show. We have an opportunity here to drive home the fact that the Healths so far have been a poor lot—any ideas worth repeating are guaranteed to go to the Postmaster General and I would say any really good ones stand an excellent chance of being adopted. I refuse to believe that so many readers are devoid of ideas. What will be the effect on the P.M.G. if in answer to his invitation I produce so poor a response? He would not be blameable if he dismissed the matter as of no interest. Which would mean "children at play" ad nauseam for the next twenty years.

So I appeal again. Let me have your ideas. Even if you only produce a foreign charity stamp to show how beautiful a stamp can be, that will be better than nothing. Remember, a country gets the stamps it deserves.

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CHRISTMAS PLUMS We think you have spent enough on gifts for other people-now for a change give yourself a present! 1808 RARE "LONDON" PERFORATION VARIETIES 345 Era Mt. Cook grey purple—a superb mint corner pair "imperf. between pair." This variety is even rarer than the "imperf. vertically"—we cannot recall when we last saw such a pair. Worth every penny of the price £15 E22 Id Taupo. "Imperf. between pair" mint. Not so fresh as the above but a rare piece—will enhance your 1898's £9

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E14c 6d Kiwi. As above. This pair has been folded between the stamps and E14e 6d Kiwi Watermarked, perf. 11. Another faultless mint pair, imperf. retrically Attractive rose-red shade £10

E6b 2d Pembroke Purple. Perf. 14. A mint block of four, imperf. horizontally. Condition top grade mint£7/10/0 E12c 4d Taupo. Perf. 14. Superb mint pair, imperf. vertically. A most delightful little pair MORE RARITIES F5b ½d Mt. Cook green. A magnificent mint block of 12, deep yellow-green, completely imperf. (S.G. Cat. £60) with lower selvedge showing arrow plate marking. Vertical light creasing affects three stamps. We are reluctant to cut such a unique piece and we do not doubt there will be someone who will want to add this lovely block to his collection. If not we will break it up into pairs and blocks of four. Prices: The unique block of 12 ______£30 Perfect block of 4 £12 Block of 4 (2 creased)£9 Perfect pair £5
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I said I would give my own suggestions this month. Basically they are the same as those I gave in the 1954 Christmas Newsletter. The article is too long repeat and in any case many readers will be able to look it up in their files but the main suggestions were as follows:

- 1. Each set should show the year of issue. This would help the collector to know what he still lacked for completion and would encourage him to keep up-to-date.
- 2. "Children at Play" as a theme should be abandoned. As long as it is continued we cannot have that new approach which is so long overdue.
- 3. Flowers, birds, landscapes, buildings, famous leaders in child welfare, all these deserve consideration as subjects. I can see no real reason why Health stamps should have any obvious tie.up between design and function. One might as justifiably demand that ordinary issues should always depict something to do with the carriage and delivery of mail.
- 4. The stamps should be of a standard size and shape. The Post Office knows well enough that it gets good revenue from philatelists—could they not shape their stamps to look well on an album page?
- 5. The stamps must be colourful. He is a poor salesman who does not know the value of "window dressing."
- 6. The printing should be the very best obtainable. If we cannot get the best in England then we should go elsewhere—Switzerland for instance. No printer can do a good job on poor paper so we should demand a better paper from the manufacturers.
- 7. Payment to artists for accepted designs should be greatly increased. The profits from Health stamps are quite large enough to allow for rewards likely to attract the top grade men.

These are just my own ideas. If you don't like them let me know yours. If the above is provocative enough to stir someone out of the prevalent lethargy I will be delighted.

Dies of the 3d (small 3) Elizabeth. Whether or not the master-die was retouched before the second roller-die was taken up (and used for Plates 32 and 33)—that has been the question. (See also Notes Dec. 1955, August 1956). Mr. Dexter, who started the controversy, has new evidence to put forward in support of a rather startling theory.

