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N. Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

1935 Pictorial Perf. 13-14x13½. Some time ago (Bulletin, July 1978), in some notes discussing this "duplex" perforation, I wrote that on the 2/- Capt. Cook Landing - both Registered and Multiple wmk issues, L13a and L13c - it was, with a single known exception, found in the form 13-14x13½, that is from sheets perforated horizontally right to left.

The exception was a solitary copy of L13a, in the collection of Mr. P.L. Evans of Harrow, gauging 14-13x13½ (Note: All perf. measurements quoted are taken with the stamp face upwards).

Mr Evans has owned his example, and been aware of its abnormal perforation, for many years, during which time he has kept a keen lookout for others showing the same peculiarity. But his searches, and those of fellow-specialists whose interest and help he had enlisted, have always come to nought. Neither did my 1978 note bring forth any fresh reports. So it seemed probable that the only recorded copy was from a single 'rogue' sheet, and that the other 119 stamps had been lost to philately.

However, as we have emphasised many times, it pays never to give up the ghost, and I can now report the discovery of two further examples of the same issue (L13a) showing the reversed form of perforations, in the Frank Course collection. Curiously, the unusual perfs had not been noted. Even more curiously, the stamps were not only mounted on the same page, but actually side by side. They had in fact been collected as two different states of the minor plate variety at R10/4, so here, at a stroke, was proof that at least two sheets of 14-13s had been issued.

Most curious of all, a re-check with Mr Evans confirmed that his copy, too, is from R10/4. Thus we can state with certainty that at least three sheets must have had the 'other-way-round' perforations. Yet of that minimum 360 stamps, the only three copies known to have survived are all from the same position in the sheet. If the 10/4 variety had been of particular significance, this fact might not have been quite so remarkable. As it is, 10/4 is no more notable than a host of other plate 1 varieties, so the coincidence borders on the incredible. Million-to-one chances don't occur every day - I calculate the odds against this one at close on 1¼ million to one!

On the subject of coincidences, this must be high season. Another one (also concerning stamps, but in no way connected with the above) will have to be held over for next month's Notes, because of pressure on space.

Passing Thought (with tongue in cheek). Last year there was an issue featuring Small Harbours. Later this year comes another, with Large Harbours as its theme. Can we look forward to a "Medium" set in 1981, and perhaps even an "Outsize" in 1982?

Stampex 1980. Not too well patronised by N.Z. exhibitors this year (possibly some are too busily engaged on "London '80" entries). The following, however, did gain awards, and we offer our congratulations.

Silver Medal: N.H.Willis (earlier Healths).

Bronze-Silver: Dr A.F.Dove (K.G.V); D.S.Hague (Official Free Mail);
N.H.Willis again (Second Pictorials).

Diploma: J.A.W.Smith (1960 Pictorials).

USED MULTIPLES

A final selection.

301	S18a/b/c 1935 Silver Jubilee. Complete set in used blocks. 1d has one stamp defective on back, ½d is fine, 6d (the value that really matters) is absolutely superb. As singles, Cat. \$160+ (S.G. £112+)	£82.50
302	S19a 1936 ANZAC ½d. Commercially used block	£2.25
303	S20a/21a Chambers of Commerce ½d, 1d. Good commercially used pair of blocks	75p
304	S23a Chambers of Commerce 4d. Sound used block	£7.50
305	S24a Chambers of Commerce 6d. Fine commercially used block (marginal)	£9.50
306	S25a/b/c 1937 Coronation. The set in blocks, fair to good used	£1.25
307	1940 Centennial. Short set of 10 blocks to 7d (no 5d) plus the 10d surcharge. Fine to superb used	£15.00
308	S39a-49a 1946 Peace. Complete set (11 blocks), fine to superb used	£5.00
309	S50a-53a Otago Centennial. Set of 4 blocks, superfine	£1.00
310	S64a/65a 1953 Royal Visit. Set of two blocks, very fine	65p
311	S66a-68a Stamp Centennial. Set of three blocks, good (2d) to superb (3d and 4d)	£1.25
312	S69a-71a Southland. Set of three blocks, all superb	£5.00
313	S77a-79a Hawkes Bay. Set of three blocks, superfine	£6.00

Healths.

