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NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENT by John Robinson

8d Compac Cable Stamp: Thanks to Mr. R. Walkham and two other readers I am able to correct an error which crept into the description of varieties of this stamp, in R10/4, last February. It appears that the LEFT PANE has a constant break in the cable strand leading to the letter E of CABLE. The RIGHT PANE sometimes shows a clear break in the strand leading to the letter L, and not to E as stated before.

There are two panes of 48 on each cylinder used for the stamp and there is some evidence that at least one, possibly two, cylinders were also used for the Australian Compac issue. The stamps are printed and perforated "on the web" by a machine made by Chambon's — not, of course, the "experimental" Chambon perf-head as used by De La Rues some time ago for our Pictorials.

Incidentally, it sure did not take too long for supplies of this attractive stamp to disappear from post office counters! I cannot help feeling, "here is a stamp for the future," but prefer to leave such recommendations to those W.H.O. Gottem!

K18f, 2d K.G. V on Cowan paper, wmk reversed: Mr. C. J. Brett reports a used copy dated 9 Feb. 1927. Does any reader know of an earlier date for this stamp? Most of us know how jolly scarce this stamp is, in used condition, but we would like to hear of an earlier date.

2½d Govt. Life Insurance, new pictorial: Row 1 No. 3 has a dot on the light-house door, according to Mr. K. Moffat, who sent in his discovery on a most attractive scenic postcard of Lake Wakatipu.

½d Green, Mt. Cook, OFFICIAL — A new find: We recently purchased a block of a new perforation variation, viz. MIXED PERFS. This will be listed in the catalogue, in due course, as FO4e. The shade was pale yellow-green. We know of no other examples of this, mint or used.

Echo from the 1964 Catalogue Supplement:

Section K — King George V: A real surprise listing here is the "yellow" shade of K12b, the 1/-. This is without a doubt one of the major new discoveries in this group. We believe four copies exist, all of which are postmarked Awanui. The colour is identical to that of a fiscal emission, where this yellow 1/- stamp was specially overprinted "Mortgagees Indemnity Fee." We are grateful to Mr. R. J. G. Collins for this information.

C.P. Catalogue Price Revisions:

	Mint	Used		Mint	Used
OM4α	7/-	1/-	N12b	6/6	1/6
OM15α	6/-	2/3	Shade	6/-	1/-
OM15b	3/6	1/6	N13α	6/6	2/6
N12α	6/6	1/6	Shade	6/6	2/6
Shade	6/-	1/-	N14α	7/6	1/9

Price Changes in Varieties:

M2α, Flaw: Pl. 8, R6/6 — 25/-, 17/6
M5α, "2" re-inserted — £40, £30
M6α, Pelure paper — 1/-, 1/-
M13α, Double Print — £35
M14c, "Make-ready" Proof — £40

M16α, Frame double-print — £40
N5α, Pl. 30 — 10/6
O3α, ZPAL retouch, mint — 8s
SC4α, Flaw, R3/8, mint — 10/-
T1α, 1929 Health FDC — 8s

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Among the Current Pictorials

1d Manuka: There is a minor variety on R3/2, where the L in ZEALAND is sliced at the foot to look like an "L." This variety, if it can be called that, is present on the proof sheet. R7/8 shows quite a prominent, though skilful, example of touching-up. This, too, appears on the proof sheet, and is to be seen in the Thirkell positions B5, C5, and is in the red cylinder, near the value. Incidentally, the four 1d flaws (R10/9, 12/3, 20/1 and 15/6), appear on the proof sheet, as does the screen fault in R6/8 of the 1/3 Trout stamp.

3d Kowhai: According to the N.Z.P.O. Bulletin, four new cylinder combinations were issued in December, 1963. They are: 2235, 2237, 2347 and 3347.

5d Daisy: Mr. G. Read has shown me a copy with an extensive "retouch" in the shading toward the centre of the right side margin of the mauve background; Thirkell C6. This is most obvious, and has an area of approximately 6 sq. mm. I found the variety in Row 9 No. 5, and it appears to be constant.

