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LOCAL NOTES**Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Varieties**

(Contributed by R. A. Dexter.) The new centre plate 2B used for all the values 9d, 1/-, 1/6d and 1/9d developed a flaw on R6/10 in the shading of the Queen's dress above the left arm. This flaw has been seen on the 1/- and 1/9d values so far. The flaw was later removed and the spot retouched, but the retouching is visible to the naked eye. The retouch has been seen on 1/-, 1/6d and 1/9d but there are two different states of the retouch. On the 1/9d the flaw has been completely removed and three small lines of shading have been retouched, but on the 1/- and 1/6d values while the retouching is the same, the flaw has either only been partly removed or is starting to develop again. Owing to the similarity of the retouch the latter explanation seems more likely. The 9d value has not been found with either flaw or retouch.

During the original printing of the 1/- from plates 1A 1A a flaw developed on the frame plate 1A on R7/2 in the S.E. corner, which was later retouched. In the new printing of the 1/- from plates 1A 2A this stamp, Row 7 No. 2, shows evidence of further retouching in the same area. In the new stamp the inner stars of the four stars of the Southern Cross are very weak, appearing white to the unaided eye, and some of the four vertical lines of the outer frame design have been strengthened. Several horizontal lines of shading just above the stars have been retouched and now resemble the original design. No reason has been found for this further retouching.

It would appear that two changes have been made to the perforation head used by De La Rue for all middle values. The first sheets of the 1/- from Plates 1B 2B were perforated with the original head and later the engine turned design was added to the centre of the frame plate. After this, one pin at the end of each short row of the perforating head was removed and several pins, at least seven, were added to the long row of pins falling on the right-hand side of the 1B 2B sheets. The head in this state was used to perforate most, if not all, of the 9d sheets. Then the pins that had been removed from the short rows were replaced and the rest of the 1/-, 1/6d and 1/9d sheets perforated.

It is also noticed that several prominent frame flaws are developing on the 1/- 1B sheets about Row 7 Nos. 6 and 7. It will be of interest to see if anything happens to these.

Queen Elizabeth 4d Official Printed on Gummed Side. This important new variety has been brought to our attention—we understand there was a quantity of somewhere between half a sheet and a sheet discovered in Christchurch and one source mentioned the possibility that a few copies may even have been used on letters. In view of the fact that the stamps, being printed on the gummed side, are entirely without gum on the back, this appears to us an over zealous effort to get rid of a good variety! The watermark on the stamps is inverted and reversed. After examination we are not entirely sure that the term "printed on the gummed side" is apt as there seems a possibility that the gum was applied over the design. However, either way, this is the best discovery to have been made in our stamps over the last few years—it is just over five years since we had the pleasure of handling the 1/3d Geo. VI "make-ready" sheet.

1957 Health. Although nothing of real interest has been noticed on the 3d plus 1d value, there are, in addition to the Row 6 flaw mentioned in the last Newsletter (incidentally this Row 6 flaw has been found to be present on quite a large number of sheets) two constant flaws on Row 1 No. 4 and Row 3 No. 3. These are, respectively, an area of colour on the beltman's left foot resembling a "bunion" and a weakness of design on the same foot on Row 3 No. 3. Some miniature sheets of the same value, with both sideways and upright watermark

show a reproduction of two of the horizontal lines of the design over the top two stamps but the cause of this is unknown.

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| b | 1d carmine as above, inverted watermark mint | 10/- |
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| n | As above on thinner toned paper of different shade, single 5/-, pair | 12/6 |
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| q | As above, 3d value pair | 12/6d |

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| 428 a | Ross Sea covers cancelled at "Scot Base" on the first day and with full set of four stamps. Each | 10/6d |
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