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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

1963 Railways Centenary. Volume 6 of the N.Z. Handbook states: "Some variation has been noted in the shade of green in the 3d stamp, ranging from a deep bottle-green to sage-green. There are also considerable differences in the extent of blue colouring in the sky. This has been the subject of close study, but it has not yet been demonstrated that it is not due to normal causes such as insufficient inking or cylinder wear".

It might appear from the above that two quite unrelated points are being made, one concerning the shades of green (which by the way can be very pronounced indeed), and the other concerning the extent of the blue sky. However, no green ink was used in the printing of this value, and the colours seen as "greens" (on the steam engine, and the principal colour forming the frame) are achieved by superimposing a printing in blue ink over one in yellow. This fact is demonstrated beautifully and conclusively by a piece with the yellow colour partly omitted — see lot 1017(b) in this Bulletin — in which parts of the design which normally appear as green are blue. Thus one would expect any variation in the strength of either the yellow or blue printings to affect the appearance of the green areas, and in my experience the extremes of deep and lighter green are invariably accompanied by the extremes of extensive and scanty sky shading respectively.

As to the cause, I prefer variation in the inking of the plate to cylinder wear, and for this reason. I have seen plate blocks numbered 1111 in which the stamps show scanty sky/light green frame, and others numbered 2111 showing extensive sky/dark green frame. If we make the not unreasonable assumption that all sheets printed from the 1111 combination preceded all of those from 2111, it follows that wear cannot be a factor, since the only new plate (numbered 2) was the black one, and was therefore not involved in the variations.

But there is one other puzzling exception for which it is difficult to find a satisfactory explanation. It occurs in copies with the blue sky omitted. I have seen examples of this major variety in which the frame was abnormally light green, but I have also seen a copy **with the frame colour not notably different from that of a normal stamp.** This would seem to suggest that two separate blue plates may have been used simultaneously — one to print the blue content of the frame, the other for the central blue areas. Not very convincingly, though, for it fails to account for the evident direct connection between sky and frame colours discussed in the second paragraph above. As I said a bit of a mystery!

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King George VI Issues, Rubber stamped Numbers

			Cat. Price	Special Price
1001 (a)	MC1b	1d green, purple no.	\$ 3.00	£1.00
(b)	MC1b	1d Green, red no.	\$ 3.00	£1.00
(c)	MC1d	2d orange, purple no.	\$ 7.50	£2.25
(d)	MC1e	2d orange, purple no.	\$ 7.50	£2.25
(e)	MC1f	3d blue, mauve-red no.	\$10.00	£3.00
(f)	MC1h	5d grey, mauve-red no.	\$12.50	£4.00

King George VI Issues, Type (a) Printed Numbers.

1002 (a)	MC2a	2d orange	\$1.50	50p
(b)	MC2c	3d blue, fine paper	\$2.50	85p
(c)	MC2e	4d magenta	\$5.00	£1.60
(d)	MC2g	5d grey	\$4.00	£1.00
(e)	MC2h	6d carmine	\$4.00	£1.00
(f)	MC2j	8d violet, fine paper	\$10.00	£2.75
(g)	MC2k	8d violet, coarse paper	\$10.00	£2.75
(h)	MC2m	9d brown-sepia, coarse paper	\$10.00	£3.00
(i)	MC2o	1/- die 1, wmk sideways	\$7.50	£2.50
(j)	MC2p	1/- die 2, wmk sideways	\$7.50	£3.00
(k)	MC2q	1/3 die 1a, wmk sideways	\$7.50	£3.00
(l)	MC2r	1/3 die 1b, wmk sideways	\$7.50	£2.50

King George VI Issues, Type (b) Printed Numbers (scarce)

1003 (a)	MC3a	2d orange	\$12.00	£4.00
(b)	MC3c	4d magenta	\$15.00	£5.00

Queen Elizabeth Issues, Type (b) Printed numbers

1004 (a)	NC1k	8d rose-carmine	\$1.50	50p
(b)	NC5c	1/6 horizontal pair (scarce)	\$12.50	£6.25
(c)	NC6a	9d vertical pair, no. upright	\$2.50	£1.00
(d)	NC6c	1/- vertical pair, no. sideways	\$6.00	£2.25

Queen Elizabeth Issues, Type (c) Printed Numbers.

