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**Postage Extra on Orders Under 10/-.****PLATING THE MINIATURE SHEETS**

The return of recess-printing, the use of a different printer and size of plate are all unexpected complications. However I don't doubt we can cope. Reference to Wellington reveals that each plate contains no less than 16 units (i.e. Miniature sheets) so the job of plating is just twice as difficult. So far, I have, with the very real assistance of Arthur Dexter and Miss N. Williams, "plated" 12 different 2d plus 1d sheets and 13 different of the 3d plus 1d. I will give these results below. It must be remembered that this is a provisional report. The lettering "A", "B" etc. is purely arbitrary and will later be changed to numbers "1", "2", etc. when we have enough data and can refer to the proof sheets. The varieties noted are constant on all sheets seen but beyond this one cannot be certain. However it does seem highly unlikely that any alterations will be necessary. I will be continuing to look for the missing links to complete the sets of 16. The task is harder this year as the recess-print does not produce so many odd spots and marks useable as plating guides.

Those I have found are mostly very faint—another tribute to the high quality of the printing. No one with a glass of less than "10X" is likely to be able to see everything.

In the data below all references to "A" are to the "A" of the plate number.

**1960 2d Plus 1d Miniature Sheets Plated**

- A. Faint brown scratches low down in the gutter between stamps 4 and 5.
- B. A thin, vertical, blue line descends from the E of POSTAGE on stamp 5, crossing the lower selvedge.
- C. A faint blue scratch stretches to the left from the top serif of the B of BRADBURY.
- D. Two blue lines (possibly guide lines?) cross low and to the left of BRADBURY. The vertical line is very weak. Other scratches appear below stamp 6.
- E. A very faint blue line stretches upward from the R of MINIATURE.
- F. A clear though thin diagonal scratch in blue, well above NEW on Stamp 1.
- G. The figure "1" of the plate number has an abnormally long left "leg." Faint blue scratch (horiz.) NW of "BRAD".
- H. Very open top "A".
- I. Cross of "A" fails to contact the right leg of same.
- J. The curved line of the "A" contacts the straight line but continues on to an appreciable overlap.
- K. Strong blue scratches above "Bradbury Wilkinson."
- L. Faint horiz. blue line below BURY.

**3d Plus 1d Miniature Sheets Plated**

- A. Faint orange scratch above the plate number "A". This "A" has a faulty foot on the straight leg (See also Sheet C.).
- B. Purple (horizontal) scratches below the tail on Stamp 6.
- C. "A" has a weakness at top of the straight leg, which projects upward slightly beyond the junction. The foot of this leg is similar to Sheet "A". The crossbar of the "A" sags slightly.
- D. A faint short horiz. purple scratch well to the left of "A".
- E. The top enclosure of the "A" is unusually narrow and the straight leg tends to curve over to the right near its top.
- F. A faint purple scratch well above the "TURE" of "MINIATURE."
- G. Distinct purple scratch below tail, stamp 1, sloping down from left to right.
- H. Very faint purple (vertical) scratch through the tail on stamp 6 and down through selvedge.
- I. Faint purple scratches low and to left of the plate number.
- J. "A" with bifurcated top.
- K. Very faint purple line below tail, Stamp 1, substantially horizontal. The straight leg of the "A" is thick.

L. Faint horizontal purple line near "A" (above the blob and curve of the left leg).

### 1960 HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS—SWAP OFFER

We call attention to the "plating" notes given this month. We invite readers to supply us with the following in quantity. (In some cases we could use up to 20 of each).

#### **Sheets wanted:**

- (a) Blue 2d plus 1d, Sheets A, G, J, or any of the missing 4 not yet seen by us
- (b) Orange 3d plus 1d, Sheets E, K, or any of the missing 4 not yet seen by us. In exchange we can supply the following:
- (c) Blue 2d plus 1d, Sheets B, D, E, F, H, K, L and possibly C and I.
- (d) Orange 3d plus 1d, Sheets A, B, C, D, F, G, H, I, L and possibly J.

Naturally we will have to call a halt as soon as we have our wants filled in any of (a) and (b) so we must retain the right to return unwanted sheets. We suggest a telegram from anyone who can supply us—this way he can "play safe" and ensure himself the extensive range we list under (c) and (d).

**Note well:** Our offer is of a straight sheet for sheet swap (one blue for one blue and one orange for one orange) but it has been a costly business (in time and benzine) accumulating our stock so we must ask for 6d "expenses" per sheet to be enclosed with those sent.

For those not interested in exchanging we can offer any of the sheets in (c) or (d) at 2/6d for each plated blue sheet and 3/6d for each plated orange sheet. Anyone who thinks this is dear should try accumulating a plated stock—it's no picnic with 32 different to find. Let us have your want list for any we cannot supply—we expect to have them soon. We are of course prepared to buy (until stocks are sufficient) miniature sheets as (a) and (b) above—if holder wants to sell or swap.

### A MINT GEORGE VI COLLECTION

Available for inspection (can be sent to known clients) we have a large and very fine collection of George VI, all values and Provisionals. While the emphasis is on Plate and Imprint blocks there are numerous blocks showing re-entries and other plate varieties. There is also a complete set of coil pairs showing the full range of numbers (1 to 19) in each value.

The total C.P. Catalogue figure for the whole collection is just over £300. The collector, now retired, desires to realise quickly and is therefore prepared to sell at a low figure for a speedy sale. Such an opportunity does not often occur. The collection ..... £125

### Q.E. & MODERN VARIETIES—MIXED BAG

The set of varieties, inc. 8 mint blocks or strips of four (face value over 46/-). The 12 pieces, well below "Catalogue," ..... 67/6

124 1/6d varieties. Three mint 1/9 all with varieties. (a) R5/10 from frame plate "A" with big (late state) flaw on "9" and "NE" (b) R5/10 from frame plate "B" with a good re-entry at top, (c) R6/10 with "second re-touch" to sleeve. The three, face 5/3 ..... 10/-

135 2d Marlborough—partial double perf. Bottom selvedge blocks of 8 with excellent example of selvedge perfs coming up into the gutters between the stamps giving definite doubled perfs. Each block ..... 30/-

136a 3/- 1935 Pictorial Rarity. The experimental printing with inverted and reversed watermark of which only 50 sheets were ever printed. That means only 50 Plate Numbers and certain it is that not all those were saved. Our copy, a mint single, has the plate number attached. This rare piece ..... £25

### 1935 PICTORIAL OFFICIALS—SETS

(a) We offer a set, substantially complete, but with the rarer items (1½d & 8d abnormals, 2d p12½, 1d 13½ x 14) omitted, to keep the price down or because not available. For the same reasons only one 2/- stamp is included. Handled this way, a collector gets a nearly complete lot at a very reasonable figure.

Included are: ½d, 1d (2), 1½d (2), 2d (3), 2½d (3), 3d Maori Girl, 4d (4), 6d (4), 8d (2), 9d (2), 1/- (4), 2/- (OL13e, p12½). The set of 29 mint ..... 52/6d

(b) As (a) but with the 1d 13½ x 14, 2d p12½, 2/- 13-14x14½ and 2/-, 13½ x 14 (a little off-centre) included. The set of 33 mint ..... £6

(c) As (a) but used and including the 2d 12½ and all five varieties of the 2/-—the fine used set of 34 ..... 42/6d

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