2/- Taniwha: Mr. R. H. Friend corrects his earlier (February Newsletter) report, for R5/10 should actually read R5/20.

3/- Pictorial: The new multi-coloured issue is to be released for sale on 1st April, 1964. Though the basic design is unaltered, there are to be many minor changes in detail in this keenly awaited stamp.

BOOKLETS — A Short History of the PICTORIAL Booklets, 1960 to date.

Stamps in booklets are certainly no new innovation for New Zealand, for the first ones appeared at the turn of the century. Since then there have been a great many issues, and the public has come to recognise the value and convenience of them. Neither has there been any lack of changes, even within any given issue, for there has been a great deal of experimentation with them all the time. The current pictorial definitives are no exception.

The first issues were in 4/- booklets. There are two types which differ in that the first issued had the Overseas Postage Rates before the Inland rates; later this order was reversed. The contents are the same in each case; two panes of six stamps each of the 1d and 3d values. The extra cost of making up the booklets (which is done by the printers, De La Rue & Co) is borne by the advertisers, whose announcements cover the "interleaving" pages, and are a feature of the booklet story.

The change in second-class postal rates from 2d to 2½d necessitated a new booklet, which was duly issued, and found to contain, in addition to the panes of 1d and 3d stamps, two panes of the ½d value. These booklets sold at 4/6 and were first issued in May, 1962. There were, in addition, several changes made in the advertising content of the booklet.

February, 1964, sees the issue of a new booklet. This contains only one pane of the ½d value and the cost is reduced accordingly to 4/3. Apparently this was issued in response to public demand, for it was generally considered that the extra ½d pane, provided in the 4/6 booklet, was superfluous. The cover has been printed in carmine and not scarlet as before, and another major change is away from the two staples used previously, to stitching in white thread. Furthermore, there are a few changes in advertisers' copy. All booklets contain one pane of 6 Airmail (TEAL) labels.

With the relatively minor differences in the first, 4/- booklets, the specialist now recognises four different types. In addition, the use of the unique, experimental "Chambon" perforation-head in all three values (to be found in some 4/6 booklets only) provides a further series of noteworthy variations.

There are also a few flaws in the booklet stamps, for example the large "naked-eye" touch-up in the 1d, stamp 2 (R5/8 in the proof sheet). This is present in the Thirkell position F7. The proof sheet of the 3d value discloses a flaw very similar to the better known R20/4 flaw of the normal Cyl. 1 sheets. This, too, is found in R20/4 of the booklet sheet, which is also numbered "1111." The flaw affects one of the leaves at the right.

These booklet sheets are cunningly contrived. Imagine a full sheet of stamps, with 20 rows each of 12. Now consider every fourth vertical row, including the very first one at the left, to be blank. That is what these proof sheets look like. In numbering the variety positions we do not count the blank spaces. The booklets are then cut from this large sheet and one half of each of the stamp size blank spaces is retained as selvage where the panes will be later fastened together. There are, then, 9 printed vertical columns, in groups of 3, and each column contains 20 rows, as in a normal post office sheet. From this are obtained 30 panes of 6 for the booklets. In "making-up" one would think that several large sheets are guillotined together, and we do find some evidence of this where a flaw appears on both panes of any one value in a given booklet. It is not, however, quite so simple, for some booklets only show one pane with a cylinder variety, the other of the same denomination being normal.

A small note on how to mount booklets in the collection may not be altogether amiss. Personally I feel that the "exploded" method leaves little to be desired. The booklet is taken apart carefully and all pages displayed in the order in which they appear in the booklet, using normal mounting methods. This obviates the annoying bulges made by collectors who mount the booklets entire, using photo corners. The purist may argue that the booklets are no longer booklets, but if he knows of a more reasonable method perhaps he may let us all know about it!

1962, 2½d + 1d Health, Major Variety

We have been informed of the existence of three or four mint copies of this stamp printed on the gum. The watermark is "reversed."