314	T10a 1938 Children at Play. Very fine used block, central c.d.s. 5th Oct 1938	£5.00
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315	T13a/b 1941 Beach Ball. Set of two blocks, fine	£10.00
316	1942-54. Complete run of 13 years Health issues (26 blocks, all of 4 stamps each except the 1943 higher value, which is a block of 6). All fine to superb, and a most attractive lot	£9.50

Air Mails.

317	V6a-c 1935 Aerodrome. Set of three blocks complete, and fine	£15.00
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Life Insurance Dept.

318	X4a 3d "VR". Block of 6 (3x2), dated March 1906. One corner slightly rounded, but a marvellously fresh multiple, possible unique	£175.00
319	X11a 3d "No VR". Lovely used block of the yellow-brown issue on De La Rue paper, central April 1931 c.d.s. Rare!	£45.00

Postage Dues.

320	Y5a First Type 5d. Exceptionally fine clean block, if a little off-centre. Lightly cancelled	£50.00
321	Y6a First Type 6d. Brilliant block, beautifully cancelled with two superb strikes of neat Timaru c.d.s. of 1915. A showpiece	£67.50
322	Y8a First Type ½d. Very fine dated block	£12.50
323	Y9a First Type 1d. Good used block, centred left and rather heavy multiple c.d.s. cancels	£1.00
324	Y11a First Type 3d. Used block (light parcel cancel) one stamp with perf defect	£3.00
325	Y15b Second Type ½d. Perf. 11, wmk sideways - very good used block	£1.50
326	Y15c Second Type ½d. Block on De La Rue paper, fine condition	£1.75
327	Y15e Second Type ½d. Litho wmk (very scarce used). Block with defects affecting three stamps, but facial appearance superb	£8.00
328	Y16b Second Type 1d. Perf. 14, wmk sideways. Dated block, fine but off-centre	75p
329	Y16d Second Type 1d. Perf. 14x15, Cowan paper. Good used block	£1.00
330	Y17b Second Type 2d. Perf. 14, wmk sideways. Block with some split perms reinforced, but very good used	£2.25
331	Y17c Second Type 2d. Block on De La Rue paper. Nice (parcels) used ..	£4.00
332	Y18a Second Type 3d. Perf. 14, Cowan paper. Very fine parcels used block. Rare	£30.00

½d NEWSPAPER STAMPS

- 333(a) Wmk NZ, Perf. 10 (B1a). Glorious mint copy, with virtually full gum.
The best we have seen in years £27.50
- (b) As above. Unused (no gum) example with variety No Watermark (B1aZ) £10.00
- (c) As above. Used copy, also without watermark £8.00
- (d) As above. Used stamp, this time with the unpriced and extremely elusive variety "Letter Wmk" (B1aY). Small corner crease and slightly heavyish pmk, otherwise lovely £15.00
- 334 Wmk NZ, Perf. 12½x10 (B1c). Another unused (no gum) stamp, this time in the scarcer perforation, again without watermark (B1cZ). Centred slightly left but a pleasing copy £20.00
- 335(a) Wmk Small Star, Perf. 12½ (B2a). Startling shades of dull rose and rose.
Two mint £5.00
- (b) As above. Horizontal mint strip of 3. Centred slightly high, one or two splitting perfs, but when last did you see a multiple of this stamp? £10.00
- (c) As above. Used single 25p
- (d) As above. The three listed shades, used £1.00
- (e) As above. For the shade connoisseur, a remarkable set of 10 contrasts of rose, all used. Seldom offered £5.00
- (f) As above. Selection of 13 used stamps, all with differing flaws, typical of those listed in Vol 6 of the Handbook (page 11). A fine variety starter collection £12.50
- 336(a) Wmk Small Star, Perf. "nearly 12" (B2b) Mint copy (with gum), ragged perfs on one side but a most attractive copy £20.00
- (b) As above. Unused (no gum) – remarkable in that due to abnormal stepping of the vertical perf strikes, the stamp is wider than it is high, yet still well-centred! £15.00
- (c) As above. Two lovely shades, both used £6.00
- (d) As above. Used single £3.00
- 337(a) Wmk NZ and Star, Perf. 12½ (B3a). Horizontal mint strip of 9, showing Letters wmk 'NEW ZEALA' – one stamp is without watermark (B3a Z & Y) £15.00
- (b) As above. Mint set of three; (1) wmk NZ and Star, (2) no wmk, and (3) wmk Letters – one stamp in pale bright rose, two in bright rose..... £5.00
- (c) As above. Used set of three, composition as the previous lot (incidentally in lovely contrasting shades) £2.00
- (d) As above. Mint single with Letters wmk (B3aY) £1.50