1005 (a)	NC3e	8d rose-carmine	\$1.75	65p
(b)	NC7a (Y)	1/- narrow gutter	\$2.25	90p

1960 Pictorial Issues, Red Coil Numbers.

1006 (a)	OC3b	2d Kaka Beak	\$4.50	£1.50
(b)	OC4a	2½d Titoki	\$4.00	£1.25
(c)	OC5a	3d Kowhai	\$4.00	80p
(d)	OC6b	4d Puarangi	\$3.00	75p
(e)	OC8a	6d Pikiarero	\$4.00	£1.25
(f)	OC8a (Z)	6d chalky paper	\$10.00	£3.75
(g)	OC10a	8d Rata	\$7.00	£2.00
(h)	OC13a	1/3 Trout	\$9.00	£3.00

(i)	OC14b	1/6 Tiki	\$9.00	£2.75
(j)	OC15b	1/9 bistre	\$20.00	£6.50
(k)	OC15c	1/9 multicolour	\$16.00	£4.50

1967 Pictorial Issues.

1007 (a)	ODC4	2½c Kowhai	\$2.50	£1.00
(b)	ODC5	3c Puarangi	\$1.00	40p
(c)	ODC6	4c Daisy	\$1.00	35p
(d)	ODC8	6c Koromiko	\$1.50	50p
(e)	ODC10	8c Flag	\$3.00	75p
(f)	ODC12	15c Tiki	\$4.00	£1.00
(g)	ODC13	20c Rock Drawing	\$7.50	£2.00
(h)	ODC22	10c Timber	\$4.00	£1.00
(i)	ODC24	20c Cattle Industry	\$10.00	£4.25

1970 Pictorial Issues, Watermarked.

1008 (a)	PC5a	3c no. reading downwards	\$3.50	£1.25
(b)	PC5b	3c no. reading upwards	\$3.00	80p
(c)	PC6a	4c	\$4.50	£1.50
(d)	PC6a(Z)	4c Coil no. 1 with full stop	\$6.00	£3.00
(e)	PC7b	5c no. reading downwards	\$7.50	£2.75
(f)	PC8a	6c	\$7.50	£2.75
(g)	PC11a	8c	\$6.00	£2.25
(h)	PC12a	10c	\$9.00	£2.50
(i)	PC12a (Z)	10c, one stamp with wmk inverted	\$75.00	£27.50
(j)	PC12a (Y)	10c, coil no. 1 with full stop	\$12.00	£6.00
(k)	PC15a	20c, coil no. in pale vermilion	\$9.00	£3.00
(l)	PC15a	20c, coil no. in deep blood-red	—	£3.50

1970 Pictorial Issues, Unwatermarked.

1009 (a)	PC6b	4c white gum	—	£1.00
(b)	PC6b	4c blue gum	\$3.00	£1.00
(c)	PC6b (Z)	4c blue gum, coil no. 9 without full stop	\$6.00	£3.00
(d)	PC7c	5c	\$3.00	£1.00
(e)	PC7c var	5c, coil no. 9 without full stop (not yet listed)	—	£3.00
(f)	PC8b	6c	\$4.50	£1.50
(g)	PC8b (Z)	6c, coil no. 9 without full stop	\$8.00	£4.00
(h)	PC11b	8c	\$4.50	£1.50
(i)	PC11b (Z)	8c coil no. 9 without full stop	\$8.00	£4.00
(j)	PC12b	10c blue gum	\$6.00	£2.00
(k)	PC12b (Z)	10c blue gum, coil no. 9 without full stop	\$10.00	£5.00
(l)	PC15b	20c coil no. in pale vermilion	\$9.00	£2.75
(m)	PC15b	20c coil no. in deep brown-red	—	£3.50