APRIL OFFERS

F: ½d Mt. Cook, Green — Specialist Gems

449	F1a: The first issue of this interesting stamp, on thick paper, perf 11, in superlative mint corner blocks of 12. One is a startling "let-tuce" shade, the other a dull green, rather deep. The two	70/-
450	F1b, SG 317: Thick paper, perf 14. A mint one stamp with re-entry. Exceptionally fine and well centred (scarce thus)	25/-
451	(a) F1c: The same thick paper, as above, perf 14 x 11. Two fine mint corner blocks of 12 from different plates — one has three minor re-entries (R1/22, 1/23 and 2/23) . . . interesting in view of the fact that the sheet numbers are only three apart	70/-
	(b) F1c, as above. A mint corner block of six. Deep shade and very fine condition	22/6
452	F1d, as above, but perf 11 x 14. A glorious mint block of eight, with top selvedge	50/-
453	F1e, SG 322: Thick paper, mixed perfs. A mint marginal in finest possible condition	60/-
454	F2b, SG 326: Basted Mills paper, perf 14. Fine, rich shade; a top-grade marginal mint	25/-
455	F2d: Basted Mills paper, perf 11 x 14. A superb Plate 1, one stamp with the major re-entry R3/14	32/6
456	F3b, SG 334: Cowan paper, no wmk, perf 14. Three blocks in really different shades. One is a deep yellowish-green. The others are a block of 10 in yellow-green, and a block of 6 in deep green. All three are marginal and tip-top in condition	57/6
457	F4a, SG 340: Cowan paper, with watermark, perf 11. A scarce item. A few fine mint singles available (also a pair, 60/-); each	30/-
458	(a) F4b: Cowan paper, watermarked, perf 14. Three fine mint corner blocks of six, in good shade contrasts. Top grade condition, once again	45/-
	(b) Ditto: A corner block of six, one stamp with re-entry	20/-
459	F4c and F4d: Cowan watermarked paper, compound perfs. Two fine mint 's, in perf 11 x 14 and in perf 14 x 11. Well worth (the two)	45/-
460	(a) F4e, Cowan paper, mixed perfs: A lovely mint corner block of nine. The selvedge shows a watermark "2" in the corner. A splendid specialist's piece	85/-
	(b) Ditto: A grand corner block of six, clearly mixed perfs, with some official patching at back. Fine condition	45/-
461 1935 Pictorials:		
	(a) The complete set, both watermarks, every printing of note, including the rare 3/- Egmont. Absolutely complete, mounted and identified lightly in pencil ("dismounted" for Airmail to overseas clients). 69 Stamps, USED (Cat. over £21)	£16
	(b) Simplified Set, Single Watermark, including both 9d, 15 stamps all told, very fine mint (Cat. over 65/-)	57/6
	(c) As (b) above, but very fine used	18/-
	(d) Simplified Set, one perf in each value, Multiple Watermark, including both 9d. Finest possible mint condition (Cat. over 31/-)	27/6
	(e) Ditto, multiple watermark, the 15 stamps, USED	4/9
462 Queen Elizabeth II:		
	(a) The truly complete series, every stamp including Officials, in both papers, where applicable, and including rarities such as the 1/- Die II, 2d overprint error, and the 2½d surcharges both types in se-tenant pair. Finest mint condition throughout, and one shade of each (Cat. over £16); 52 items, a collection in fact!	260/-
	(b) As described above, again very complete, the 52, USED; Cat. over £10	140/-
	(c) The complete set of OFFICIAL stamps, both papers where applicable, overprints, etc., finest mint; 16 stamps, several scarce	17/6
	(d) A difficult series, as above, the 16 stamps, 1d to 3/-, USED	10/-
	(e) As above, but only one paper in each value, 1d to 3/-, the 11 stamps, fine used	8/-
463	Government Life Insurance, Multiple wmk paper, USED, and very scarce thus; SG 1040 to 1044; the set of 5	20/-