(e)	As above. Used copy with Letters wmk	50p
(f)	As above. Unused (no gum) single, without watermark	75p
(g)	As above. Mint copies in the two listed shades. The set of two	£1.00
(h)	As above. Mint horizontal pair	£1.50
(i)	As above. Used set of 10 stamps, shades ranging from pale to deep bright rose. A lovely set of 10	£3.00
338	Variety. Used copies, both perf. 12½. both plate 2 R11/10 (details as in Vol 6, page 11), one with Wmk Small Star (B2a) and the other Wmk NZ and Star (B3a). The two variety stamps	£5.00
339	Newspaper Wrapper. ½d Newspaper wrapper, used (Samuel Postal Stationery catalogue, part 3, type A4). Not perfect, but must be a gift at	£1.00

340 CHRISTCHURCH EXHIBITION COVER

The set to 3d on neat cover, each stamp nicely tied by the "EXHIBITION CHRISTCHURCH" c.d.s. dated 15th Nov. 1906. This was two days before the 6d was placed on sale, thus the set as it appears on this cover was in fact complete at that time. An attractive item of very considerable rarity

£285.00

Note: The cover offered above shows the datestamp with the first C of CHRISTCHURCH intact and undamaged, as it should do, since the serious damage to the C did not occur until about mid-December 1906. Collectors should beware, however, of this datestamp (on stamps either on or off cover) with the damaged C and dated earlier than mid-December. For example, "first day covers", including the 6d value, are known postmarked 1st November, but these show the damaged C, and are believed to be "per favour" items, cancelled at a much later date. When the 6d is involved, then the fact that something is 'wrong' is of course obvious (since the top value wasn't issued until 17th Nov). But in other cases only the damaged datestamp is a sure indicator.

K.G.V. TWO—PERF VERTICAL PAIRS, MINT AND USED

341	1½d Grey, Cowan Paper (K1c). Pair with one tiny gum-tone, invisible on face. Otherwise superfine	£20.00
342(a)	1½d Grey, Pictorial Paper (K1f). Fine mint pair	£15.00
(b)	As above. Not-so-fine pair (some toning). Cheap spacefiller at	£3.25
(c)	As above. Average used condition (Cat \$ 60)	£17.50
343(a)	2d Violet (K2c). Marginal pair, superb unmounted	£27.50
(b)	As above. Non-marginal pair, finest mint	£22.50
(c)	As above. Not quite so fine pair, but excellent appearance	£10.00
344(a)	2d Yellow (K2f). Finest mint pair	£17.50
(b)	As above. Commercially used pair	£17.50