MORE COMMEMORATIVE COLLECTIONS

Continuing our issue-by-issue offers from the August Bulletin

- 1010 **1958 Nelson Centennial.** Small but comprehensive lot, consisting of both plate blocks (1 and 2) and a sheet value block. The three mint blocks £1.10
- 1011 **1958 Hawkes Bay Centennial.** A most attractive collection – plate blocks and sheet values are complete, and there is strength in varieties, including a spectacular copy of the 2d (in marginal strip with three normals) with 25%

	of the design totally omitted, and an equally spectacular 3d in which the perforations are so widely misplaced that the stamp shows large parts of four separate designs. Finally (and very unusually for N.Z. Issues) there are two delightful 'maximum cards' depicting in full colour the subjects featured on the 2d and 3d stamps. 49 mint and 2 cards	£45.00
1012	1959 Scout Jamboree. Complete set of 4 different plate blocks, plus a sheet value block. The five blocks of 4, finest mint	£1.85
1013(a)	1959 Marlborough Centennial. Superb lot, with plate blocks complete, and numerous varieties in all values (14 plate varieties and 5 others are annotated), 100 mint stamps, all in multiples	£57.50
(b)	As above. Vertical strip of three of the 8d value, being a brilliant example of the rare Double Paper, Printed on Reel Join variety (S83aZ). Finest mint ...	£75.00
1014(a)	1959 Red Cross Centennial. Another fine single issue collection with plate/imprint, sheet value, and a number of variety blocks, the most important of which are two matching positional blocks of 6 showing both flaw and retouch states of R13/6, SV84a(a) and (b) — the former is very scarce. Special offer—the entire collection for the price of the R13/6 flaw state alone	£60.00
(b)	As above. Marginal block of 6 with variety Partial Double Perforations at left (S84aY). Superfine mint	£5.00
1015	1960 Westland Centennial. Plate and imprint blocks complete as Catalogued for all three values, plus the set in sheet value blocks of 4. Nine blocks (54 stamps) finest mint	£25.00
1016	1962 Telegraph Centennial. Blocks showing plate nos, imprints, sheet values and the unusual colour inscriptions found in this issue, also a very fine lot of varieties on the 3d. 102 stamps all superfine mint	£70.00
1017(a)	1963 Railways Centenary. Sheet value and plate blocks complete (including the peculiarly difficult 3d pl. 1111), plus an extra plate of the 1/9 showing a magnificent and highly spectacular red doctor blade flaw (5mm wide) across two stamps	£45.00
(b)	As above. Corner strip of three 3ds, one stamp normal, the others with the yellow colour omitted in varying degrees. Another spectacular variety	£22.50
1018(a)	1963 COMPAC. Attractive set of 4 blocks of 4, with sheet value blocks from each pane (one with minor constant variety) and two other variety blocks .	£22.50
(b)	As above. Corner block of 6 (from the left hand pane) including the R10/4 Broken Cable variety	£10.00
(c)	As above. Corner block of 10 (from right hand pane) showing R7/4 Flaw over D	£15.00
1019(a)	1964 Road Safety. Collection of 5 mint blocks (34 stamps) with sheet value, imprint/plate no., and five constant varieties	£4.95
(b)	As above. The listed R3/2 "Apostrophe after NEW" variety (S93aZ), in mint corner block of 6. Cat. \$ 5, special offer at	£1.25

ADSON

One or two choice new acquisitions, mint and used.

1020	2d Perf. 10. Mint block of 6, with inter-pane gutter attached. Adverts (in mauve) are nos 127 – 129, 139 – 142. Condition fine	£60.00
1021(a)	4d Perf. 10. Horizontal strip of 3, Second Setting (ads in brown), nos 109 – 111. Finest mint	£95.00
(b)	As above. Another strip of 3, but Third Setting (ads in mauve, including a 'Poneke'). Nos 52 – 54. Condition again fine – stamps in an unusually intense shade	£100.00
1022	1/- Perf. 10. A superb used (dated) marginal pair with ads (nos 17 – 18) in black. The only multiple with black advertisements we have seen	£55.00