Mr. Dexter's new contention is that a new master-die was laid down, using the first roller-die to do the job. This new master-die was then retouched, various weak spots being more deeply recessed—special attention being given to the recutting of the right frame-line and probably the bottom frame-line. In support of this theory Mr. Dexter calls attention to two weaknesses in the outline of the lowest star; there is no outline on the left side of the left lower ray and there is a distinct break nearly at the top of the left outline of the top ray. (I have checked on these flaws and can verify that they do appear). Now Mr. Dexter states that these flaws were NOT apparent on the stamps first laid down by the first roller-die. It follows that they were not on the master-die fromwhich this first roller-die was taken up. However these flaws developed on the first roller-die as is evidenced by their presence on later plates (up to Plate 30) laid down by means of this roller-die. The evidence seems clear then that these flaws were not on the master-die but were on the first roller-die at the time of its being discarded. But-and this is the basis of Mr. Dexter's new theorythese flaws appear on all the stamps of Plates 32 and 33 which were, we are officially informed, laid down by means of a second roller-die. It would seem certain then that these flaws on the lowest star were present on the master-die from which the second roller-die was taken up. But we have already seen from the evidence above that these flaws were not on the original master-die. Therefore, Mr. Dexter says, there must have been a second master-die that did have these flaws. But why should the second master-die have flaws which were a feature of the late state of the first roller-die but which were not on the first master-die? The only possible explanation would seem to be that the second master-die was made by using the first roller-die!

Since the first roller-die was in a worn state with numerous weaknesses (besides the two we have been concentrating on) it seems at first sight an odd thing to use it to make a new master-die—but Mr. Dexter can answer that poser, too. He points out that the making of a 3d master-die would be a long and expensive job, calling for expert engraving, unless a roller-die existed and

could be used. There being a roller-die (albeit somewhat worn) it was used. The resulting second master-die would need a good deal of retouching and this—as is evidenced by the heavier frame-lines—it duly received, but the two weaknesses which Mr. Dexter has made such use of were overlooked. A very pretty bit of theorising is it not?

I cannot see any fault in it myself except that it directly contradicts the printer's emphatic statement that "a second (master) die was not engraved." But on second thoughts, does it contradict? The printers say "not engraved." Mr. Dexter does not claim that a new master-die was ENGRAVED—he says it was rolled in and later retouched. Perhaps the two statements can both stand. Any comment?

C.P. Catalogue—4th Revision. Early in November we issued the latest revised and new pages for cur loose-leaf Catalogue. Sets of these revised sheets were sent to all registered Catalogue users and should be in hand long before this. So if anyone has not received his sheets he should let us know. Overseas users will naturally make allowance for the delay caused by slow surface mails.

All present stocks of Catalogues have been brought up-to-date so that now the logical time for anyone to get his copy who has been intending to do so "sometime." There can surely be no doubt now in anyone's mind that the looseleaf system works and works well. This is the only Catalogue devoted to New Zealand stamps which has been revised every year for the last five years. Its users are the only collectors in N.Z. who always have an up-to-date specialised list of N.Z. stamps—and the cost to them has been in the last four years very much less than if they were subscribing to any other Catalogue—supposing the latter appeared annually.

Users may rest assured that annual revisions will continue to appear—I can prepare them as well in England as I can here.

Elizabeth News. Mr. Colin Henwood has brought off a double by producing for inspection two new major varieties both in the current 9d stamp. One has inverted watermark, the other a blurred centre (probably an albino). Both are isolated used copies. Nice hunting.

Protection from Damp. Our Mr. MacDonald is a firm believer in a crystalline substance known as Silica Gel. It has the property of absorbing moisture out of the air and is invaluable for keeping cupboards and sealed boxes dry. Since the demon "rust" is primarily caused by dampness trapped between the leaves of the album or in boxes the wise collector wll lose no time in getting some. You can get it from any wholesale chemist and when "active" it is blue. Mac recommends two or three ounces in a cheese-cloth bag or open tim—say three such bags or tins to a cupboard of 9 cub. feet. Keep an eye on the crystals and when they turn pink place them in a warm oven until they go blue again. They will last almost indefinitely. However the first essential is that your albums and 1e stamps in them should be dry before you put them away—that means do not put them away on a humid day or if you do, first give the pages an airing in front of a fire, in sunlight or under a strong lamp. Finally, Mac says Silica Gel. is no good in the Waikato when floods actually enter the cupboard.

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POSTAL HISTORY

362 See this month's Notes for some surprise information about old canceller still in use in N.Z. We can supply the lot, each used on cover with the 2d Elizabeth current stamp. Includes "Squared circles:" Aorere, Eureka, Kaitieke, Parawa and Pukenui; "Sixpenny" cancellers. Bell Block, Coutts Island, Luggate; Triple circles: Hukarere, Puysegur Point, Tawanui, Whananaki. The set of 12 covers 12/NOTE.—Those who wish can have a set of 11 (omitting Eureka) for 11/-

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