345(a)	3d Chocolate (K4c). Superfine mint pair (worn plate)	£32.50
(b)	As above. Used pair, lovely appearance, but tiny tear allows	£12.50
346	4d Violet (K5f). Bright used pair (clean parcel cancel), but again a tiny and unobtrusive defect, so	£12.50
347(a)	5d Pale Ultramarine (K7c). Superb very lightly hinged pair	£32.50
(b)	As above. Used pair, small defect but excellent appearance (used 5d "two-perfs" are particularly elusive)	£17.50
348	6d Carmine (K8c). Average used pair, parcel cancel as usual, but not unacceptably heavy	£35.00
349(a)	8d Indigo-Blue (K10c). Finest mint pair	£27.50
(b)	As above. Pair, equally fine appearance, but some gum disturbance	£12.50

PRE Q.E. BOOKLET ITEMS

350	King Edward VII ½d. Pair (with full binding and side selvages), comprising ornamental star and one stamp (W3bK). Some slight discolouration (confined mainly to the binding selvedge) but quite attractive. Rare (Cat. \$ 175)	£19.50
351(a)	1d Dominion – "Dainties". Mint pair with selvages at each side bearing Dainties'Encore Toffees adverts. The booklet pair (W4dL), Cat \$ 75	£25.00
(b)	As above. Similar pair, but adverts are Dainties' Embassy Chocolates	£25.00
(c)	As above. A third pair, with Dainties' Nice Biscuits adverts	£25.00

N.B. The three pairs offered above, in the order listed, represent a reconstruction of the complete Dainties pane as it appeared in booklets. Although the individual pairs are already offered at a considerable discount, we will supply the set of three pairs, if ordered together, at the extra-special price of £67.50.

352(a)	1d Dominion – "Big Tree". Pair with binding selvedge (Jeyes' Fluid ad.) and side selvages showing "Stick to/Big Tree" – the plum of all N.Z. booklet advertisements. So rare in fact that it wasn't even recorded in Vol. 1 of the N.Z. Handbook (although the omission was rectified in Vol. 2). The pair (W4dK), Cat. \$ 600	£225.00
(b)	As above. Similar pair, but without binding selvedge	£195.00
353(a)	King George V ½d. Pane of 6 stamps (no binding selvedge, but side selvages complete) on De La Rue paper (W4aZ). Fine, fresh mint	£40.00
(b)	As above. Pair on Cowan paper with reversed wmk, and with "Kodak" adverts in side selvages (W4eX). Fine mint	£10.00
(c)	As above. Complete pane of 6 (all selvages intact) on Cowan paper, perf. 14, with "Parisian" adverts (W4fX). Not quite the freshest condition, but keenly priced at	£15.00

354	King George V 1d Field Marshal. Complete pane of 6, Cowan paper, perf. 14, with "Jeyes" ads in binding selvedge, and "Parisian" ads at sides (W4fY). Fine mint	£27.50
355	K.G.V. Booklet. Complete examples of all booklets vary in scarcity from rare to unknown. But here is the next-best thing – 1934 2/- booklet (W4j), intact and unexploded, but with 16 of the original 24 stamps removed, leaving just two blocks of 4. Fresh condition	£30.00
356(a)	1d Kiwi, Multiple Wmk. The best of all the late (and scarce) re-entries on the special booklet plate occurred at R8/11, with complete doubling of the lower part of the design. This superb re-entry is here offered in a part pane of 4 stamps with complete binding selvedge. Superfine unhinged	£42.50
(b)	As above. Complete 1936 2/- Booklet, of much more than usual interest in that the first of the four panes is normal, while the remaining three panes all show stamp no. 3 with a clear die 1 re-entry. Usually all four panes in any one booklet are identical, and since this one is intact, with original (somewhat rusty) staples, the only logical explanation is that sheets from two different states of the plate were involved in its manufacture. The complete booklet, worth more than our asking price for the three re-entry panes alone	£150.00
357	K.G.VI 2/3 Booklet (W6c). Complete with three panes of the 1½d chocolate (all wmk inverted). Finest condition, very scarce indeed and never to be offered again at this price	£67.50