1920 VICTORY PROOFS

1023	Set of 6 imperf plate proofs (½d x 2 shades, 1½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-) on gummed, wmk'd paper printed in issued colours. All have large even margins, and condition is superb	£125.00
1024(a)	1/- Value. Vertical pair from the special trial plate with the impressions spaced over 9mm apart. Printed in pale violet on gummed unwmk'd paper, imperf., and each impression overprinted SPECIMEN in black. A most attractive proof item	£55.00
(b)	As above. Similar pair, but perf. 13¾ vertically, imperf horizontally.....	£60.00

KING GEORGE V TWO-PERF PAIRS

1025(a)	Complete Set of 16 pairs as listed by S.G. (they do not recognise the rare 4d from plate 44). Includes all three pairs of the 1½d. Condition very fine throughout. Rare in complete set, and a blaze of truly wonderful colours. The set	£600.00
(b)	As above. Another set of very similar quality, but simplified down to 14 pairs, with just one example of the 1½d included. Superb buying at	£550.00

OTHER UNUSUAL K.G.V.

Recess-Printed.

1026(a)	Proving Piece. Mint block of 4 of the 1½d on Cowan Paper, perf. 14x13¼ (K1a), with bottom selvedge , thus demonstrably from one of the relatively small number of early sheets issued with this perf. throughout. Lovely specialist piece	£12.50
(b)	As above. Similar bottom selvedge block of the 4d yellow, perf. 14x13¼ (K5a), again proving this perf. throughout the sheet. Brilliant mint, and very scarce	£30.00
(c)	As above. Bottom selvedge pair of the 7½d (K9a) once more demonstrating the 14x13¼ head used throughout the sheet. Not as scarce as some other values, but of good specialist interest. Mint unmounted	£20.00

1027(a)	Pictorial Paper Issues. The three values with sideways wmk (2d, 3d, 6d) in matching marginal blocks of 4. Superfine mint	£42.50
(b)	As above. Plate block of 6 of the 1½d (K1d), with plate no. 14 absolutely complete. Rare thus. Additionally the block shows a broken pin repeating in each horizontal row. The rare plate block, previously lightly hinged in selvedge only	£125.00
(c)	As above. 3d plate block of 4 with, as is almost invariably the case, part of the plate number (19) trimmed off – in this instance, about 60% of the marking remains. Again, light selvedge hinge, stamps unmounted	£60.00
(d)	As above. Vertical pair of the 3d Official, the upper stamp being the No Watermark variety, the lower stamp normal. The variety pair (KO4dZ). superfine mint	£35.00
(e)	As above. Top marginal vertical pair of the 6d, again being the variety Wmk/No Wmk (K8dZ). This is a superb example, since the upper stamp is the unwatermarked one, and the spacing of the watermarks above and below show to perfection how limited is the scope for an unwatermarked stamp to occur. Selvedge hinge only	£42.50
1028(a)	4d Yellow. The R1/6. "wrong-value" re-entry (KV5a(a)), in pair with normal stamp. Nice enough in any event, but extra-nice here, for the pair is fine commercially used. Must be of considerable rarity in this form ...	£40.00
(b)	As above. Similarly fine used pair including the other big re-entry at R4/10 (KV5a(b))	£45.00

Note: Each of the two items above comes with a delightfully executed ink drawing illustrating the variety concerned. As a set, (a) and (b) together would make a magnificent page – anyone ordering the two may have them at a special inclusive price of £75.

Surface-Printed.

1029	½d Green. Finest mint copy with variety Watermark Inverted (K13aV). A scarce one!	£17.50
1030	1d Field Marshal. Top selvedge copy with variety Imperf at Top (K15aV). Superb unmounted	£35.00
1031(a)	2d Yellow. Superb mint (unmounted) copy with variety Offset on back-on Cowan Paper, perf. 14x15 (K18dZ). A most attractive item – the off-set impression is strong and complete	£7.50
(b)	As above. Mint top selvedge example, Cowan paper, perf. 14, variety Imperf at Top (K18eY)	£30.00
(c)	As above. Similar Imperf at Top variety, but on Wiggins Teape Paper, perf. 14. Fine mint	£25.00
1032	3d Chocolate. Unmounted block of 4 on Cowan paper, perf. 14, one stamp showing the excellent R6/8 Flaw on Face (K19dZ)	£32.50