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## CURRENT NEW ZEALAND NOTES - by JIM SHAW

### 1970 PICTORIALS

#### 5 cent. "Parrot Fish"

Plate 1a (x 4) - Row 9/16: Evidently this flaw (5mm. below "fish") was retouched before the sheet value error "\$12.00" was retouched. The retouch state, therefore, exists over both the "\$12.00" and "\$10.00" printings. In the reprint (Unwmk. paper) it is quite discernable to the naked eye.

#### 7½ cent "Garfish":

Plate 1a (x 4): - Row 1/10 flaw and retouch have been seen. At the same time as this work was done Row 2/10 was also retouched. A small spot below the "7" occurs in the flaw state. The retouched area (purple background) is often difficult to see when the intaglio screen dots merge through plate wear. The area concerned appears as a small bright patch in the retouch state.

#### 23 cent "Egmont":

Upper Plate 1 (x 3): - Row 7/2 - A small fine example of touching-up is present between the value "23¢" and "ZEALAND". It is present from the first printing and through all the reprints.

### COUNTER COILS:

8 cent - has now appeared on unwatermarked paper.

10 cent - the "blue-green" paper has now replaced the previously normal unwatermarked paper.

### 1974 OFFSHORE ISLANDS ISSUE

Four values, 6¢, 8¢, 18¢ and 23¢ was issued on the 4th December. Printing is by Enschede en Zonen of Holland using the Photo-gravure process. Paper is unwatermarked, chalk-surfaced. The 18 cent and 23 cent are printed in tandem plates numbered 1 (x 5). One plate combination has a hole punched in the top selvage above Row 1/4, the other in the bottom selvage below Row 10/4. In the 23¢ the Lower plate combination almost has the last number "1" (light green) missing in a number of sheets. A small section is visible on most sheets affected thus. ↯

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The 6¢ and 8¢ seem to be printed in only one plate combination, 1 (x 5). In the 6 cent the punched hole appears either above 1/4 or 1/7. In the 8 cent, below 10/4 or 10/7. (I have seen the latter only).

All four stamps use the same 5 basic colours. Confusion could arise when postal clerks handle them under pressure at the counter.

Varieties to watch for: I suggest the following may be seen.

1. Doctor blade flaws
2. Perforation varieties (double perfs.)
3. Missing colours
4. Offset colours

Note: I have seen four sheets of the 6¢ value with a strike of the perforation comb missing down the left selvedge, i.e. the left hand stamp in each row is imperforate at left. - Ed.

#### KING GEORGE V.

A selection of specialist items to whet the New Year appetite.

- 201 (a) Plate Block Proof in Black The 6d. value on unwatermarked (thin) paper - imperforate. Plate 23 shows in full top selvedge - side selvedge missing. Two stamps are "no watermark".....\$25.00
- (b) K1d. 1½d Grey "Pictorial Paper" perf. 14 x 13½. Plate Block "14". unusual in that plate no. is 85% present (usually guillotined off) side selvedge absent ....\$15.00  
or full selvedge single with number complete.....\$ 7.50  
or block of four with small part plate no. ....\$ 5.00
- (c) K.5. 4d. yellow - mint - mini collection of variety blocks.  
K5a Plate 20 in block of four also top selvedge block of four major reentry Row 1/6, K5c (two-perf.) right selvedge block of six shows the famous "club foot" reentry at Row 4/10. Condition absolutely superb.....\$25.00
- (d) K5c. as above, block of four includes "club foot" reentry .....\$12.50
- (e) Plate Blocks and Plate Singles collection - mint  
Includes K1d 1½d. Grey plate 14, virtually complete in block of four plus K1a plate single, K2a 2d. violet plate block of four pl.16 and two plate singles 15 and 16 (shades) K2d 2d. yellow plate single 15. K3a 2½d. Deep Blue and Slate Blue - two plate singles 17. K4a. 3d. chocolate single pl.18, K5a 4d yellow pl. single 20. K5d 4d. violet plate 20 single. K5g 4d. Purple plate 44 single. K6a 4½d. Deep Green plate 21 single. K7a 5d. Blue p. 14 x 13½. plate 43. Light Blue Block of four and single. K7b 5d. Blue p. 14 x 14½ plate 43 Light Blue (very scarce) in block of four and single (block of four has pinholes two stamps). K8a 6d. carmine plate 23 (single) plus singles plates 37 and 38. K9a 7½d. Red Brown plate 24 single. K10a 8d. Indigo Blue plate 39 single. K10d 8d. Red Brown plate 39 single. K11a 9d. Sage Green; Pale Sage Green, Yellow Olive - 3 plate singles 25. K12a 1/- Vermilion perf. 14 x 13½, plates 26, 27. K12b 1/- Vermilion perf. 14 x 14½ plate 41 single.  
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- 202 (a) K15a 1d. Field Marshal (Cowan p.14). Major reentry (booklet plate) fine used.....\$ 8. 00