4c PURIRI MOTH – SOME SPECIAL OFFERS

358(a)	Inverted Watermark. Perfect unmounted copy, from large sheet issue (P6aZ)	£1.00
(b)	As above. but finest commercially used	£1.00
359(a)	Wing Veins Omitted. Commercially used copy from a watermarked booklet i.e. with wmk W8b (P6bZ). Booklet "missing veins" are rare, only a few examples – all used – being recorded	£30.00
(b)	As above. Superfine mint copy from large sheet on unwatermarked paper with blue gum (P6cZ). This is much commoner than the booklet omission, but even so, a snip at	£3.75
360	Shifted Veins. A really massive misplacement on the unwatermarked paper with white gum. Attractive, and cheap!	£1.00
361	Yellow Offset. Mint copy (no wmk, blue gum) with face value and 'New Zealand' panels offset on back	£1.50
362	Yellow Shift. pronounced upward misplacement, resulting in unusual two-tone effect on the value and lettering of 'New Zealand'. Nice !	75p
363	Blue Offset. Strip of 3 from an unwatermarked booklet pane (binding selvedge attached), the right hand stamp showing a nice offset impression of the "shield" on the back. The mint strip	£6.50

364	Dry Print. Mint copy (no wmk, blue gum) in which the blue shield is markedly paler and less dense than normal	£1.00
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MISCELLANY

365	4d Lake Taupo, Perf. 14 (E12c). Attractive little single-issue set of 5 used, including the four listed shades and a copy with variety Watermark Reversed. Nice ! (Cat \$ 26)	£9.00
366	6d Kiwi Red. The abnormal issue of this stamp with wmk upright (C.P. E14f, S.G. 362a) is both a mystery and a rarity. We have two used copies with slight defects, but excellent spacefillers, which we can offer at, each	£13.50
367(a)	1d Dominion. Mint block of 4 from Plate 13 (plated to R1-2/19-20) in a glorious deep purplish shade. Multiples from plate 13 are rare. The block	£12.50
(b)	As above. Single copy (also from Plate 13), in another rich shade, with brilliant complete offset impression on the back. Every bit as spectacular as (and probably scarcer than) some earlier offsets which nowadays fetch astronomical prices. The Plate 13 'Offset'	£17.50
(c)	As above. Mint block of 4 on Jones paper (J2a). Superfine unmounted ...	£10.50
(d)	As above. Unmounted block of 4 on Cowan paper with reversed watermark (J7a). Scarce, and sheer perfection	£20.00
368	1d Dominion Imperf Pair, in colour as issued, on gummed De La Rue unsurfaced paper, and therefore not the rare variety listed as J1a(T), S.G. 450a (although we wonder how many collections include this comparatively common plate proof as the real thing!). Light vertical crease invisible on face. The proof pair, brilliantly fresh appearance	£15.00
369	K.G.V 3d Recess Print. Mint copy on Pictorial paper, with variety No Watermark. Scarce!	£20.00
370(a)	K.G.V 2d. Top selvedge copy in deep orange (with part marginal arrow marking) on Cowan paper, perf. 14, and showing variety Imperf at Top (K18eY). Slight finger mark on gum, otherwise immaculate	£17.50
(b)	As above. Similar variety, but in pale yellow on Wiggins Teape paper, perf. 14 (K18hX). Attractive, by itself — mounted alongside the previous item, what a magnificent pair they'd make!	£11.50
371	1960 Pictorial 3d. Mint vertical pair, upper stamp (lightly mounted) with Brown Partly Omitted, lower stamp (unmounted) with Brown Totally Omitted (O5aY)	£20.00
372	28c Fox Glacier. Marginal block of 4 with first class example of Partial Double Perforations variety (unlisted). Doubling extends horizontally nearly half-way across the stamps at the left. The block, mint unhinged ..	£25.00
373	1967-69 Top Values. Unmounted mint examples of the \$ 2 magenta and its successor in multicolour (OD18a/b) — the latter stamp in particular is rising fast, and becoming very elusive. The two mint	£38.50