464	Some Commemorative Sets:	
(a)	Auckland Exhibition, the set of 4, finest mint	150/-
(b)	1936 Chamber of Commerce, used	6/-
(c)	1940 Centennial, special offer, to the end of April only. Fine mint sets, including 10d	22/6
(d)	1963 Railway, including two good shades of the 3d value. Finest used	3/-
(e)	1963 Compac, mint or very fine used	1/6

A Few Covers of Interest

465	Two copies ½d green Mt. Cook, cancelled with coin type c.d.s. of COROMANDEL 10 OC '04, backstamped with the first machine cancel of Auckland, and addressed to Hobart	10/-
466	An attractive Registered letter, from INVERCARGILL, bearing scarce purple rubber hand stamp, rectangular "Registered at" type; c.d.s. of 20 MR '05; also addressed to Hobart. These covers are scarce	60/-
467	2 Penny Universals on a cover from SHANNON (c.d.s. of 20 MY '05) with a fine backstamp of the Travelling P.O. Wellington-Wanganui inwards; to Hobart	25/-
468	A single "Universal" on a cover from DENNISTON (19 OC '03). Backstamps include a very fine strike of the very first N.Z. machine cancel, of Wellington, and c.d.s. of Westport and Hobart (arrival). A good item	25/-
469	A nice cover, bearing a pair of ½d K.G. V, cancelled with a remarkably good example of the FEATHERSTON MILITARY CAMP machine, 26 MR 1917	35/-

N.B. Material such as this is always in keen demand, and as every cover, practically, is unique, our offers cannot be repeated. We are always keen to purchase similar items and pay exceptional prices.

POT POURRI

470	Full Face Queens, Used:	
(a)	A peculiar mixed lot, comprising: SG 38, 2d "Star" imperf, a dry print, fine; SG 41, 6d grey-brown, imperf, a nice copy; SG 52 & 55, the 3d and 6d Rouletted 7, genuine; SG 102, 2d "NZ" wmk, Roulette 7, lightly cancelled "5 OTAHUHU A," and quite a nice copy; finally an attractive copy of the 4d rose, perf 12½. 6 Full Faces, and not one is rubbish; Cat. £75, and an outright gift at	£25
(b)	A simplified set, all perf 12½, including both plates of the 2d; 8 used stamps all told, and they will make a very attractive page indeed, for there are no poor copies. The complete set, original colours, only	£10
(c)	Two different major retouches in the 2d vermilion (or orange), used	40/-
471	B1a, SG 143. The first ½d Newspaper, perf 10; we have 2 "not so fine" unused copies which we propose to give away at	10/-
472	As above, used, and quite presentable, which is unusual for this stamp	10/-
473	½d Newspaper, "Star" watermark, our B2a, SG 150. Two good used shades	1/-
474	B3a, SG 151. An attractive album page, used, including a  , a strip of 4, two pairs, and 3 fine singles	10/-
475	D1a, SG 187. ½d Sideface, perf 12 x 11½. One or two used copies, not well centred, but scarce in used	12/6
476	Q.V. Late issues on double-lined watermark paper, SG 292 and 293. Very fine mint (blocks pro rata), the pair	3/-
477	Ditto, the pair, used	1/6
478	ADVERTISEMENTS. Six different, on back of 1d sidefaces, used	8/-
479	Ditto, but on the 2d lilac sideface	8/-

480 **Penny Dominions.** The full set, used, including 3 shades of J1a (SG 450), 2 shades on Jones paper (SG 520), the RARE J3a (SG 524), a genuine example, and of rarity not indicated by the SG cat. price: J4a (SG 526), another scarce stamp, in used; 2 litho shades of J5a (SG 528), and 2 shades of J6a (SG 531); finally a copy of J7a, Cowan reversed wmk, and 2 shades of J8a (SG 533a). These 14 stamps constitute a splendid lot, which we obviously cannot repeat very often, so to the first three orders